

Photo Friday – Moving the Maple

Last week we launched a project to transform the plaza between the M.I. King and Lucille Little Libraries. As part of the project our Grounds Team coordinated with the contractor and project manager to save as many of the plants in that area as possible. This effort included the relocation of a Japanese Maple by the Grounds Arboriculture team detailed below. Have a great Memorial Day weekend.



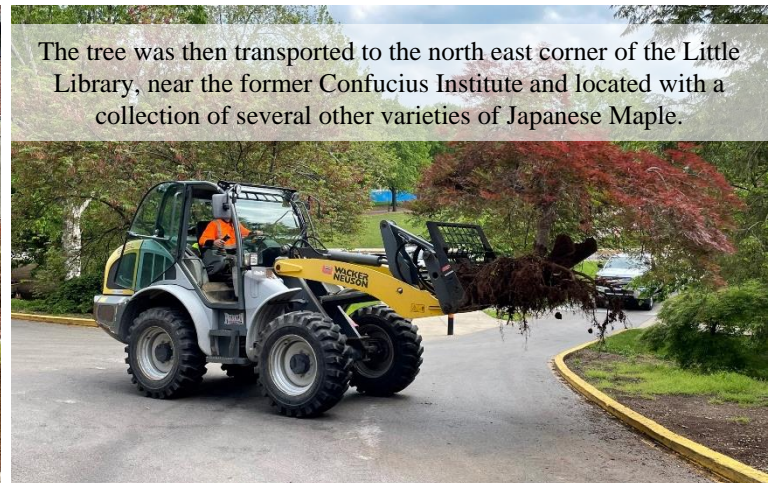
Original location



Removing benches and walls to access roots



Jason Swartz carefully lifts the tree from its original location after an air knife was used to free the roots from the soil.



The tree was then transported to the north east corner of the Little Library, near the former Confucius Institute and located with a collection of several other varieties of Japanese Maple.



Nick Williamson uses the air knife to prep the hole for replanting while Jason lowers the tree.



From left to right: Nick Williamson, Hannah Roberts, Dustin Hodges, and Jason Swartz with the successfully transplanted tree