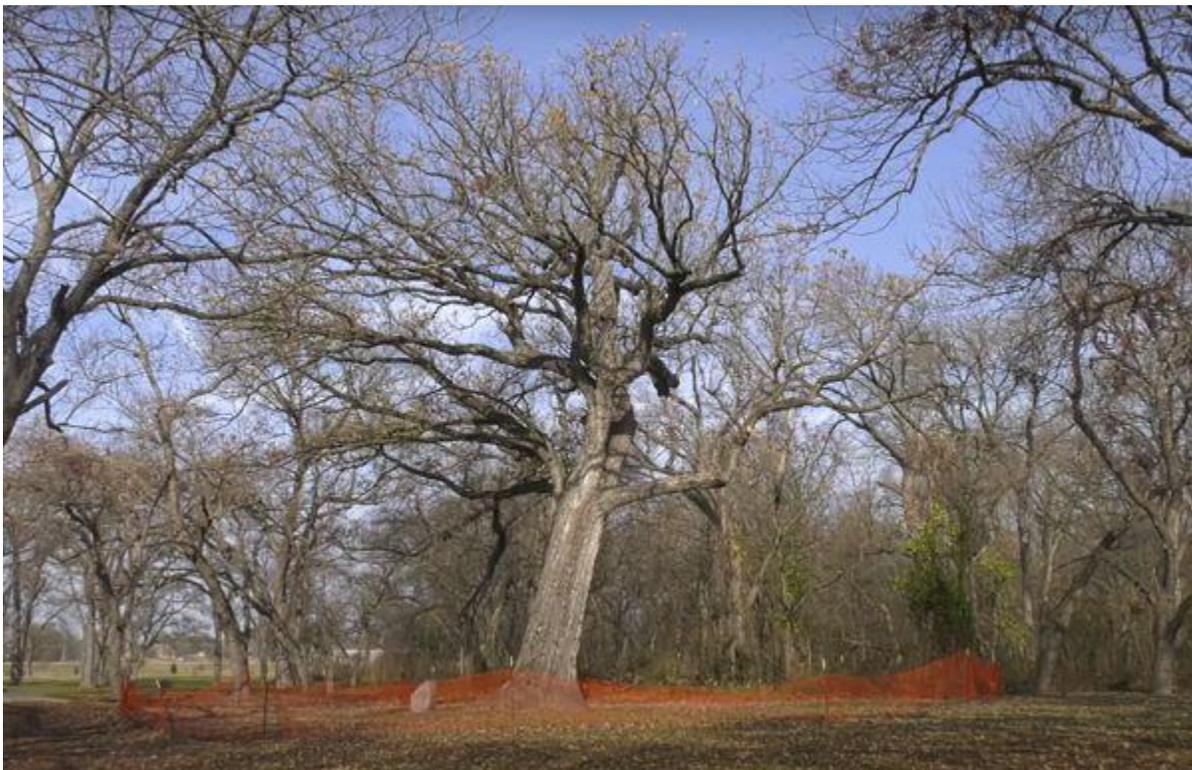




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Saving 400-year-old Bur Oak tree was highlight for Plano Parks and Rec in 2021: The Bur Oak tree is one of the oldest in North Texas.



Plano's bur oak tree in Bob Woodruff Park South is estimated to be more than 400 years old. The tree has received special treatment and pruning to help keep it thriving. (Photo courtesy of city of Plano screenshot).

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Plano's Parks and Recreation department cited a project to preserve the city's oldest tree as one of the department's top highlights of 2021.

The quadricentennial (400 years) Bur Oak tree in Bob Woodruff Park South, 3840 E. Park Blvd., is documented as the oldest living tree found in Plano, according to the Texas Historic Tree Coalition.

In September, the tree received special treatment after a 50-inch crack was discovered in its trunk, the department wrote in a Facebook post. Treatment for the tree included fertilizer injections and pruning. Roughly four tons of wood were removed to help reduce stress on the leaning tree, according to the department.

According to the city, the tree is doing well and should continue to flourish as a wildlife habitat for many years to come.

Plano's bur oak tree is 90 feet tall, and has a circumference of 196 inches with a crown spread of 103 feet, according to the Texas Historic Tree Coalition.

In comparison, Cooke County is home to the Texas State Champion Bur Oak. That tree stands 75 feet tall and has a 268-inch circumference with a crown spread of 111 feet, according to the coalition.

Bur Oaks can reach as high as 80 feet or more, with a trunk diameter of 5 feet, according to Texas A&M Forest Service [website](#).



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In late September, Plano's oldest tree received some TLC to help keep the 400-plus-year-old bur oak thriving. Located at Bob Woodruff Park South (3840 E Park Blvd.), the tree received fertilizer injections and light pruning to take some weight off. Roughly four tons of wood was removed, reducing stress on the leaning tree. A lightning system was also installed in the early 2000's to add an extra layer of protection from the elements.

Plano's Quadricentennial Bur Oak is known to be the oldest living tree found in North Texas, according to the Texas Historic Tree Coalition. 😊 Learn more about Plano's thriving tree canopy at <https://tx-plano4.civicplus.pro/861/Urban-Forestry>.

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