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Flowering Cherry Tree Grove Planted in North Park

In April 2009, 40 flowering cherry trees were planted in North Park as part of the Pittsburgh Sakura Project and TreeVitalize Pittsburgh Program. The trees were planted by members and friends of the Japanese Association of Greater Pittsburgh along the north shore of North Park Lake between the boathouse and tennis courts.

The grove is a beautiful addition to North Park and a tribute to the Japanese community of Allegheny County. The Pittsburgh Sakura Project began in May 2007 as a way to promote Japanese culture in Southwestern Pennsylvania through various activities associated with the cherry blossom festival. Sakura means cherry blossom and is Japan's unofficial national flower.

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