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The foundation, based in Bennington, Vt. with a regional office in Asheville, works to restore the American chestnut tree to its native range within the woodlands of the eastern United States.

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