

2025 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANTS

3-YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR NEWLY PLANTED TREES

This grant funds maintenance throughout the eligible grant activity period, through June 30, 2027. Newly planted trees require additional care and maintenance for 3-5 years after planting to ensure they are well-established and grow into healthy mature trees. Use this form to describe your commitment to tree maintenance.

Applicant:

Year and Season of Planting:

of Trees to be Planted:

Size (caliper for deciduous, height for conifers):

Type of Stock to be Planted (Bare root, etc.):

Describe how the activities below will be completed.

1. Tree Maintenance Personnel and Support

- a. *Describe who is responsible for maintenance and how you plan to fund maintenance work after the grant period.*

- b. *Volunteers, homeowners, or inexperienced staff that will provide maintenance should receive basic training and literature on proper maintenance techniques. Is training needed and how will you do it?*

- c. *How will you inspect tree maintenance work periodically to make sure it is being done correctly?*

2. Tree Watering Process

Describe in detail how trees will be watered, the time period and frequency of watering. Trees should be watered weekly for the first 3 to 5 years when the ground is thawed, unless it has rained 1 inch in a week.

3. Mulching Trees

Will you mulch your trees and if so, how will you maintain mulch?

4. Staking and Tying Trees

Explain if staking is necessary due to mowing, vandalism, or wind conditions, and describe plans for inspection and removal.

5. Checking Tree Health

The grantee will check trees every 6 – 12 months to identify and address problems. Describe inspection process and follow-up.

6. Tree Protection

Young trees in busy urban areas may be easily damaged by human activity, animals, and equipment. Describe how planted trees will be protected.

7. Pruning

Newly planted trees should need little pruning, if they were properly cared for in the nursery. In the first year after planting, remove only dead or broken branches. In later years, weakly attached limbs can be removed, and corrective pruning can be done if needed. Describe your pruning maintenance cycle.

8. Tree Warranty

Tree planting should include a warranty from the nursery for replacement (due to poor condition or mortality). The grantee should be prepared to fully replace all trees that are in poor condition or die prior to the end of the project grant agreement, unless loss was due to natural disaster. Describe your tree warranty or how trees will be replaced.