

COTTAGE CITY

COTTAGE CITY TREE RESTORATION PROJECT

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$22,555.00

NUMBER OF TREES

33



PROJECT SUMMARY

Cottage City is a small, quiet community lying on the border of Washington, DC. Cottage City was developed beginning in 1870, under the name of “The Highlands”. The area was incorporated in 1924 as Cottage City. With the coming of European settlers, the area became noted for its deep-water, Anacostia River Port. A few houses were developed beginning in 1904 with broad streets laid out in a grid and trees planted along the streets.

In 1999, Cottage City were lauded by the Joint Center for Sustainable Communities for our collaboration with Prince George’s County for the Port Towns Revitalization Initiative. Today, Cottage City is a small ethnically mixed community with old cottage-style homes that sit on treelined streets. The community is an active and enthusiastic partner with Prince George’s County in Port Towns Redevelopment Plan, an effort to revitalize the neighborhood while preserving their heritage. The riches that they hope to gain by this effort are an improved environment and an improved quality of life for the community.

They realize by planting Native Street Trees, it will have a tremendous impact on the community. The collection of trees in and around their town is what makes up the urban forest. There has been an increase in recognizing and appreciating the role that trees have in the urban environment. Trees provide a wide range of benefits aesthetically, ecologically, and economically as well as social and human health benefits.

Their planting project will start on July 18, 2022, by removing damaged trees and stumps with an assigned tree contractor (American Landscaping Inc.) and the Department of Public Works team. The trees will be ordered during the 3rd quarter of 2022 and planted by September 2022- October 2022. Starting March 2023, they will start our evaluation process and during Spring 2023 the two-week maintenance period will start.

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