

FY23 URBAN TREES PROGRAM
CITY OF NEW CARROLLTON
TREE PLANTING PROJECT

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$51,875.00

NUMBER OF TREES

100



PROJECT SUMMARY

The City of New Carrollton will plant up to 100+ street trees in City-owned right-of-way. The purpose of this project is to enhance the quality of life of City residents by improving air quality, combating the effects of climate change, and reducing the urban heat island effect. All planting sites will be in City-owned right-of-way in residential neighborhoods. In 2021-2022, the Neighborhood Design Center undertook a partial tree inventory on select City streets and identified 363 in-fill tree planting sites. The City has not chosen the species of trees at this time. That decision will be made using the most updated guidance at the time of preparation of a Request-For-Proposals (RFP).

The City's Green Team was established in 2018 as part of its Sustainable Maryland Certification. The Green Team made protecting the City's tree canopy a priority in its certification Action Plan. The City has been a Tree City USA Community since 2005 and continually budgets funds to support new tree plantings, training, and care of its street tree canopy. The City has on staff a Certified Arborist and Horticulturist (currently vacant) who work together to implement and enforce City Code, Chapter 85 "Trees".

Planning: Planning for this specific project began in 2021 when the City partnered with the Neighborhood Design Center for the preparation of a partial street tree inventory. Survey work was completed in 2021 with the final inventory being completed in January 2022. The inventory identified 363 in-fill tree planting sites; this grant will significantly reduce that number.

Implementation: The City intends to implement this project by issuing an RFP to retain a landscape contractor to plant the 100+ street trees in locations identified in the new tree inventory.

Maintenance: The City will include in the RFP a requirement that the selected contractor will be responsible for three months of maintenance (as identified in the 2-year Post Planting Maintenance Plan submitted as part of the application). After three months, the City of New Carrollton Public Works Department will be responsible for the remainder of the maintenance plan. After, the new trees will be added to the City's regular tree maintenance schedule.

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