

FY23 URBAN TREES PROGRAM

REV SAMUEL GREEN SR FOUNDATION

ANNAPOLIS GARDENS DISASTER RESTORATION TREE PLANTING PROJECT

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$30,500.00

NUMBER OF TREES

61



PROJECT SUMMARY

The goal of this project is to plant trees in low-income communities that suffer from disenfranchisement, unemployment, historical trauma and gun violence. To make a more sustainable environment and to create socio equity. It also has been found that there is a link to reduced crime in communities after trees have been planted. The article states that “According to a team of researchers who teased apart the relationship between tree canopy and crime in and around Baltimore. They used aggregated crime data from Spotcrime and overlaid it with high-res satellite imagery to conduct probably the largest analysis of its kind to date. According to the study, a 10 percent increase in trees roughly equaled a 12 percent decrease in crime.” (Girst 2021).

The RSGSF seeks to change the social inequities that prevented minority businesses from acquiring contracts for hundreds of years because of their race. Such actions and policies created had a devastating effect in underserved and marginalized communities that continues to this day. This project will also bring together a community recently devastated by the recent tornado that hit Annapolis causing injuries and property losses in the millions. Annapolis Gardens community was the only low-income public housing community that took a direct hit by the tornado. Plantings will take place in the fall of '22 and the spring of '23.

The RSGSF is the lead agency submitting this grant proposal. RSGSF is a 501C non-profit minority owned organization guided by the principles of education, economic development, history, and environmental justice and sustainability. The RSGS Foundation seeks to heighten awareness about the exclusion of the rich historical legacy of blacks on the Chesapeake and beyond. Collectively, these principles seek to bridge the disparity gaps while making the industry of natural resources more diverse and inclusive. Our mission is accomplished by developing strategic partnerships with public, private, faith-based, and community-based organizations to address the needs of people of color in low-income communities.

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