

FY23 URBAN TREES PROGRAM

TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK

GREENING RIVERDALE PARK

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$41,875.00

NUMBER OF TREES

150



PROJECT SUMMARY

The Greening Riverdale Park project goals are: to expand the Town's tree canopy by maximizing opportunities to plant street trees; green the Riverdale Park Municipal Center properties and adjacent public right-of-way; remove tree stumps and increase the number of trees planted in these locations; engage volunteers and provide culturally relevant education concerning the need for trees, proper care, and maintenance.

The Riverdale Park Municipal Center will receive 35 trees. This site includes Town Hall and Police Department buildings, and two corner lots planned for municipal parking. Trees will be planted throughout the sites as appropriate for stormwater and water quality management.

Tree planting will occur along the Town's 51st Place right-of way (ROW) as part of the planned pocket park and tot lot (50 trees). This site includes removing the asphalt on 51st Place and creating a pocket park / tot lot in the immediate vicinity of the multifamily properties in an area of Town lacking in open space. These multifamily properties are occupied with many low-income families with small children. Planting will be incorporated into the space as part of the design for both recreational areas as well as along the perimeter of the ROW.

Stump removal and replanting where located within the eligible area (28 trees) and replanting will occur at those locations, largely due to Hypoxylon Canker disease.

Plant trees at available locations throughout the eligible areas in Riverdale Park, 25 to 30 locations. The Town's Green Team comprised of a group of diverse resident volunteers that advocate and support sustainability projects within the Town will assist with outreach to residents in planting locations. The goal is to educate them about the importance of trees and basic maintenance and care. Town staff will look to the Green Team to identify and create activities to engage residents in the care and maintenance of trees in front of their homes and on their blocks. Plantings are planned for the fall of '22.

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