

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MCDOT EQUITY GREENING

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$362,740.00

NUMBER OF TREES

1200



PROJECT SUMMARY

This project, MCDOT Equity Greening, is submitted by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's Tree Maintenance Section (MCDOT). It addresses the Chesapeake Bay Trust's (CBT) Urban Trees Grant Program's Streets and Rights of Way – Street Tree Projects grant category, and builds upon MCDOT's urban street tree planting and management platform.

MCDOT's Tree Maintenance Section has a budget of approximately \$8 million and employs a staff of seven professional arborists dedicated to planting and maintaining Montgomery County's 250,000 documented street trees. Mr. Brett Linkletter, MCDOT's Chief, is a degreed professional with a B.Sc. in Urban Forestry with over 30 years of experience. All staff have degrees in the natural sciences and certified by the International Society of Arboriculture.

Casey Trees, MCDOT's primary partner in this proposal, has 20+ years of experience in community education and engagement, tree planting and tree care in the District of Columbia, Montgomery, Prince George's and Fairfax Counties. Each year Casey Trees plants over 4,000 trees in the DC Metro Area, and produces over 6,000 trees at their tree nursery in Berryville, VA. Since 2015 Casey Trees has successfully collaborated with MCDOT to plant just under 400 street trees with a survival rate of over 95%. Finally, Casey Trees has just completed planting 244 native trees in partnership with MCDOT through its current Chesapeake Bay Trust (CBT) Watershed Restoration and Outreach grant.

The project goal is to increase tree canopy in urban areas, specifically in communities that have been historically marginalized and have low canopy coverage, by professionally planting 1,200 street trees in Montgomery County, MD, over a three-year period (approximately 400 trees/year). They anticipate planting between October and April.

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