

BALTIMORE TREE TRUST

PLANTING BALTIMORE'S FUTURE

AWARDED AMOUNT

\$1,949,204.00

NUMBER OF TREES

3000



PROJECT SUMMARY

Baltimore Tree Trust (BTT), the leading urban forestry organization in Baltimore City, is building a local workforce to plant a greener, more beautiful city. Since 2008, they've been guided by a singular vision: that tree-lined streets and neighborhood green spaces are vital infrastructure for the health and well-being of Baltimore's residents.

Leveraging a record of over 15,000 street trees planted, more than 100,000 square feet of heat-trapping impervious surfaces removed, and in excess of 10,000 volunteer service hours coordinated, Baltimore Tree Trust has garnered a robust foundation of neighborhood support throughout the city.

With the Maryland General Assembly's passage of the 2021 Tree Solutions Now Act there is unprecedented opportunity over the next nine years to scale up tree planting efforts in the city. In doing so, they can accelerate the environmental, economic, and social benefits that a healthy urban tree canopy yields to cities like Baltimore.

Their goal is to develop programs over the next nine years that will result in not only the planting of tens of thousands of native trees, but also in the evolution of a framework that can sustain the health and resilience of Baltimore's tree canopy in perpetuity. In meeting this goal, we believe that our model of neighborhood forestry will catalyze similar organizations across the country to adopt more inclusive and equitable urban tree planting programs. There are a number of strategies that they intend to use in meeting their goals, all of which intend to organize under four phases.

Their CBT project outlines the specific strategies Baltimore Tree Trust will develop during Phase I (2022-2025) Over the next three years, Baltimore Tree Trust commits to planting a minimum of 12,000 trees under this grant by focusing its efforts on (a) reinforcing existing strengths and partnerships, (b) enhancing organizational capacity and local hiring initiatives, and (c) increasing the rate of concrete/stump removal to convert more plantable locations where trees are needed most in the city.

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