

Document 1: Current Tree Planting Programs

Commemorative Tree Planting Program

The Commemorative Tree Program assists clients who wish to have a tree planted in a City park in remembrance of a loved one who has passed away. With the purchase of a Commemorative Tree, there is an opportunity to install a plaque at the base of the tree in memory of the individual who has passed away. City staff will assist with the park selection and type of tree. The cost of a Commemorative Tree under the current program is \$400 (plus HST) and includes the planting, watering for a three-year period, plaque installation, and receipt for a charitable donation. The plaque is purchased by the client from a monument company and is not included in the cost of the Commemorative Tree.

Trees in Trust Program

The Trees in Trust program works with homeowners to find suitable locations for street trees on the City-owned street frontage (right-of-way). The City supplies and plants the tree at no charge to the homeowner. Homeowners must pledge to assist with the proper tree care for the first three years following planting, and the proposed planting location must meet program criteria. To participate in the Trees in Trust Program, the homeowner must make a request by calling 3-1-1 or online at Ottawa.ca/311.

Schoolyard Tree Planting Grant Program

Tree planting projects on school property within the City of Ottawa are eligible to apply for this program. Applications are accepted from groups that demonstrate a commitment to the tree planting project in partnership with the school (i.e. Student or Parent Councils, environmental/garden clubs). In addition to project coordination, applicants must demonstrate the ability to perform tree maintenance activities such as watering for the successful establishment of the trees. The maximum grant funding level per applicant in any one year is \$10,000 and may be awarded in funds (up to \$500 per tree) or in trees supplied and planted by the City. The deadline for application is June 1 for projects to be implemented the following spring.

Parks and Streetscape Tree Planting Projects

As part of the City of Ottawa's commitment to planting trees to enhance existing parks, facilities, and streets, ongoing requests are received from community groups and residents for additional tree planting. City staff work to evaluate locations and implement tree planting as City resources permit to accommodate these requests.

Community Volunteer Tree Planting Projects

A community volunteer tree planting project plants small trees in City parks or greenspace with the assistance of community groups who volunteer their time at a planting event. City staff work with the groups to identify planting locations, secure required approvals, order and supply tree stock, and provide tree planting guidance. The community group contributes volunteer time to plant a mix of native potted trees.

Reforestation / Afforestation Projects

City-owned forested areas may be damaged from storm events or the impact of pests/diseases. Planting operations are sometimes required to ensure successful regrowth in these forested areas. Operations may also include the removal and treatment of invasive plants and other competing species. This helps naturally growing and planted native trees to grow. Afforestation projects involve planting trees to create a new forest.

Green Acres Rural Reforestation Program

The Green Acres Rural Reforestation Program is delivered in partnership with the Conservation Authorities with the goal to transform empty, idle fields into thriving forested areas. The property must be a rural area within the City of Ottawa boundary, have a minimum of 0.4 hectares of suitable land. This is a cost shared grant with the property owner. The program includes the purchase tree seedlings, site preparation, planting and tending and agree to reasonably protect the plantation. The funding is provided to a maximum of 50 per cent on a cost shared basis.