

TREE PLANTING INCENTIVE PROGRAM—COST-SHARING PROGRAM FOR THE PLANTING OF CANOPY TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Since the spring of 2012, the Village has aggressively planted trees in public rights-of-way to stay the loss of trees due to natural causes and weather events. These efforts have gone a long way toward maintaining the tree canopy so well-loved by the residents of and visitors to our community.

However, while the Village has increased the number of trees planted in parks and along public rights-of-way during the past several years, there has been a serious diminution in the number of trees on private properties due to disease and property development. Annually, over 100 trees are removed from private property that are 24 inches in circumference or larger. Recognizing the high rate of privately owned mature trees that are lost each year and that good planting sites in public areas are decreasing; the Village Board has enabled a new Tree Incentive Program for the planting of “canopy” trees on private property. This new program provides purchase cost-sharing assistance to residents who plant trees meeting specified requirements on their private property.

Under the new Tree Incentive Program, the Village will reimburse residents for up to half of the total costs to a maximum of \$175 for the purchase and planting of qualifying canopy trees on privately owned properties. The total gross cost (including sales tax) will be calculated before any other state, county or other subsidies are applied. Qualifying canopy tree species include **White Ash, American Linden, Red and Sugar Maples, various Oak (White, Swamp White, Shingle, Willow, Water, Scarlet and Red), American Sycamore, London Plane, Bald Cypress, Sweet and Black Gum, American Beech, disease-resistant varieties of American Elm, Kentucky Coffee and Tulip Poplar**. Finally, purchased trees must be two and one half inches (2 ½”) in caliper or greater at the time of planting to qualify for the incentive.

Residents interested in receiving reimbursement under the program must complete the attached application (also available on the Village website and in the administrative office). Applications will be acted upon in the order they are received. Any applications received after the Village has expended its \$7,000 annually budgeted allotment for this program will be carried forward into the following year.

Additionally, applicants for Tree Removal Permits will be refunded their permit filing fee if they plant a canopy tree within six months of receiving a Village Tree Removal Permit.

For more information:

email ccvpermitting@montgomerycountymd.gov or call (301) 654-7300

Chevy Chase Village Private Property Tree Planting Incentive Program Application

Property Address:
Resident Name: Home phone: _____ Cell phone: _____ E-mail: _____
Reforestation Plans: (Include as much information as possible; number of trees, species, location, etc.)

Private Property Tree Planting Incentive Program Filing Requirements:

The Village encourages resident plantings of canopy trees. The Board of Managers has allocated \$7,000 in this year's budget to provide a cost-sharing program for the planting of "canopy" trees on privately-owned property.

If a resident chooses to participate in the private planting of a canopy tree, the Village will cover **up to half of the total costs or \$175**, whichever is the lesser, of purchasing and planting of qualifying canopy trees on privately owned sites nominated by Village residents. For this purpose:

- i. Total cost shall be the gross cost (to include sales taxes) before state and county or other subsidies. Currently, the state and county each offer \$25 toward the purchase of qualifying species.
- ii. Qualifying canopy tree species shall be White Ash, American Linden, Red and Sugar Maples, various Oak (White, Swamp White, Shingle, Willow, Water, Scarlet and Red), American Sycamore, London Plane, Bald Cypress, Sweet Gum, Black gum, American Beech, disease resistant varieties of the American Elm, the Kentucky Coffee Tree, and Tulip Poplar. The size of the purchases tree shall generally be 2.5" in caliper or greater.
- iii. The Village requires documentation from a nursery showing proof of the planting of the canopy tree, its correct size, and that the tree is one of the above qualifying species.
- iv. Applications for cash assistance will be acted upon as received. Any applications that cannot be accommodated within the approved budget for this program will be carried forward with priority to the following year.

Private Property Tree Planting Incentive Program Checklist:

- This application form, signed by resident
- Site Plan (Sharing location of new tree(s))

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, that I have read and understood all requirements and that the planting will conform to the Village Code and any covenants and easements on the subject property.

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____