

Type of Assistance

The Tree Planting Matching Grant Program will provide the following assistance opportunities: (a) one-to-one grant for the acquisition of trees to be planted in the front yard of a residence (as drafted by Township Zoning regulations) or in the Township right-of-way when approved by the Department of Public Works. Each project considered for funding must have a leverage ratio of not less than \$ 1.00 of private sector funding for every \$1.00 of grant funding. Maximum grant funding available shall be \$500.00 per home. Applications for less than \$50.00 will not be entertained. Sales tax will not be counted when calculating the local or grant share.

Funds must be utilized for the specific species or trees described below. Trees will be purchased from an approved Township vendor. The Township has acquired special pricing from local vendors who are required to maintain an adequate stock of trees for this program. The intent of the program is for a comprehensive improvement to the appearance of residential property and overall neighborhood enhancements.

| <u>TREE SPECIES</u> | <u>SIZE</u> | <u>PRICE</u> |
|---------------------|------------------|--------------|
| Flowering Cherry | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Flowering Crabapple | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Dogwood | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2"-2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Purple Plum | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Oak | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Red Maple | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |

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| Zelcovia | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Magnolia | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Katsura | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| River Birch | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Serviceberry | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Hombeam | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Redbud | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Ginko | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Sourwood | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Flowering Pear | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Japanese Snowbell | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Stewartia | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |
| Linden | 15 gal | \$125.00 |
| | 2" - 2 1/2" cal. | \$250.00 |
| | 2 1/2" - 3" cal. | \$300.00 |

Other trees listed on the attached Shade Tree guideline may be purchased at market rate less 10% from a participating vendor.

Prices do not include delivery or installation. Delivery and installation costs must be paid by the applicant and are not to be included when calculating the required matching funds.

The Township of Neptune, with guidance from the Neptune Township Shade Tree Committee, will pay the Township share to the vendor in accordance with the terms of a contract with the vendor. The applicant must pay the applicants share of the cost of tree acquisition at the time of pick-up from the vendor.

Tree Planting Application and Agreement

Applicants must complete an application, which includes an applicant "Certificate of Assurance" which must be signed prior to the award of a matching grant. The application requires a sketch of the property be included with indication of existing landscaping conditions and proposed landscaping improvements.

Amount of Financing Available

The maximum amount of assistance is \$500.00 per residential structure. A residential structure includes single-family houses, multi-family houses, condominium buildings and townhouse buildings. Grants will be \$ 1.00 of grant funds for each \$ 1.00 of private funds to a maximum of \$500.00. Grant availability will be determined by the funds available under this program.

Program Procedures

To be considered for funding, all projects must be in compliance with these guidelines. All properties must be taxpaying residential properties. Non-profit corporations, businesses and government agencies are not qualified under this program. Residents who qualify for a disabled veteran tax exemption are qualified under this program. The application process has three distinct phases:

Phase III Project Completion

After work begins, Township officials may visit the site occasionally to monitor the progress.

Upon satisfactory completion, the applicant will notify the Township so work can be inspected to verify that it conforms with the approved scope of work.