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2024 Arbor Day Planting Application

Ulster County in partnership with Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District

Introduction: The Ulster County Department of the Environment and Ulster County Soil and Water Conservation District are accepting applications supporting municipal tree planting projects that will benefit the community and public. Tree plantings are important and provide many ecosystem services including; repairing and protect soil, storing carbon dioxide and aiding in climate change mitigation, providing breathable oxygen, reducing stormwater runoff (reducing waterway erosion and pollution), and protecting and providing food for many wildlife species. Ulster County will demonstrate its commitment to this initiative by supplying trees and materials to municipalities or municipal groups selected via the application process. Projects will be coordinated and implemented by the applicant. **To be considered for this opportunity, please fill out the application on the following page and submit it to the Ulster County Department of the Environment at: Environment@co.ulster.ny.us . *Please submit applications by May 17th, 2024.** Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Spring and Fall planting options are available.

Questions can be directed to Environment@co.ulster.ny.us or via phone at (845) 388-7455.

Municipalities pursuing the NYS Climate Smart Communities certification program may be eligible for points under CSC PE6 Action: Local Forestry Program or other appropriate action. Visit the NYS CSC Program website at <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/> to learn more and determine if your municipality may be eligible for points towards CSC certification. Notes:

1. The number and size of trees awarded per project will depend on number of projects supported and available resources.
2. Applications will be accepted and reviewed on a rolling basis. Please submit applications by May 17th for consideration.
3. It is anticipated the plantings will take place in either the spring or fall. Planting events do not have to take place on Arbor Day.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Your Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Municipality: _____ E-mail: _____

Street Address and/or PO Box #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Project Location

Landowner: _____ Estimated Planting Date: _____

Street Address and/or Physical Location of planting:

Tax Parcel SBL: _____ (if available)

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

If project is a riparian (streamside) planting, what is the stream name: _____

Type of Planting

Riparian or Non-riparian: _____ Estimated area of Planting (in square feet): _____

What is the current vegetative cover? Grasses Trees Shrubs Other: _____

Are there any invasive plant species present? Yes No Unknown

If yes, please indicate what species: _____

Please describe the project area:

Please describe the planting plan:

Please describe the public benefit to be achieved by the planting (e.g. riparian protection, erosion control, carbon sequestration, shade/urban cooling):

Please describe how the trees and planting area will be watered and maintained over time:

Requests for specific trees (*optional*- size, species, etc...):

Primary Project Contact Name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

**Any additional community organizations involved in planting or maintenance
(Conservation Advisory Committee, Municipal staff/depts., Schools/Youth Orgs, etc.):**

****Please Attach:**

1. Photos of the project area (including existing vegetation and the stream bank if applicable).
2. A map of the project area with the boundary of the proposed planting drawn in. (optional)

Please send completed applications to:

Environment@co.ulster.ny.us

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Please note: Additional information and/or site visit may be requested.

Resources

For more info on planting and maintaining trees:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/lands/5303.html>

https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/lands_forests_pdf/tftplantmaint.pdf