

Tree Planting Grant Application

OVERVIEW

TreesUpstate is a 501(c)3 nonprofit. Our mission is to plant, promote, and protect trees. We purchase 15 gallon trees from local nurseries and organize volunteer or educational tree planting opportunities. Volunteers are trained on International Society of Arboriculture tree planting standards on site. Students learn about the importance of trees and participate in planting one tree during school hours. Our planting season is during the winter months from mid-October to mid-March. Our goal is to plant more trees to invest in environmental, social, economic, and public health benefits.

SERVICES

Site Design

- Meet our staff on site to tour area and discuss goals of tree planting project.
- Check www.treesupstate.org/who-we-are/grants/ for a list of locally available species.
- Final planting plans including "x" marks the spot and the species to be planted must be approved by the site partner.

Tree Planting

- Student Tree Planting
 - Elementary School Level, 1-6 trees, 1-6 classes
 - Middle School Level, 3-9 trees, 1-3 classes
 - High School Level, 4-12 trees, 1-3 classes
- Replacement Tree Planting
 - Tree planting location must be clear of old stump before tree planting date
- Volunteer Tree Planting
 - Weekday, 1-16 trees
 - Saturday morning, 17-25 trees

Timeline

- June 30, 2020: Priority Applications for October 2020-March 2021 Planting Season Due
- Year Round: Rolling Applications Accepted
- April - July, 2020: Site visits
- May 1 - August 31, 2020: Confirm a date on our tree planting calendar
- June 30, 2020: Deadline to approve final site plan
- June 30, 2020: Deadline to submit DFK (Greenville County Schools only)

WHO CAN APPLY?

Schools

Parks

Nonprofit organizations

Within the following counties: Greenville, Spartanburg, Pickens, Anderson, & Oconee

FUNDING SOURCE

- We would like to be considered for need-based assistance. We would like to apply for 100% of the project costs to be donated in-kind by TreesUpstate.
- We would like to apply for matching funds from TreesUpstate.

PROJECT BUDGET

SERVICE NAME	ESTIMATE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Project Administration	Site visits, design, plan, species selection, nursery stock selection, soil test, project oversight and implementation, avoiding utility conflicts, volunteer recruitment, volunteer coordination, volunteer training.	\$50/tree
Tree Planting	up to 25 Trees 15-gallon containers Nursery Stock will meet ANSI Z60.1 Standards Installation and Care to ANSI A300 Standards Final Planting Plan and Species Selection will be approved by the site partner Staking if necessary Structural pruning at installation Hardwood mulch application Watered in at installation Includes 1-year warranty	\$200/tree
Tree Care (Optional)	Extended 2-year warranty 2 hardwood mulch applications Pruning at year 2 2 years summer weeding and sucker removal (\$75 site minimum)	\$75/hour
Watering Contract (Optional)	Year-round or summer watering, 2 years	Quotes Available

YOUR INFORMATION

Site Name: _____

Park School Other: _____

County: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Position: _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Number of Trees Donated to this Site by TreesUpstate since 2005 (if applicable): _____

Service(s) Requested:

- Student Tree Planting: _____ (#) trees
 - Yes, our site will pre-dig holes (required)
- Replacement Tree Planting: _____ (#) trees
 - If less than 5 trees, yes, our site will find staff / volunteers to assist in tree planting (required)
 - Yes, any stumps still in the ground will be removed from tree planting area before the tree planting date (required)
 - Was the original tree planted by TreesUpstate? (check if true)
 - Was the original tree damaged before it died? (check if true) Explain: _____

- Volunteer Tree Planting: _____ (#) trees
 - Saturday Volunteer Planting (17-25 trees)
 - Weekday Volunteer Planting (1-16 trees)
 - We would like to be considered for a corporate tree planting event (increases chance of receiving the grant).

What tree planting season are you applying for?

- October 2019 - March 2020
- October 2020 - March 2021

What type of trees do you want to plant?

- Restoration trees (1-7 gallon, native)
- 15-gallon landscape trees (1"-1.5" diameter; local species availability at www.treesupstate.org/who-we-are/grants/)
- Balled & Burlap field-grown trees (2"-2.5" diameter; www.treesupstate.org/who-we-are/grants/)
 - Yes, we will assist in unloading trees with heavy machinery (i.e. tractor to lift trees; required)

Tell us why trees are important to you or your site:

GRANT REQUIREMENTS

Please check every box below to be eligible for TreesUpstate Tree Planting Grant.

- TreesUpstate will provide "Tree Planting & Care Standards." We agree to maintain these trees planted in accordance to ANSI A300 Standards and industry Best Management Practices.
 - We will water these trees for the first two years after planting. Summer Schedule: 1x/5 days. Spring and Fall: 1x/week. Winter Year 1: 1x/week. Winter Year 2: 1x/2 weeks. Or, we have contracted with _____ to do the watering.
 - We will maintain a 2" to 4" layer of hardwood mulch and keep it off the tree trunk.
 - We will avoid mechanical damage (i.e., with mowers and trimmers).
 - We will not spray suckers or up to the trunk with herbicide. We will not saturate mulch with herbicide. We will not spray herbicide in the critical root zone. We will not apply herbicide before we water or if there is a very good chance of rain in the next 5 to 7 days. We will not apply herbicide near trees when there is any wind.
 - Yes, we will contact TreesUpstate if a tree dies. We will cut and remove the dead tree from the site so we do not attract pests and diseases.
 - TreesUpstate may assess survival and tree health at Year 1, 3, and 5 after the planting. TreesUpstate will contact us if they see a problem with tree care during site visits.
- We have completed a FREE technical support workshop for our crews and employees that maintain trees or for our designated neighborhood and community representatives. If we have not completed this workshop, it is scheduled for: _____. (If you have not yet scheduled this workshop, please visit www.treesupstate.org/who-we-are/tree-care-workshops/ to find a tree care workshop and reserve a spot.) Please note that Greenville County Schools and Greenville County Parks and Rec have special arrangements with TreesUpstate to present this workshop annually to all employees who care for trees and do not need to schedule an additional workshop.
 - We will continue to attend annual technical support workshops.
- TreesUpstate will contact 811 and we will verify a positive response from all 811 member utilities. We will check for private utilities (which may or may not require a private utility locate) and mark all private utilities in the tree planting area. We will mark all irrigation.
- We will recognize TreesUpstate as a partner at the partnership level equal to the value of their in-kind donation (i.e., Community Partners list, Donors, newsletters, phone blasts, website recognition).
 - We will post the tree planting on social media and tag TreesUpstate.

If you have not checked a box in this section, please explain.

Signature Required:

Please sign and submit this grant application with all pages to info@treesupstate.org.

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Email Addresses for Monthly Tree Care Tips:
