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2022 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 planting projects that will benefit the community and public. Tree plantings are important because they can repair and protect soil, store carbon dioxide, provide breathable oxygen, reduce stormwater runoff (reducing waterway erosion and pollution), and protect and provide food for many wildlife species. This initiative aligns with Ulster County's Green New Deal. The Green New Deal states "we have urgent and immediate work to do to stabilize our climate, transition to clean energy and protect and regenerate our natural resources. And we have equally urgent work to undo generations of economic and environmental injustice and create opportunity for everyone." The County is anticipating supplying trees and materials to municipalities or municipal groups for these projects via this application process. Projects will be coordinated and implemented by the applicant.

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 on a rolling basis and projects must be completed in the 2022 calendar year.
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.
4. Trees supplied will be native to the region.

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 (Sqft. or Length): _____

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 native trees (*optional*- size, species, etc.):

Primary Project Contact Name: _____

Email address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Sign: _____ Date: _____

****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)

For questions:

Environment@co.ulster.ny.us

(845) 338-7287

Please send completed applications to:

Environment@co.ulster.ny.us

Applications accepted on a rolling basis

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

Climate Smart Communities:

Applicants may want to align projects with the actions set up in Climate Smart Communities Program and should reference Pledge elements 6 and 7 for any potential alignment. For more specific information, guidelines, and knowledge on how to earn points, use the links below.

Riparian buffers: <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/actions/#open/action/96>

Local Forestry: <https://climatesmart.ny.gov/actions-certification/actions/#open/action/83>