

10 Good Reasons to Plant a Tree

1. Trees cool your yard and help lower summer air conditioning costs.
2. Trees help slow down traffic.
3. Trees offer privacy.
4. Trees produce oxygen and store carbon to help slow global warming.
5. Trees absorb air pollution and clean the air we breathe.
6. Trees reduce soil erosion and flooding.
7. Trees provide food and habitat for birds and butterflies.
8. Trees form windbreaks that help cut winter heating costs.
9. Trees increase property values.
10. Neighborhood trees help build a sense of community.

The goals of the Neighborhood Tree Program are to increase the number and quality of street trees in the City of Falls Church and to educate our citizenry on the value of trees. The program was initiated in Spring 2000 by the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society (www.vpis.org) and is operated under the guidance of the City Manager and the City's Urban Forestry Division. Call 703-248-5183 (TTY 711) for information.

*This brochure is printed on tree-free paper.
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Introducing...



City of Falls Church, VA

Our Tree City USA is in need of more street trees. Many vacant sites are waiting to be filled.

The Neighborhood Tree Program is...

an effort to increase the number and quality of street trees in the City of Falls Church and to educate our citizenry on the value of trees. The program provides a means for citizens and businesses to donate time, labor, and money to support the City's tree replacement program.

The Neighborhood Tree Program is ...

a partnership between citizens and government initiated by the Village Preservation and Improvement Society in spring 2000. The program was formally established by a City Council resolution in September, 2000. It is under the guidance of the City Manager. A steering committee of citizens and City staff administers the program.

Trees are planted...

in the City-owned right-of-way not on private property. The right-of-way is that area between the curb and the residential property line. The area designated as right-of-way varies from street to street and from property to property and may range from 1-20 feet deep. Therefore, the distance from the street that a tree may be planted will be determined on an individual basis.

The species to be planted ...

will be determined by the City Arborist. The adjoining property owner may accept or reject the offer of a tree.

The trees are funded by...

the Urban Forestry Division, which has a fund set aside for donations to purchase trees. The Village Society and individuals donate several thousand dollars to the fund annually. The City applies for grant funds and provides matching funds.

The trees are planted by ...

citizen volunteers and the City's Urban Forestry crew in the spring and fall seasons.

Maintaining the trees...

is the responsibility of the City. During drought, adjoining property owners may be asked to take a more active role in assuring that the trees are adequately watered.

To help support the program...
citizens may participate in a variety of ways.

To receive a street tree: Call 703-248-5183 or visit the Village Society booth at the Falls Church Farmers Market. Your name will be added to the list of Falls Church residents who have requested the planting of street trees in the City right-of-way adjacent to their properties.

To help plant trees: Call 703-532-0884 to find out when the next tree-planting party will take place. Or to volunteer as the Neighborhood Coordinator in your area, fill out and mail in the attached form.

To donate funds: Send a contribution (payable to City of Falls Church) to The Neighborhood Tree Program, c/o Urban Forestry Division, 300 Park Avenue, Falls Church, VA 22046.

To receive information about trees: Call 703-532-0884, or pick up an NTP brochure from the Mary Riley Styles Library, City Hall Lobby, or Village Society booth at the Farmers Market.

Please Join Us!

Complete this form and return it to:

The Neighborhood Tree Program
c/o Urban Forestry Division
300 Park Avenue
Falls Church, VA 22046

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

E-MAIL ADDRESS

_____ I would like to have a street tree planted on the city right-of-way in front of my yard.

_____ I would like to volunteer to help at the next tree-planting party.

_____ I would like to serve as the Neighborhood Coordinator in my area.

_____ I would like to receive information on choosing the right tree for planting in my own yard.

_____ I have enclosed a contribution in the amount of \$ _____.