



General

Review a respective Request for Application to see if tree planting and maintenance practices are eligible. Three primary requirements pertain to grant activities taking place on private property.

1. For planting on private property, maximize the likelihood of tree establishment and long-term survival. Please see below for more detail and examples.
2. It is expected that access is granted by the landowner for all planned activities, including follow-up maintenance, monitoring or other on-site work.
3. The narrative must acknowledge that the federal government is released from any liability associated with work completed on private property.

Tree Planting

Protecting Federal Investment in Private Property Tree Planting: The proposal should outline an appropriate strategy for tree retention and highlight how the project will ensure the trees grow and flourish beyond the grant period in the proposal. Examples may include written agreements/pledges by the resident, education workshops, municipal- or partner-provided maintenance, monitoring schemes/schedules, or recognition awards for tree survival at a particular year. Example language for a written agreement may include:

- I will plant and care for my tree according to the Tree Owner's Manual (or similar state-level best practices document) for as long as it is within my right to do so.
- I agree to plant my tree(s) immediately at the address listed above, to give my tree(s) ongoing care while I own them (or for X years), and to adhere to guidelines related to inhibiting the movement and dispersal of invasive pests and disease, such as not moving any mulch received at the event outside of the distribution county. I understand the tree(s) are under no warranty or guarantee.
- In addition to providing appropriate care, I have no plans to further expand any buildings or pavement on my property in the next X years that would result in the removal/reduction of planting area for my newly planted tree(s).

Ensure that those planting on private lands also have the capacity for monitoring or additional technical assistance related to tree health should the resident need it. Funding for this capacity during the grant period may be included in the budget.

Tree Maintenance and Removal

Qualified tree service providers and work specifications are required as detailed on our Financial Assistance webpages.

Tree removals should be part of a larger urban forestry program of work that includes tree planting, protection and/or maintenance.