

# Western Reserve Land Conservancy Thriving Communities Institute

# Reforest Our City Grant Program Fall 2015

#### Overview:

Working in partnership with community groups and non-profits, Western Reserve Land Conservancy is excited to announce the Reforest Our City Grant Program. Approximately \$10,000 is available to fund tree planting projects in the City of Cleveland.

### **Important Dates:**

Applications Due: August 31, 2015

Grant Awards Announced: September-October 2015

Planting: Fall 2015

# To be eligible, your group must:

- Have at least one application group member enrolled or certified as a Tree Steward
- Undergo a site visit and assessment with a Reforest Our City representative
- Demonstrate approval to plant trees on the proposed site location
- Provide a comprehensive plan for watering and basic care for the first 3 years of establishment
- Be prepared to help organize volunteers for the tree planting
- Submit a completed application by the deadline: August 31, 2015

## If your application is approved, your group will receive:

- A minimum of 10 trees to plant at your location, based on your group's request, capacity, and level of experience. The number, species, and type of stock (balled & burlap, container, or bare root) of trees awarded will be determined in partnership with the Reforest Our City Grant Making Committee.
- Assistance with planning and coordinating the tree planting event.
- Tree stakes, ties, mulch, and/or watering bags or watering buckets, as needed.

#### If your application is approved, you agree to:

- Work with a Reforest Our City representative who will assess your needs and skill level and help assure a successful project
- Keep your community informed about all phases of the project
- Recruit, organize and provide snacks and refreshments for volunteers
- Be responsible for watering and maintenance, especially during the critical first three years of establishment
- Monitor the health of the trees during these first three years and report signs of vandalism, stress, disease, or death to Western Reserve Land Conservancy. [NOTE: We do not guarantee replacement of diseased or dead trees. However, the program will be monitoring tree survival.]

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