



Community Forestry

Street Tree Voucher Program

The Lincoln Parks and Recreation Department offers a cost-share assistance program, when funding is available, to property owners in Lincoln who desire to purchase and plant a street tree(s) on the City right-of-way adjacent to their property.

Interested property owners may contact Forestry at 441-7035 to provide the address of their property where they are interested in possibly having a street tree(s).

Forestry personnel will visit the address to determine if there is adequate space to plant a street tree(s) in coordination with the Street Tree Master Plan, existing trees and anticipated mature size. Based upon a determination done by Forestry, a no-fee Street Tree Planting Permit and Street Tree Voucher will be issued.

The Street Tree Voucher will have a specified redeemable value for each street tree(s) identified on it. Voucher may be redeemed at designated local participating tree nurseries towards the purchase and/or planting of street tree(s) as specified on combined voucher/planting permit. Voucher / permit are good for one year and will NOT be renewed.

Please note the following requirements of the Street Tree Voucher Program:

- Voucher recipient must be property owner living in Lincoln.
- Voucher/planting permit must be signed by BOTH the recipient and participating nursery when redeemed and nursery must submit to Forestry when invoicing for payment.
- Recipient must use the voucher to purchase a street tree at least one inch (1") in trunk diameter or larger and it must be well branched with a fibrous root system.
- Vouchers may NOT be combined to purchase one large street tree (i.e. if recipient has a voucher for two street trees then two street trees must be purchased).

Benefits of the Street Tree Voucher Program:

- Greater number of local tree nurseries from which to purchase and select street trees.
- Greater street tree diversity/selection.
- Planting in fall (best) or early spring can take advantage of possible free planting of street trees purchased at participating local tree nurseries.
- Better information provided on proper tree planting/care.
- Voucher recipients can match or exceed cost-share assistance to purchase and/or plant larger street trees which can increase property values and Lincoln's community forest.

