

CityRoots: Planting Pride, City Wide

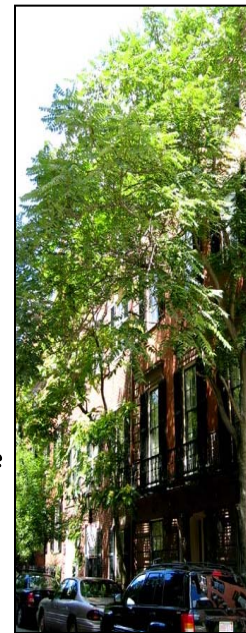


Apply for a CityRoots Grant!

What does it take to radically transform streets, parks and vacant lots into safe places for neighbors to come together? It takes informed, motivated, and proactive citizens like YOU! We invite your group to apply for a CityRoots grant to support your efforts to bring your community together and improve the physical environment of your neighborhood.

CityRoots is a grant program of the Urban Ecology Institute that provides free plants, shrubs and trees to groups that want to improve their neighborhood's streets and parks. In addition, workshops on tree planting and maintenance are available, as well as the expertise of a landscape architect. If selected for the program, a Community Forester will work with your group for 10 weeks, from June through August, 2008, to develop a vision, plant, and develop a maintenance plan for the long-term care of the plantings. Grants are available to neighborhood-based groups (not individuals), and sites with public benefit such as parks, streets, apartment complexes and front yards are all eligible for support. Before applying, groups should:

- ✓ **Select a site—projects that focus on tree plantings tend to survive longer and will be given greater priority for grant support**
- ✓ **Obtain permission to plant on the site**
- ✓ **Locate an adequate water source nearby**
- ✓ **Think about maintenance: trees should be watered intensively for 3 months after planting and will require periodic pruning and watering for 2 years**



Benefits of Trees

- **Trees reduce asthma-causing air pollution.**
- **Trees save money on heating and cooling costs.**
- **Neighborhoods with more trees have lower crime rates and stronger community ties.**
- **Trees provide a quiet, shady place to rest and play.**

The CityRoots program strives to build long-term partnerships with participants, so if our partnership is successful, CityRoots will continue to work with your group each summer.



The Process

Applications are accepted through **April 18, 2008** for summer planting projects. Groups that are selected will be asked to send a representative to the CityRoots Kickoff meeting on **May 10, 2008**. Groups will meet regularly with a Community Forester from **June through August** to:

- ❖ **Get more community members involved**
- ❖ **Learn how to plant and prune trees**
- ❖ **Create a landscape plan for the site**
- ❖ **Select site-appropriate trees and plants**
- ❖ **Host community planting days**
- ❖ **Develop and implement a maintenance schedule**

Learn more!

Contact the Urban Ecology Institute to learn more about the CityRoots program and the application process: 617-552-6792. Information on current and past projects is available at: http://www.urbaneco.org/Photo_gallery.asp

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2008 CityRoots Grant Application

Group information:

Group Name

Group Contact Person

Address City State Zip

Phone Email

Please list additional group participants:

Name Phone Email

Name Phone Email

Name Phone Email

Describe the membership of your group, including the number of active members, leadership structure (if any), purpose of group/goals, and how often the group meets. Please note that CityRoots welcomes applications from both formal and informal neighborhood groups.

Have you participated in CityRoots before?

yes, 2004 yes, 2005 yes, 2006 yes, 2007 no, first application

Describe some of the activities that your group participates in, and/or some projects your group has worked on together in the past (if any).

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What kind of area does your group want to work on? Note that CityRoots seeks to fund private or yard plantings only if they are part of a neighborhood effort, and have some public benefit. Please check all that apply.

- Abandoned lot
- Yard
- Neighborhood park
- Street
- Private property: _____
- Other: _____

Where is/are the proposed project(s) located? Please provide an address, if you can:

Who owns the site(s)? (if you don't know, please indicate)_____

Do you have approval to work on the site(s)? Yes No

Do you have access to water (i.e.: hose) near the site? Yes No

If yes, please describe the water source you will use to water the plantings (please note: each group is responsible for the long-term maintenance of the trees and shrubs):

What is the condition of the site now? Please indicate areas that need shade, need to be cleaned up, are barren, and existing trees/shrubs in the area (you can draw a map, or just describe):

