

## Large trees for neighbourhood parks

Help enhance the urban forest and create habitat for pollinators and wildlife! Neighbourhood groups can coordinate a park project involving the planting and maintenance of up to 15 deciduous trees (10-15 gallon) in your neighbourhood park.

Your community project involves hosting a fall planting event and scheduling regular community workdays to water the trees from May to September for two years. The City will support you by providing all equipment, trees and supplies on planting day.



### Where can the trees be planted?

- Passive areas within city-owned parks in Waterloo.
- Parks having a nearby water source (i.e. ice rink hydrant or other water source).
- Parks having minimal shade (i.e. low tree canopy cover or parks that have had significant tree removal).
- Near playgrounds, seating areas and public trails for shade, and/or 3 metres from the park boundary around the park perimeter.

### Application process

1. View our planting resources (Appendix A) to plan your project from start to finish.
2. Select one or two parks in your neighbourhood that meet the criteria above.
3. Coordinate with your neighbourhood to see if there is interest.
4. Submit the online application form between March 1 to May 31.

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### Next steps

In June, City staff review applications and select up to five planting projects. City staff and project coordinator volunteers work together to confirm a planting plan and species selection, engage the neighbourhood and host a fall planting event.

Park Project Community Lead volunteers:

- Involve the community from start to finish, including residents that back onto the park, to ensure a community-desired project and effort (complete the community support list).
- Host a fall planting event (late September to October) with support from the city.
- Schedule regular watering for two seasons after planting to ensure tree survival following the watering guidelines outlined on the City's [Trees and yards webpage](#).
- Register as a City of Waterloo volunteer and sign a PIP agreement to commit to the project.

The City of Waterloo supports the community planting event by supplying the trees, supplies and hand tools, and leading and monitoring the planting activity on the day of the event.

