

Savannah Tree Foundation

CommuniTrees Fund Guidelines & Application



The CommuniTrees program is a new revolving fund program of the Savannah Tree Foundation. The program started in the Fall of 2010 with seed money from the Trustees Garden Club, and is continually reinvigorated with donated funds given through the Holiday Plant a Tree program. The purpose of this program is to assist non-profit groups, neighborhood associations and other community organizations with small tree planting requests of 1-10 trees, on property that is by the public or held in trust for the same by a non-profit organization.

Please read the following program requirements completely before filling out the application. If you have any questions about your eligibility for this program, contact us! We're happy to talk about what you are trying to do and help you find ways to do it.

Savannah Tree Foundation requires the receiving group to:

- 🌳 Secure and document permission of the property owner to plant trees on planned property, using the Tree Planting Agreement Form (attached) and submitting to Savannah Tree Foundation *with* this application.
- 🌳 Provide a donation to STF toward the cost of trees. There is no minimum amount required; our wholesale cost is approximately \$55 per 2" caliper, quality nursery stock tree. Tree planting season runs from October/November to February/March. Donations will be used to replenish the CommuniTrees Fund so that we can continue to offer CommuniTrees to other groups. Those who can provide the full wholesale cost will be assured of trees.
- 🌳 Pick up trees at a community volunteer tree planting and participate in the tree planting if possible, so that you can learn first hand how best to plant a tree.
- 🌳 Care for the trees from the time you pick up the trees until your tree planting date.
- 🌳 Plant the trees during tree planting season, which runs from October/November to February/March. Winter is the best time to plant trees in coastal Georgia.
- 🌳 Provide necessary volunteers, tools (shovels & hard tined rakes), mulch and water.
- 🌳 Commit to watering and maintaining trees for 2 years. Young trees require 5-10 gallons of water weekly.

In return, STF agrees to provide 15 gallon trees at wholesale costs and advice on siting trees, selecting species appropriate to your site, tree planting techniques, and maintenance. STF will help direct volunteers at planting time and will monitor the progress of the trees for two years after planting. A copy of our new "*International Paper and Savannah Tree Foundation Guide to Planting and Caring for Canopy Trees in Coastal Georgia*" will be provided.

CommuniTrees Fund Application



Organization: _____
Contact Name: _____
Address: _____
Business & Cell Phones: _____
Email address: _____
Website: _____

Total number of trees requested: _____

Requested species: _____

Anticipated tree planting date: _____

Amount of donation to STF: \$ _____

& Type of volunteers _____
(board members, volunteers, staff, others?) _____

Application Attachments:

1. Please provide a brief description of the location of the tree planting project. A physical address or Chatham County Property Record ID# is preferred.
2. Attach a diagram of the tree planting plan or a physical map showing potential tree locations.
3. Attach a completed Landowner Agreement Form.

I/we, _____, representatives of _____
(organization) submit our application for a CommuniTrees grant from Savannah Tree Foundation. We agree to plant and care for the trees as specified in the Tree Standards & Species Guide, commit to watering & maintaining the trees for two years, and agree to submit brief reports to Savannah Tree Foundation as requested to help track program success.

Applicant

Application must be filled out completely to be considered. Email completed application to info@savannahtree.com or mail completed application to Savannah Tree Foundation at the address below.



CommuniTrees Tree Standards and Species Guide

Available Species:

<u>Small</u>	Size at maturity	Recommended distance apart
Red Bud	25-30'	18-20'
Cherry	15-40'	10-20'
Crapemyrtle	20-30'	10-15'
Little Gem Magnolia (E)	20'	10'

<u>Medium</u>	Size at maturity	Recommended distance apart
Red Maple	40-50'	35-40'
Trident Maple	25-35'	15-20'
Southern Redcedar (E)	40-50'	8-20'

<u>Large</u>	Size at maturity	Recommended distance apart
Shumard Oak	40-60'	40-60'
Overcup Oak	45-70'	45'
Bald Cypress	60-100'	40-50'
Magnolia (E)	60-80'	40-50'
Live Oak (E)	40-80'	60-100'

(E) = Evergreen

Tree transportation:

Trees should be protected when transporting to a planting site. Covered trucks and vans are best but if a pickup truck is used, a tarp should be used to protect the tree canopies and roots from drying winds in transit.

Mulch:

Free mulch can be picked up from Chatham County at the following locations:

Sharon Park – Kelly Hill Road (Garden City)

Tuesday – Saturday 8:30 – 5:00

Chevis Road – Off Hwy 17 S

Tuesday – Saturday 8:30 – 5:00

Wilmington Island – Concord Road

Monday – Saturday 8:30 – 5:30

Sunday noon -5:30

Montgomery Crossroad & Thomas Avenue

Not fenced – always available

Water:

Weekly watering is mandatory.



CommuniTrees Property Owners Permission and Waiver Agreement

I hereby expressly grant permission to Savannah Tree Foundation, its employees, its volunteers and its project partners to plant trees on the property located at
Property address: _____
City/County _____

Property Identification Number: _____

The sole purpose of this agreement is to allow Savannah Tree Foundation and _____ to plant trees as part of the CommuniTree Project.
(CommuniTree applicant organization)
in the months between October and March.

The agreement between Savannah Tree Foundation and (Property Owners) _____
becomes effective once signed.

I hereby agree my permission is granted on a completely voluntary basis, I have neither received nor expect to receive any form of compensation in exchange for my permission to perform project activities on the aforementioned property.

I hereby agree to waive any and all claims arising from or related to project activities. I further agree that all project sponsors public or private, Savannah Tree Foundation and all their supporters, volunteers, directors, employees and agents shall be held harmless against all claims arising from or related to CommuniTree project activities.

Name of Property Owner/Representative _____

City/County Department (if applicable) _____

Signature and Title: _____

Printed Name and Title: _____

Date: _____