



Village of Westmont Parkway Tree Planting Program

The **Parkway Tree Planting Program** is one of the oldest community development programs continuously offered by the Village of Westmont. This program along with all our urban forestry efforts are contributing factors towards Westmont being designated as a *Tree City USA* community for 25 consecutive years. Planting trees produces many valuable benefits such as; cleanses pollutants from the air, absorbs carbon dioxide, produces oxygen, controls soil erosion, helps reduce ambient noise, retain stormwater runoff, beautification and economic value of the community, and much more.

Parkway Tree Cost Sharing Program

There are three options for tree replacement on the village parkway:

1) The Village will be replacing everything we remove, as space allows, at no cost to the individual homeowner. Residents who have had their parkway tree recently removed, will have another replaced at no cost, if there is adequate space to do so.

2) We have a cost share program, essentially a 50/50, in which the resident participates in a portion of the cost of the tree and the Village takes care of the rest. Participation in this program ensures replanting within the next planting season available, depending on selected replacement species. The cost is currently \$115 for a 1-1.5" tree and \$215 for a 2-2.5" tree. We do not plant larger than 2.5" trees through this program because of the great quantities we are resolved to replace each planting season, and the exorbitant amount of time and effort it takes to plant these larger trees. Also, trees planted at smaller sizes have shown better adaptivity and overall growth on parkway sites than larger diameter plantings.

*3) Through a permit process we are allowing residents to plant on the parkway. This is a no-cost permit and may be applied for at the Municipal Services Department at the Village Hall. Since the planting will take place on Village-owned property, the installation must meet certain requirements (including planting location, spacing from existing trees and other utilities, species selection and proper planting procedures in-line with industry standards). The Village Forester will review your permit application and be in direct contact with you. Upon agreement of installation requirements your permit will be approved. Once the installation takes place, a final inspection will be completed to assure compliance and the tree becomes the property of the Village, who then assumes ownership rights and responsibilities. We realize residents may want a larger size tree planted than we offer in the cost share or free plantings, or others may not want to pay \$100+ for a tree, and don't mind waiting for a seedling to grow. Trees can be planted at the size the resident chooses, whether that be as a seedling, or a 3-4" diameter tree. Any unapproved plantings will be removed at the discretion of the Village.



Parkway Tree Cost Sharing Policy

The **Parkway Tree Cost Sharing Program** is a voluntary program allowing any Westmont property owner to replace public parkway trees by ordering through the Village of Westmont. The purchase, site preparation, and planting of the trees will be performed by the Public Works Dept. The average cost of nursery materials (reviewed annually) will be paid by the property owner to the Village through an application process, which includes pre-payment.

The Village of Westmont is a part of the *Suburban Tree Consortium*, so tree species availability will depend on what is available through the various nurseries within the consortium. **Residents will be able to request tree species they would prefer from an approved list of available species, but ultimately the Village Forester will have authority over final species selection for all requests at any location.** The approved list of tree species can be obtained from Municipal Services at 31 W. Quincy Street, 630-981-6270, by email request to jyeater@westmont.il.gov, or on the Village Website at <https://westmont.illinois.gov/>.

Due to the disease infestation and removal of specific tree species, tree species diversity is a high priority. Final selection of species will be based on site conditions as well as neighborhood diversification. Tree planting locations will depend on various factors including: utility, water service or sewer locations, street signs, fire hydrants or existing street lighting.

Residents choosing to participate in the cost share program would pre-pay for their tree ensuring replacement within the next available planting season.

Other non-paid requests are already on a waiting list for no-cost replacement, but replanting will be done as budgets permit each year. Replacements will be done on a first come first serve basis; consequently, replacement dates are indefinite and may take many years.

Residents interested in the **Parkway Tree Cost Sharing Program** should complete an application and return to the Public Works Department or the Village Clerk in the Village Hall at 31 W. Quincy Street.



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Public Works Department

155 East Burlington Avenue • Westmont, Illinois 60559
Tel: 630-981-6270

PARKWAY TREE COST SHARING PROGRAM

SPRING 2021 PLANTING ORDER FORM

RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT NO LATER THAN **March 12, 2021** TO:

Parkway Tree Cost Share Program

% Village Clerk
31 W. Quincy Street
Westmont, IL 60559

Please make checks payable to **VILLAGE OF WESTMONT**.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ DATE _____

1-1.5 " TREE (\$115 EACH) QUANTITY: _____

2-2.5" TREE (\$215 EACH) QUANTITY: _____

3"+ TREE (*Please see above for details)

*** Please contact Public Works at 630-981-6270 or check the Village Website for the approved species list**

MY FIRST SPECIES CHOICE IS _____

MY SECOND SPECIES CHOICE IS _____

MY THIRD SPECIES CHOICE IS _____

TOTAL # OF TREES ORDERED _____ **TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

_____ DATE MARKED _____ ON _____ BY _____ WIRES _____ SEC. _____

CHECK # _____ \$ _____ DATE RECEIVED _____ CLEARED _____