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Delaware Forest Service and Community Forestry Council offer 2007 Tree Planting and Tree Management grants

The Delaware Forest Service (DFS) and the Delaware Community Forestry Council are pleased to announce the availability of the annual Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program for 2007. This year the program will offer the following grants: **Tree Planting** and **Tree Management**. Applications must be postmarked no later than **Thursday, May 31st, 2007**. Faxed or e-mail submissions will not be accepted.

Over the past fifteen years, the Urban & Community Forestry Program has positively impacted the quality of life of Delaware's communities by awarding over \$1 million to more than one hundred and seventy-five Delaware communities and organizations. Past grant activities have included the removal of hazardous trees within the communities of Millville and Bethany Beach and the planting of trees with the planned community of Middletown Village and the communities of Dover and Seaford.

The purpose of the Tree Planting Grant Program is to:

- Promote the proper planting and care of trees
- Develop partnerships between small businesses and local communities to plant trees
- Diversify and enhance Delaware's urban forest resources

The purpose of the Tree Management Grant Program is to:

- Assist communities in the maintenance and management of community forest resources.
- Improve health and vigor of urban forest resources through sound arboricultural practices.

The following applies to both grants: A grant request must not exceed **\$5,000** and must have in-kind services and/or matching funds equal to the amount requested. Matching funds **must not** include either federal funds or in-kind services provided by the staff of the Delaware Forest Service. Planning and tree board meetings must not exceed 50% of in-kind match. Match must be received by project completion date before grant funds are released.

In addition to the annual fall workshop, a series of "pre-grant" workshops are scheduled to further assist communities with their projects. These workshops are intended for those new to the grant process or for those that may have questions about their proposed projects. **Individuals who want to attend must RSVP because seating is limited at several locations.** Also, because of space limitations, communities are requested to send only one representative to the workshops.

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Pre-Grant Workshop Schedule

March 27th, 2007	RSVP Henry Poole by March 23rd
Place: Blackbird State Forest	(302) 659-6705
502 Blackbird Forest Road	or
Smyrna, DE 19977	(302) 943-3593
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm	

March 29th, 2007	RSVP Henry Poole by March 23rd
Place: Delaware Center for the Inland Bays	(302) 659-6705
39357 Inlet Road	or
Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971	(302) 943-3593
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm	

April 3rd, 2007	RSVP Henry Poole by March 23rd
Place: Redden State Forest- Education Center	(302) 659-6705
18074 Redden Forest Drive	or
Georgetown, DE 19947	(302) 943-3593
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm	

April 5th, 2007	RSVP Henry Poole by March 23rd
Place: Delaware Department of Agriculture	(302) 659-6705
2320 S. DuPont Highway	or
Dover, DE 19901	(302) 943-3593
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm	

April 10th, 2007	RSVP Patrice Sheehan by March 23rd
Place: Delaware Center for Horticulture	(302) 658-6262
1810 N. DuPont Street	
Wilmington, DE 19806	
Time: 6:00- 8:00 pm	

For more grant guidelines, grant applications, evaluation criteria, and budget development information, communities should contact the Delaware Forest Service:

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