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2009 Urban and Community Forestry Grants Announced



Photo 1: Diane Crom of Delaware's Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs plants a plum tree during a recent urban tree workshop in Dover. Crom represented Buena Vista Conference Center, the historic 19th-century estate and cultural landmark in New Castle, which received a 2009 grant from the Delaware Forest Service's Urban and Community Forestry Program. This year, over \$80,000 was awarded to fund tree planting and tree management projects on publicly owned land throughout the state.



Photo 2: The Delaware Forest Service's Kyle Hoyd (left) works with Kevin McBride of Lewes as they help to plant a plum tree during a recent urban tree workshop in Dover. McBride represented the community association from Villages at Five Points, which received a 2009 grant from DFS' Urban and Community Forestry Program. This year, over \$80,000 was awarded for tree planting and management projects on publicly owned land in Delaware.

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As a component of its U&CF Program, the Delaware Forest Service offers annual grants to municipalities, educators, non-profit organizations and government agencies for tree planting and tree management projects on public lands. Since the program’s inception in 1991, the Delaware Forest Service has awarded over \$1.5 million in competitive grants to over 200 organizations to improve their urban forest resources. Every applicant for funding is required to match their grant request with either cash or in-kind contributions (volunteer labor or donated services), and, in the case of tree plantings, pledge to maintain the trees for a minimum of three years. Supported by a combination of federal and state funds, the demand for financial assistance exceeds availability; this year, the program received grant requests totaling almost \$200,000.

Tree Planting Grants

Town	County	Community or Homeowner Association	Amount
Dover	Kent	South Dover Elementary - Capital District	\$ 3,397
Magnolia	Kent	Irish Hill Service Corporation	\$ 2,200
Magnolia	Kent	Alexander Village	\$ 2,000
Middletown	New Castle	Silver Lake Elementary	\$ 5,000
Odessa	New Castle	Town of Odessa	\$ 795
New Castle	New Castle	Buena Vista Conference Center	\$ 827
Delaware City	New Castle	City of Delaware City	\$ 1,822
Wilmington	New Castle	Edenridge Civic Association	\$ 2,324
Wilmington	New Castle	Sharpley Civic Association	\$ 3,750
Wilmington	New Castle	Westover Hills Service Corporation	\$ 3,750
Wilmington	New Castle	2nd District Planning Council	\$ 2,640
Frankford	Sussex	Forest Reach HOA	\$ 2,850
Lewes	Sussex	Villages of Five Points A	\$ 5,000
Lewes	Sussex	Villages of Five Points B	\$ 5,000
Millsboro	Sussex	Bayshore Property HOA	\$ 3,000
		Total	\$44,355

Tree Management Grants

Town	County	Community or Homeowner Association	Amount
Bear	New Castle	Brennan Estates	\$ 2,680
Delaware City	New Castle	City of Delaware City	\$ 4,093
New Castle	New Castle	Buena Vista Conference Center	\$ 5,000
Odessa	New Castle	Town of Odessa	\$ 2,200
Wilmington	New Castle	Historic Riverview Cemetery	\$ 5,000
Wilmington	New Castle	Edenridge Civic Association	\$ 2,750
Wilmington	New Castle	Augustine Ridge	\$ 1,600
Wilmington	New Castle	Westover Hills Maintenance Corp.	\$ 3,191
Wilmington	New Castle	Quaker Hill Neighborhood Association	\$ 1,270
Wilmington	New Castle	2nd District Neighborhood Planning Council	\$ 1,246
Delmar	Sussex	Town of Delmar	\$ 2,370
Ocean View	Sussex	Ocean View	\$ 5,000
		Total	\$36,400