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Urban and community forestry grants are available to municipalities and homeowner associations to help fund community-based tree projects. Deadline is July 15, 2010.

Dover —Municipalities and homeowner groups are invited to apply for up to \$5,000 in matching funds from the Delaware Forest Service for a planned community tree project. Successful applicants could receive up to 50 percent of the cost—to a limit of \$5000—in each of two grant categories: tree planting or tree management. All proposals submitted must be for projects on public property—areas owned by a state, county, local government, or community civic association. Public lands can also include parks, greenways, recreation areas, and/or public rights-of-way or easements. Official applications and detailed guidelines can be downloaded online at the website: <http://dda.delaware.gov/forestry>, or requested by calling 1-800-282-8685. Applications must be postmarked by July 15, 2010 and mailed to: Delaware Forest Service, 2320 S. DuPont Hwy., Dover, DE 19901.

Since 1991, the Delaware Forest Service's Urban & Community Forestry Program has awarded over \$1.5 million to over 200 Delaware communities and organizations.

“Last year, over \$80,000 was awarded to 27 organizations for a variety of worthwhile projects,” said Henry Poole, Urban Forestry Coordinator. “Trees provide such a wide range of community benefits, and we feel it’s important to maintain and improve the amount of tree cover in Delaware. Our annual grant program can help municipalities and homeowner associations fund projects to remove or prune hazardous trees, plant trees in open areas or along waterways, as well as develop community forestry plans.”

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