



The **Grow Boston Greener (GBG)** program is a competitive mini-grant program of Boston Natural Areas Network in partnership with the City of Boston that provides funding of up to \$2,500 for tree plantings in neighborhoods throughout the City of Boston.

The application deadline for the spring grant round is **March 19, 2012**.

There will be a **GBG Briefing Session** on **February 16, 2012** from 6:30pm – 7:30pm to help applicants plan their projects and answer questions. Meeting location is the BNAN office, 62 Summer St, Boston 02110.

Funding for the GBG grant program is provided by the support of corporate and philanthropic donors through the Fund for Parks and Recreation in Boston.

The Grow Boston Greener initiative was launched on Arbor Day, April 30, 2007. An inventory of the City's trees showed that Boston had an overall tree canopy cover of 29%. The GBG vision is to plant an additional 100,000 trees by 2020 to increase the urban tree canopy to 35% and make Boston a cooler, greener, healthier city. The goals of GBG are to increase tree canopy, mitigate heat island effect, reduce energy consumption, improve air quality and improve storm water management, as part of Boston's sustainability and climate action plan.

GBG focuses not only on planting trees, but also on the community-based stewardship activities necessary to ensure the trees' survival. Therefore, priority is given to applicants who can demonstrate an ability to maintain the newly planted trees for years to come.

Who Can Apply

Grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 are available to non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status and their partners, such as community gardens, friends groups, schools, libraries, civic associations and neighborhood associations. Organizations without tax-exempt status can apply with a 501(c)(3) organization serving as the fiscal agent.

How to Apply

Complete and submit a GBG grant application form, a property owner consent form and a signed watering and maintenance agreement **by March 19, 2012**. Site visits for all applications will be conducted from March 20- April 6. Applicants will be notified of decisions the week of **April 2, 2012**.

What are Eligible Projects

Trees must be planted in the City of Boston, **with volunteers**, in publicly accessible areas such as schools, greenways, gardens, parks, grounds of public housing, health and social service agencies and in other publicly accessible buildings and in projects of community development corporations. The program is focusing on neighborhoods underserved by tree canopy as identified in the report State of the Urban Forest, UEI, Spring 2008.

([www.growbostongreener.org/gbg/pdfs/State of the Urban Forest Report.pdf](http://www.growbostongreener.org/gbg/pdfs/State%20of%20the%20Urban%20Forest%20Report.pdf))

Many different trees can be planted with grant funding. See attached tree list of shade, flowering and fruit trees for suggested varieties. In order to maximize the amount of tree canopy provided by the grant, eligible projects will have a minimum tree caliper of 1". Larger tree sizes are encouraged. To increase environmental impact, group plantings of five or more trees are encouraged.

Trees need to be planted by **June 3, 2012**. Funds must be used **only** for tree purchases, delivery costs and initial planting supplies (e.g. mulch, compost, stakes, tree gators). A watering & maintenance plan must be completed and submitted which includes a signed watering & maintenance agreement covering the first three years after planting.

What is NOT Eligible

GBG funds cannot be used for private, no-access locations. GBG funds cannot be used to buy seedlings. **Street tree plantings are not eligible for funding under this grant program.** Funds cannot be used for tools, contractor costs, or other labor involved in planting the trees. Funds are for the initial tree costs only, not for the follow up watering & maintenance period.

Support and Training

Support for new applicants will be available at the **GBG Briefing Session on February 16, 2012** to help applicants plan their projects and answer questions. If funded, at least one representative of each project is required to attend a mandatory two-hour training session regarding site selection, planting and maintenance of trees, and the management of volunteers on **April 14, 2012**.

Financial Information and Reporting

To ensure proper completion of the project, while providing enough capital to begin, the grant will be awarded in a 60% pre-project, 40% post project distribution. Upon project completion, copies of receipts must be mailed to BNAN. If the project costs less than the initial grant distribution, the grant recipient must refund the excess distribution to The Fund for Parks and Recreation in Boston. BNAN representatives will complete a follow-up site visit to ensure the satisfactory completion of the project. If the applicant fails to abide by the above referenced three-year watering & maintenance agreement, the funds shall be returned to The Fund for Parks and Recreation in Boston.

Timeline

2/1/12	Request for Proposals
2/16/12	Briefing Session
3/19/12	Application Deadline
3/20/12 to 4/6/12	Site Visits
Week of 4/2/12	Application Decision
4/14/12	Training Session (Mandatory)
4/16/12	Projects begin; initial funds released
6/3/12	Project wrap up; follow-up site visits conducted; final funds released

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Tree Planting Grant Program

Application - Spring 2012

Date: _____

Applicant Organization: _____

Contact Person: _____

Street Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Cellular: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Full address of proposed project site:

Number of proposed trees: _____

Attach Project Summary Including:

(Two page max, 12pt font)

- Description of how project will be undertaken
(Including number, size, species and location of trees and who will be planting the trees)
- Brief mission of the applicant organization(s)
- Description of organization(s) involved in project
- Completed Property Owner Consent Form (attached)
- Signed Watering & Maintenance Plan Agreement (attached)
- Proposed project budget
(Detail expenses, all sources of funding, and in-kind contributions such as volunteer time)
- Map of project or area with proposed tree locations
- Copy of 501(c)(3) Internal Revenue Service designation letter

Program deadline is March 19th, 2012 (received by BNAN no later than 5pm)

Mail application package to:

Grow Boston Greener Attn: Mathew Cahill Boston Natural Areas Network 62 Summer St, 2 nd Floor Boston, MA 02110	Or email PDF files to: mathew@bostonnatural.org
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For questions about this application or additional information about the GBG program, please call (617) 542-7696 ext. 20

*The Grow Boston Greener Tree Planting Grant Program is open to all
501(c)(3) organizations serving the City of Boston*



Tree Planting Grant Program

Property Owner Consent Form
Spring 2012

Project Address: _____

Property Owner: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Cellular Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I, _____, agree to allow _____
Authorized Individual's Name Project Contact Name

of _____ to undertake the following work,
Organization or Project Name

Brief Project Description

on property owned by _____
Property Owner's Name

between April 14th – June 3rd, 2012.

Authorized Individual's Name (print)

Authorized Individual's Title (print)

Authorized Individual's Signature

Date

Authorized Individual's Telephone Number



Tree Planting Grant Program

Watering & Maintenance Agreement
Spring 2012

Project Address: _____

Neighborhood: _____ Zip Code: _____

Tree Locations: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

I, _____, agree to water and maintain the trees planted with
Authorized Individual's Name

funding from the Grow Boston Greener program by _____
Organization Name

for a period of three (3) years after the planting date, _____,
Date

on property owned by _____
Property Owner's Name

(Attach written description of watering & maintenance schedule and source of water)

Authorized Individual's Name (print)

Authorized Individual's Title (print)

Authorized Individual's Signature

Date

The purpose of this watering & maintenance contract is to ensure the trees planted with funds from the Grow Boston Greener program are properly watered & maintained during their initial establishment period. If the trees are not watered and maintained in accordance with the terms of this contract the funds received under the Grow Boston Greener program shall be returned to the Fund for Parks and Recreation in Boston.

Grow Boston Greener Tree Guide -- from Boston Parks Dept. Approved Tree List

Under Wire Species (Shorter Trees)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT (FT)
<i>Acer campestre</i>	Hedge Maple	25-40
<i>Acer ginnala</i>	Amur Maple (Single-stem)	15-18
<i>Amelanchier canadensis</i>	Shadblow Service berry (Single stem)	15-25
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern redbud (single-stem)	20-30
<i>Crataegus crusgalli</i> 'var. <i>inermis</i> '	Thornless Cockspur Hawthorn	20-30
<i>Maackia amurensis</i>	Amur maackia	20-30
<i>Malus</i> spp.	Crab Apple	15-25
<i>Parrotia persica</i>	Persian Parrotia, Persian Ironwood	20-40
<i>Prunus</i> x. ' <i>autumnalis</i> '	Cherry	30-40
<i>Prunus</i> x. <i>sargentii</i>	Cherry	25-35
<i>Prunus</i> x. <i>yedoensis</i> Yoshino	Cherry	20-30
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American Hophornbeam	25-40
<i>Syringa reticulata</i>	Japanese Tree Lilac	20-30

Tall Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	HEIGHT (FT)
<i>Acer</i> x <i>freemanii</i> 'Jeffersred'	Freeman maple 'Autumn Blaze'	40-60
<i>Acer</i> x <i>freemanii</i> 'Marmo'	Freeman maple 'Marmo'	40-60
<i>Acer miyabei</i> 'morton'	Miyabe maple 'State Street'	40-50
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple	40-60
<i>Acer rubrum</i> 'Columnaris'	Columnar Red Maple	40-60
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple	60-75
<i>Aesculus hippocastanum</i>	Horsechestnut	50-75
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Common Hackberry	40-60
<i>Cerciphyllum japonicum</i>	Katsura Tree	40-60
<i>Corylus colurna</i>	Turkish Filbert (Hazelnut)	40-50
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> (Male)	Ginkgo	50-80
<i>Gleditsia triacanthos</i>	Honeylocust	30-70
<i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i>	Kentucky Coffeetree	60-75
<i>Koelreuteria paniculata</i>	Goldenraintree	30-40
<i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>	Sweetgum	60-75
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tuliptree	70-90
<i>Metasequoia glyptostroboides</i>	Dawn Redwood	70-100
<i>Nyssa sylvatica</i>	Black Tupelo	30-50
<i>Platanus</i> x. <i>acerifolia</i> 'Bloodgood'	London Planetree	70-100
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak	50-60
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak	70-75
<i>Quercus imbricaria</i>	Shingle Oak	50-65
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur oak	70-80
<i>Quercus rubra</i>	Red Oak	60-75
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak	60-70
<i>Quercus phellos</i>	Willow Oak	40-60
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	Chestnut Oak	60-70
<i>Quercus shumardii</i>	Shumard Oak	40-60
<i>Sophora japonica</i> 'Regent'	Japanese Sophora	50-75
<i>Tilia cordata</i>	Little-Leaf Linden	60-70
<i>Tilia tomentosa</i>	Silver linden	50-70
<i>Ulmus americana</i> (disease resistant)	Elm	70-100
<i>Ulmus parvifolia</i>	Chinese Elm	40-50
<i>Zelkova serrata</i> 'Village Green'	Village Green Zelkova	50-80

Edible Fruit and Nut Trees

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	TYPE
<i>Malus domestica</i>	Apple	Fruit
<i>Prunus armeniaca</i>	Apricot	Fruit
<i>Prunus cerasus</i> , <i>Prunus avium</i>	Cherry	Fruit
<i>Prunus persica</i>	Peach	Fruit
<i>Pryus pyrifolia</i>	Pear	Fruit
<i>Prunus domestica</i> , <i>Prunus salicina</i>	Plum	Fruit
<i>Castanea sativa</i> , <i>Castanea mollissima</i>	Chestnut	Nut
<i>Corylus avellana</i>	Filbert	Nut
<i>Carya illinoensis</i>	Pecan	Nut
<i>Juglans</i> spp.	Walnut	Nut