

## McLean Neighborhood Tree Program

For homeowners who want trees in their front yards to improve the neighborhood.

### **McLean Trees Foundation (MTF) will:**

- Come to your house to review the site, discuss the program and set a planting date;
- Select for you a native tree with a trunk diameter of about an inch;
- Consider your preferences, tree availability and the growing conditions in your yard when choosing your tree;
- Deliver the tree to your yard and help you plant it;
- Give you information on maintenance of the tree; and
- Visit you from 1 to 6 months after planting to check on the health of the tree.

### **You, the homeowner, will:**

- Submit an application;
- Pay a \$50 fee to cover program costs;
- Assist in the tree planting, as you are able; and
- Maintain the tree (water, weed, mulch), with the guidance of the MTF.

## Why Plant a Tree?

- Trees increase property values by 10-15%.
- Homes with trees sell faster and for higher prices than homes without trees.
- One 25 foot tree reduces annual heating and cooling costs by 8-12%.
- Mature trees surrounding a home cool the air in the summer by 5-10 degrees.
- Trees on the North side of a house break the wind, reducing heating costs by 5%.
- Tree-lined streets make more attractive neighborhoods, improving the community.

## Trees

Cool Us

Clean the Air

Prevent Erosion

Feed and Shelter Birds

Prevent Stormwater Runoff

Release Oxygen

Make Us Happy

Are Beautiful

*Improve your Neighborhood -  
Plant a Tree!*

## The Trees We Plant

- Are native to Virginia;
- Have trunks of about one-inch diameter; and
- Are canopy (tall) and understory (shorter) trees.

They include: Oaks, Black Gum, Elm, Bald Cypress, Sweet Gum, American Holly, Eastern Red Cedar, Fringe Tree, Redbud, American Hornbeam, Sweetbay Magnolia and Serviceberry. See the MTF website for details.

## How to Apply

You can download an application from [www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org](http://www.McLeanTreesFoundation.org) or request one at: [info@McLeanTreesFoundation.org](mailto:info@McLeanTreesFoundation.org).

To apply for a tree, you must be the owner of the property where it will be planted.

MTF must receive the \$50 fee prior to scheduling a planting date. You may mail a check to MTF, pay at the first home visit, or make a secure on-line payment on the MTF website.

MTF will approve applications on a first-come first-served basis.

Although MTF plants trees only in the spring and fall, applications are accepted year around.

You may apply for more than 1 tree. Homeowners Associations may apply for trees for a neighborhood.



The McLean Trees Foundation is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to:

- Preserve, plant and maintain trees in McLean;
- Educate the public on the importance of trees; and
- Assist the public in taking an active role in planting and caring for trees.

Working to  
Preserve and Restore  
McLean's Urban Forest

*Volunteer!  
Donate!*

Send questions or comments to:  
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SMALL UNDERSTORY TREES	
<b>American Hornbeam</b>	very hard wood; tolerates shade
<b>Fringe Tree</b>	fragrant white flowers
<b>Redbud</b>	heart-shaped leaves; pink-purple flowers
<b>Serviceberry</b>	white flowers in April; edible berries in June
<b>Sweetbay Magnolia</b>	fragrant white flowers
LARGE SHADE TREES	
<b>American Elm</b>	improved cultivars
<b>Bald Cypress</b>	deciduous conifer; soft, feathery leaves
<b>Black Gum</b>	brilliant red fall color
<b>Pin Oak</b>	pyramidal shape
<b>Sweetgum</b>	brilliant mix of colors in fall; brown, spikey, fruit.
<b>White Oak</b>	slow grower; valuable for wildlife
<b>Willow Oak</b>	durable, fine textured
EVERGREENS	
<b>American Holly</b>	red berries; white flowers; food for birds
<b>Eastern Red Cedar</b>	purple-blue berries; food for birds

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Plant a Tree in  
Your Front Yard  
With Help From the  
McLean Trees Foundation

*Make Your Neighborhood  
Greener!*

Applications Available

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