

Partners in Parks program

Community planting of large trees in neighbourhood parks



Large trees for neighbourhood parks

Help enhance the urban forest and create habitat for pollinators in Waterloo! Neighbourhood groups can host a planting project in your neighbourhood park this fall. This park project will involve planting and maintaining up to 15 large deciduous trees. The City will support you every step of the way and will obtain the necessary permits, trees and supplies.

We're looking for neighbourhood groups to:

- Reach out to folks in the neighbourhood to help out with your park project.
- Coordinate the planting of up to 15 trees in one or two neighbourhood parks.
- Host a planting event, typically during a Saturday morning or afternoon in September or October.
- Schedule regular watering of the trees, every two weeks from May to September for two years after planting.

Where can the trees be planted?

- In parks with a nearby water source (e.g. ice rink hydrant or other water source).
- In parks with minimal shade (i.e. low tree canopy cover or parks with significant tree removal).
- Near playgrounds, seating areas and public trails for shade, and/or around the park boundary.

Application process:

- Select one or two parks in your neighbourhood that meet the criteria and coordinate with your neighbourhood to gauge interest.
- Two adult project coordinators complete the online application form by May 31.
- In June, City staff review applications and select up to five fall planting projects; additional project information is provided at this time.
- In July and August, the selected project coordinators work with City staff to firm up details such as species selection, notifying nearby residents and coordinating the fall planting event.

