



CHICAGO TREES INITIATIVE

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Lead Agencies

Mayor's Office,
City of Chicago

City of Chicago Department
of Streets and Sanitation,
Bureau of Forestry

City of Chicago Department
of Transportation,
GreenStreets Division

City of Chicago Department
of Environment

Partner Agencies

Association of Professional
Landscape Designers
Midwest

Chicago Botanic Garden

Chicago Gateway Green
Chicago Park District

City of Chicago,
Department of Zoning &
Land Use Planning

Friends of the Parks

Grant Park Conservancy

Illinois Arborist Association

Illinois Chapter, American
Society of Landscape
Architects

Illinois Department of
Transportation

Illinois Green Industry
Association

Illinois Landscape
Contractors Association

Midwest Ecological
Landscaping Association

The Morton Arboretum

NeighborSpace

Openlands

TREE Fund

USDA Forest Service

Chicago Trees Initiative is

a city-wide, public-private effort to significantly expand the tree canopy in the City of Chicago over the next 30 years. This means many more trees will be planted in our great city, which is already known for its green urban spaces. Every Chicago resident – and indeed, *anyone* who cares about trees has an important role to play. The goal invites *all of us* to be involved in planting and caring for trees on both public and private land.

The Mission of the Chicago Trees Initiative is

to inspire a social and civic movement that will involve all of us in meeting the goal of expanding Chicago's tree canopy. Succeeding will require the collaboration of many partners, including:

- Community-based and non-profit groups
- City, state and federal agencies
- Developers, architects and urban planners
- Professional organizations in the green industry
- Private-property owners
- All Chicagoans

Chicago Trees Initiative will

- Plant more trees
- Improve tree maintenance and conservation
- Educate and empower urban forest stewards
- Advocate for tree funding and protection
- Help implement Chicago's Urban Forest Agenda 2009

Get Involved

in the health and environment of your neighborhood and our city by committing to taking care of the trees near you. Want more information? Contact Openlands' TreeKeepers (www.openlands.org) or Friends of the Parks (www.fotp.org). You could plant a tree in your yard (see "List of Recommended Species," attached). Need help? Contact The Morton Arboretum (www.mortonarb.org) or Chicago Botanic Garden (www.chicago-botanic.org) for tips on planting trees. Don't have a yard or room to plant? Volunteer to plant trees with Chicago Gateway Green (www.gatewaygreen.org). All of our Chicago Tree Initiative partners plant and maintain trees – and are just waiting for you to get involved!

Another way to get involved is to give! The City of Chicago will do its part but as the city's urban forest expands, so does the cost of upkeep. You or your employer can help plant and maintain trees by contributing to the "Urbs in Horto" tree fund, administered by the Chicago Community Trust (www.cct.org/urbsinhorto). Also, Chicago Park District's Green Deed Tree Dedication Program allows you to have a tree planted in the park of your choice (www.chicagoparkdistrict.com).

For more information

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