



Taking Root Project Application

Does your organization want to plant trees on its property – or remove honeysuckle or other invasive woody plants – if it only had the manpower, expertise, training, or funds? Taking Root is accepting applications for tree planting projects in need of funding. If your request exceeds \$2,000, please contact us to discuss additional funding options. Taking Root can also help you find volunteers to assist with labor and provide expertise.

Project applications will be reviewed twice a year:

For **spring projects**, applications can be submitted between September 1 and December 31, and you will be notified in February if your project is selected.

For **fall projects**, applications can be submitted between March 1 and June 30, and you will be notified in August if your project is selected.

When preparing your application, please consider the following:

- 1.5" – 2" caliper trees (6-8 feet tall) cost about \$200 each, including delivery.
- 3 gallon container trees (approx. 1 inch in diameter and 4 feet tall) cost about \$20 each.
- 1 year old, bare root seedlings cost \$.50 - \$.75 each (plan on about 400 per acre for a reforestation project).
- Fully completed applications including a detailed budget of how funds will be spent and a 2-3 year care plan include provisions for watering and maintaining trees for 2-3 years after planting is required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
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We are happy to help you with the selection of appropriate trees for your project and to answer your tree related questions. In order to keep the application process unbiased, we can't help you develop your project or plans. If your project is selected, we are happy to offer our expertise to help you refine your plans.

Project review criteria can be found [HERE](#) (*Project review sheet will be available online for download*).

Terms of funding agreement can be found [HERE](#) (*Agreement letter will be available online for download*).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Project Manager First Name:

Project Manager Last Name:

Position/Title:

Organization applying for grant:

Email:

Phone:

MAILING ADDRESS

Street:

City:

State:

Zip:

GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

County of Project:

- Boone
- Butler
- Campbell
- Clermont
- Dearborn
- Hamilton
- Kenton
- Warren

Project Type:

- Landscape/Streetscape Tree Planting
- Seedlings/Reforestation
- Invasive plant removal

Project Date:

PROJECT DETAILS

Number of trees to be planted:

(Answer N/A if not a tree planting project)

Number of acres to be forested:

(Answer N/A if not a tree reforestation project)

Acres of invasives to be cleared:

(Answer N/A if not an invasive plant removal project)

Which of the following Taking Root strategic plan elements does your project address?

(Choose all that apply)

- Increase the number of trees planted and improve canopy cover in our region.
- Educate and promote awareness of the need for trees and canopy
- Create and/or strengthen partnerships and collaboration
- Provide opportunity for media publicity of your project.

Please elaborate: (1,000 Character Limit)

Is the project in an ecological priority area (for example: stream corridor, steep hillside)?

- Yes
- No

If yes, what are the characteristics of the area? (500 Character Limit)

Does the project include planting native species?

- Yes
- No

Does the project benefit low income or low canopy communities?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please name the area where the trees will be planted (500 Character Limit)

Will this project help increase local canopy diversity?

(Will you be increasing the variety of trees in the immediate area and/or surrounding community)

- Yes
- No

Maintenance Plan:

Please provide details of how you plan to care for newly installed trees/seedlings for at least 2-3 years? (1,000 Character Limit)

PROJECT BUDGET AND ASSISTANCE

Type of assistance requested:

- Supply of trees
- Consulting/planning
- Tools
- Materials
- Training of volunteers
- Volunteer labor
- Project supervision
- Financial

Number of Volunteers needed from Taking Root:

Number of Volunteers you can provide:

Project Budget:

Include total project budget and an income and expense breakdown of how funds from Taking Root will be used. (NOTE: Funds from Taking Root may only be used for the purchase of trees and to cover costs directly related to their planting, such as mulch, deer protection and, delivery) (1,000 Character Limit)

TR Funds Other Funds

Trees

Materials

Delivery

Portion of budget funded by your organization:

Answer N/A in None (500 Character Limit)

Does the project leverage additional resources?

- Yes
- No
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If Yes, what is the cash or in-kind services match? (If no answer N/A) (500 Character Limit)

Additional Project details: (Character Limit 1,500)

Tell us more about your project