

Property Owners - Keep this page for your records

Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in Pittsburgh

TreeVitalize Pittsburgh, a partnership to restore tree cover in the Pittsburgh region, invites you to join in the effort by planting a tree on your property. If you would like to participate, please read and sign the attached "City of Pittsburgh Tree Planting Request Form." Street trees are defined as trees planted between a street curb and sidewalk. TreeVitalize also supports a limited number of trees planted in front yards where the tree provides a benefit to the public right-of-way.

By signing the Tree Planting Request Form, you, the property owner, agree that:

- A representative of TreeVitalize Pittsburgh will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for a tree(s) to be planted.
- TreeVitalize Pittsburgh will determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
- If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement.
- You will water the tree (approximately 20 gallons per week– the cost is less than \$1 per year) March through December for two years.
- You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify TreeVitalize Pittsburgh if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.
- If you cancel the tree installation after signing this form and the pavement has been cut, you will be responsible for replacing the pavement at your expense.

You understand that:

- Your request for a tree may be denied—not all sites are appropriate for tree planting.
- Street trees and trees in the public right-of-way are the property and responsibility of the City of Pittsburgh. Trees planted outside of the public right-of-way are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only the City of Pittsburgh can authorize major pruning or removal of street trees.

The Benefits of Trees

- Increase property values
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods
- Save energy, cut heating and air-conditioning costs
- Shade and cool neighborhoods reducing temperatures on the hottest summer days
- Clean pollutants out of the air and water
- Reduce storm water runoff
- Buffer and reduce noise
- Promote community interaction, renewal
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife

TreeVitalize Pittsburgh is a joint program of Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The TreeVitalize Pittsburgh 2008 Neighborhood Planting Program will support community tree plantings by supplying trees and limited services to help prepare planting locations. For more information, go to www.treevitalizepgh.org.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM

I _____ the property owner of _____
(PRINT/Property Owner Name) (PRINT/Address including "ST." "AVE.")

request that the City of Pittsburgh plant tree(s) on the public right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand the planting of trees may necessitate the City of Pittsburgh cutting an opening in the sidewalk approximately 30 feet (at a minimum of 3' wide) to accommodate the tree planting.

I hereby acknowledge that I am the owner of the above said property. I hereby request the City of Pittsburgh to supply and install a tree(s) to be located on the municipal right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand that there is no charge for this service. I agree to perform general upkeep of the tree planting bed by weeding, annually mulching, and providing water for establishment and during drought periods.

I also understand this form does not guarantee that a tree(s) will be placed adjacent to my property. Upon receipt of this request, the TreeVitalize Coordinator will do a site analysis to determine the suitability of planting a tree at this location.

Please initial all that apply and sign below: Note: Agreement is required for starred (*) items

____ I have read and understand the terms described in "Agreement to Plant a Street Tree." *

____ I agree to share in the responsibility to care for the requested tree(s).*

____ I understand my site may require removing concrete, sidewalk or paving materials in order to plant this tree and I give permission to have this done. *

____ I am willing to volunteer to help plant my tree. (Not required)

____ I am willing to help care for other trees in my neighborhood. (Not required)

Property Owner _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____
Signature

Address _____
Pittsburgh, PA Zip _____

Neighborhood _____ Ward _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ Email: _____

Please return completed **TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM** to:

**City of Pittsburgh
Planning Department – TreeVitalize Coordinator
200 Ross St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15219**

OR

If this request is part of a coordinated effort within your neighborhood or business district please return to the individual or organization listed below. This individual or organization will assemble and forward all requests to the City.

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