150 FREE TREES ARE COMING TO WAUKEGAN
Reserve Yours Today!

WAUKEGAN GREENSCAPE PROJECT
A new grant allows 100 qualifying Waukegan homes to have a beautiful tree planted in the front yard – **free**! 50 more are being planted in public spaces. These trees:

- Have a retail value of $530
- Add beauty and value to your property
- Bring shade and clean air to your yard

Increase your benefits by getting your neighbors to join in. Research shows people are happier, safer, and healthier in neighborhoods filled with trees!

Submit the enclosed form to FreeTree@Openlands.org by March 15

TO QUALIFY
- Your front yard has a sunny spot suitable for a small, medium or large tree (trees are approximately 7 feet tall when planted).
- The property owner – you or your landlord – agree to water and care for it for 3 years.
- You live in Waukegan. Priority is given to the area bound by Green Bay Rd on the west, Lewis Ave on the east, Grand Ave on the south, and Bonnie Brook Lane on the north.

HOW IT WORKS
- Fill out the enclosed form.
- Take a photo or scan the completed form.
- Email the completed form to freetree@openlands.org by March 15.
- Openlands will visit your front yard in March. We’ll look for a good sunny spot, and mark it with a small white flag. We’ll select a tree type that can thrive there, based on space, light, and inventory. We’ll ask JULIE to mark where utilities might be buried, so we can avoid them while digging.
- The City’s trained crew will plant your tree in spring.
- You’ll enjoy your new tree and care for it as it grows. To make it easier, we’ll give you a free watering bucket and instructions.
- Questions? Call (312) 863-6286
Return this form by March 15, 2021
Send a photo or scan of this completed and signed form to FreeTree@Openlands.org

Tree Maintenance Agreement
This Tree Maintenance Agreement between Openlands and the Applicant certifies that customary and reasonable tree care and maintenance will be performed three years after planting for trees planted under the terms of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Grant.

- Mulch and water tree(s) appropriately for three years to enable tree(s) to become fully established and thrive. During the growing season, May through October, approximately 10-15 gallons of water or 1” of water should be applied once weekly to the root ball of newly planted trees unless adequate soil moisture is present.
- Maintain a 3” – 4” layer of organic, wood chip mulch in a circular area around the base of the tree, that is at least 3 feet in diameter. Loosen the mulch as well to prevent compaction.
- Keep all tags, rope and wire ties removed. Stakes will not be used, except in windy locations, and will be removed after 1 yr.
- Monitor tree(s) for pests or other signs of stress, and remedy or notify Openlands when appropriate and possible.

I certify that, according to the above, I will comply with tree maintenance requirements.

Applicant Signature ___________________________________ Address where tree will be planted ____________________________

LANDOWNER WAIVER AND RELEASE

[_________________________________________] ("Landowner") has requested that The Morton Arboretum (the “Arboretum”), Openlands, and the City of Waukegan (“Co-Sponsors”; collectively, the Arboretum and the Co-Sponsors shall be referred to herein as the “Coordinating Partners”) enter onto Landowner’s property commonly known as [_________________________________________] (the “Property Address”) for the purpose of planting trees on the Property as coordinated by the Coordinating Partners and in concert with the Landowner (the “Project”).

WARNING OF RISK The Coordinating Partners are committed to conducting this Project in a safe manner and strive to reduce risks of injury to persons and property. Notwithstanding such precautions, you, as the Landowner, are voluntarily agreeing to giving the Coordinating Partners access to the Property with the knowledge of the risks and dangers involved, which include, but are not limited to the following: personal injury to you or your invitees and property damage to the Property and any improvements located thereon; all such risks to yourself being known and appreciated by you. Further, you are acknowledging that not all hazards or dangers can be foreseen and that the Coordinating Partners cannot guarantee absolute safety to persons or property even with the precautions it is undertaking; and that in order to obtain the benefits of the planting of the tree(s), you knowingly accept the risks of the known and unknown as described hereinbelow.

WAIVER AND RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK As lawful consideration of, and as part of the payment for, the right to participate in the Project, I hereby expressly agree to be responsible for my own welfare and assume all of the risks described herein, including both those known and unknown to me. As lawful consideration of, and as part of the payment for, the right to participate in the Project, I HEREBY EXPRESSLY AGREE TO RELEASE, DISCHARGE AND HOLD HARMLESS FOREVER the Coordinating Partners, their trustees, employees, shareholders, affiliated entities, employees, agents, representatives, officers, directors, associates, volunteers, successors and assigns from and against any liability, actions, causes of actions, debts, suits, claims, demands and expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorneys’ fees) of any and every kind and nature whatsoever which I now have or which may hereafter arise out of or in connection with the Project or participation in the activities arranged by the Coordinating Partners and for any loss of use of or damage to property sustained by myself, as Landowner, and resulting to the Property or any part thereof or any equipment therein or appurtenances thereto becoming in disrepair, or resulting from any damage, accident or event in or about the Property. I agree that the terms of this agreement shall serve as a complete release and express assumption of risk for myself, my heirs, successors, assigns, and legal representatives. It is my intention to fully assume all risks associated with this Project and to release the Coordinating Partners from any and all liability to the maximum extent permitted by law. I further agree to indemnify the Coordinating Partners against any claim by any person arising in whole or in part from an injury or other loss suffered or caused by me in connection with my participation in the Project.

☐ I have carefully read and understand the provisions and legal consequences of this Waiver and Release, and I hereby agree to all of its terms. I agree that execution of a facsimile counterpart or electronic transmission of this agreement shall be deemed execution of the original agreement. I hereby grant permission to the Coordinating Partners and its authorized agents to use, reproduce and publish my name, as well as photographs, videotapes, motion pictures taken of myself and my minor child(ren) in connection with this Project for any purpose including but not limited to publications, press releases, and on websites.

☐ Yes, you may use photographs/video of me, and my minor child(ren) taken in connection with the Project.

☐ No. Please do not use any photographs/video in which I am included. I will make myself known to event staff.

Signature: ___________________________________ Date: ______________________

Printed Name: ___________________________________ Email: ______________________

Full Address: ___________________________________ Phone: ______________________