

Community Tree Planting Volunteer Program

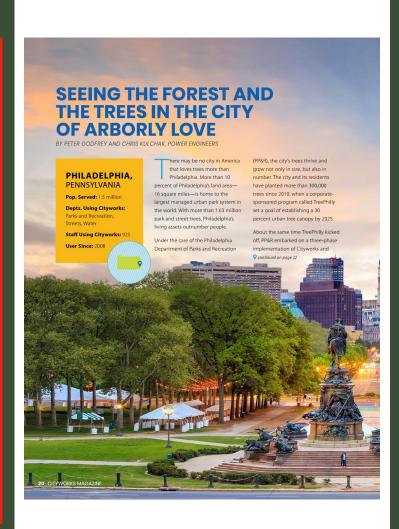


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Along one Los Angeles street, wealthy areas are shady and cool.



The tree canopy decreases and temperatures rise as you drive south.



On a warming planet, this divide between rich and poor leaves many at risk



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Volunteer Program Overview

- Grid out the City into quadrants for planting
- → The volunteer tree planting program will account for 2% of the annual reforestation of the City's Urban Forest and potentially more.
- → In 2022 we will be starting 3 quarterly Volunteer Tree Planting Days in conjunction with our four Corona Community Clean-Up Days
- → With the addition of the new Volunteer Coordinator position, the City will be recruiting Urban Forest Tree Volunteers



Volunteer Program (cont.)

- → Each volunteer to receive a Volunteer Orientation
- → Volunteers will distribute Tree Care Kits for the re-planting of shared responsibility trees
- → This saves on contractor costs with volunteers planting while providing education and community buy-in
- → In addition to our quarterly events, volunteers will work with the Community Services staff to design and host our first Arbor Day since 2019 celebrating our Urban Forest!



First Tree Volunteer Event

- → First Community Tree Planting Day
 - → Saturday, July 31, 2021
 - → 20+ trees planted at Jameson Park
 - → 80+ volunteers
- Moving forward: 3 Volunteer tree planting days a year (per quarter)
- → Volunteer Tree Planting Program will run October April
- → The Program will be managed by the Volunteer Program Coordinator in conjunction with the Parks & Trails Superintendent
- → Sign ups for quarterly events and additional volunteering will done through an interest list managed by the Volunteer Program Coordinator as well as through advertising on the City's social media platforms and Corona Insider newsletter



Outreach & Education

- Proper deep root watering techniques and materials such as Gator Bags
- Welcome packages for new tree plantings, including understanding the benefits and obligations of shared responsibility trees.
- → Proper tree planting methods
- Hands on tree planting days with community and staff arborists
- Community flyers and mailers with Urban Forest updates and FYI's
- → Quarterly social media updates
- → FAQ's for the Urban Forest listed on the Parks web page
- → Developing an "Ask the Arborist" series
- City Of Corona Tree City USA recipient







Community Partnerships

- Providing education material through schools and non-profits such as the YMCA or United Way
- Mulch giveaway for residents (March Mulch Madness)
- → Tree Day with West Coast Arborists (WCA)



Proposed Program Supplies

- T-Shirts Corona Urban Tree Forest Volunteer
- → Gator bags
- Educational material
- Door hanger
- Currently funded in the Urban Forest operating budget



We are all responsible together for a greener, healthier, more active Corona. When the City works with resident volunteers, the program becomes community's program not the City's program.

We make change together!



QUESTIONS?



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