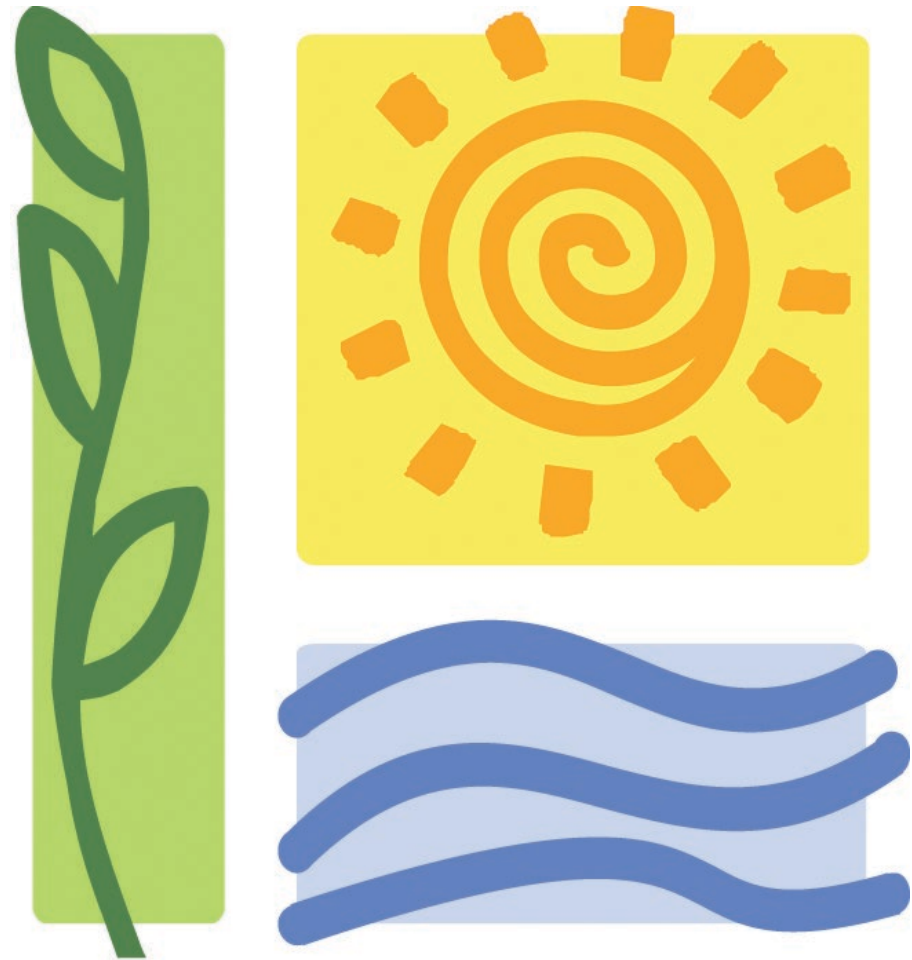


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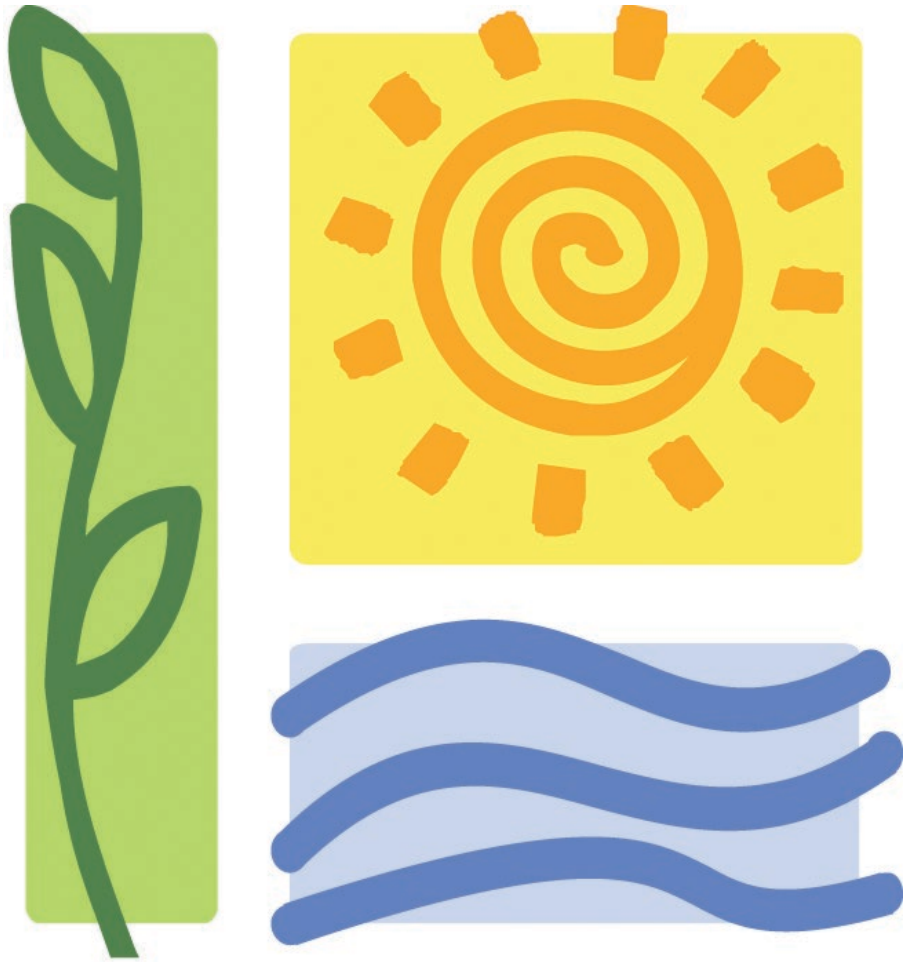
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Westwood, KS Planning Commission

Joe Wheelock – Program Manager Heartland Tree Alliance



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RECYCLING

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Stronger Communities Through Healthy Trees





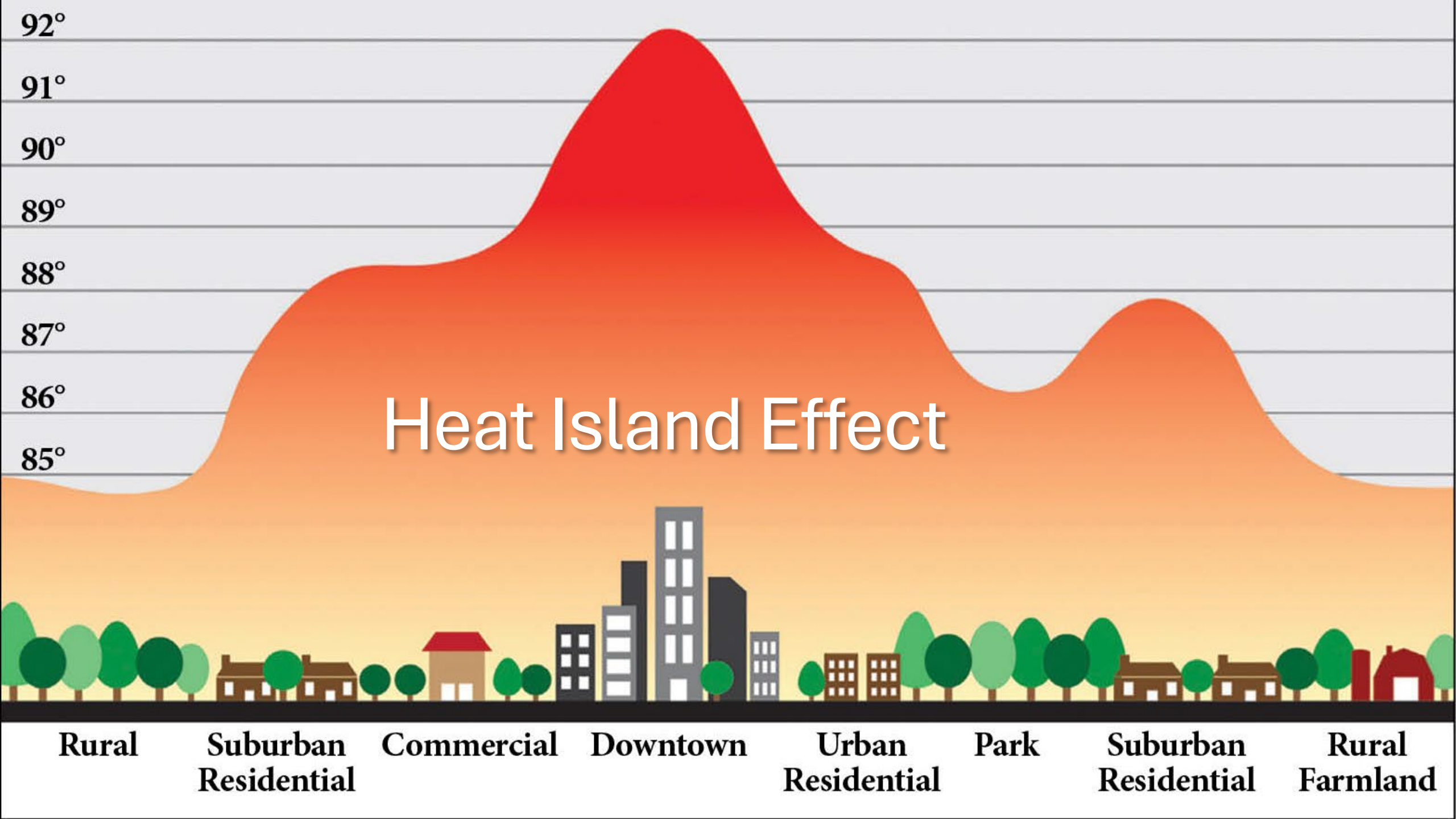
The Power of Green!

- Improves our health
- Makes our communities safer
- Improves the Economy
- Improves the environment

All the trees in our parks, along our streets,
in our yards, along our streams etc.

Our Urban Forest





Heat Island Effect

Rural

Suburban
Residential

Commercial

Downtown

Urban
Residential

Park

Suburban
Residential

Rural
Farmland

How do I get involved?

- Tree planting, pruning, and mulching workdays
- Educational outreach and awareness
- Pruning for Beginners
- **Tree Keepers**

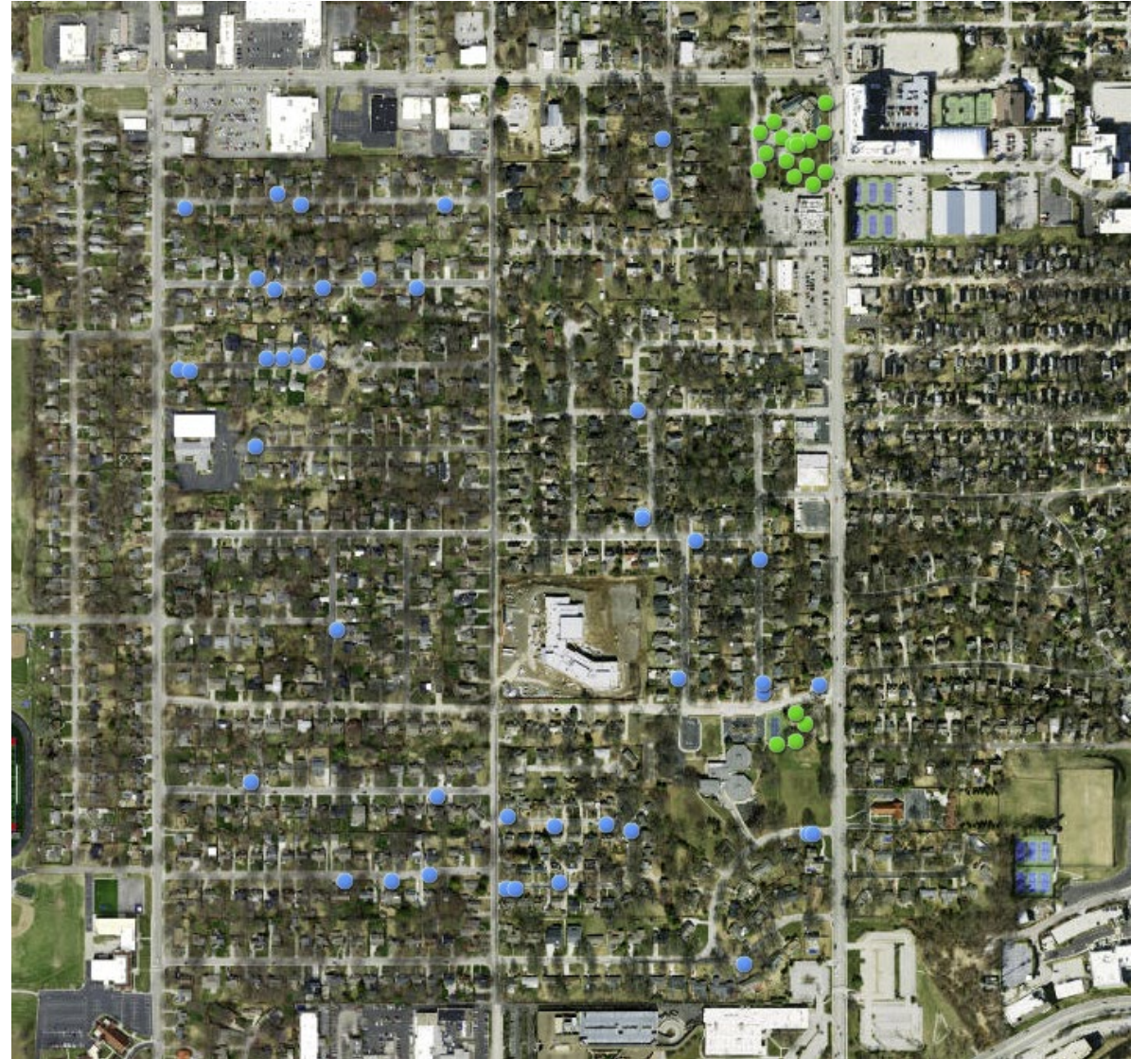




Tree Planting

Past Partnership

- 70 trees planted
 - 2019/2020
 - Funded by KFS



Our Different Models



RIGHT OF WAY
PLANTINGS



PARK PLANTINGS



PRIVATE TREE
PLANTINGS

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Residential Tree Grant

Merriam residents – get a free tree!

The City of Merriam is partnering with Heartland Tree Alliance and Bridging the Gap to plant 165 new trees throughout the City in 2024.

Trees and planting are free for you! They must be planted in the front yard (or you can choose the side yard if you live on a corner lot).

Residents may choose from a selection of ornamental or shade trees. Options are first come, first served, and limited to one tree per home.



Merriam, KS Tree Grant

Contact

Merriam Public Works

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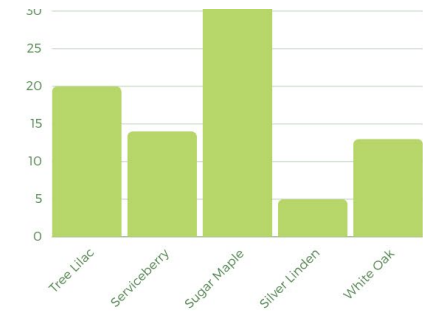
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Merriam Residential Tree Grant

- Interested in eco-benefits
- i-Tree report made for each tree planted
- Projected benefits for 20 years



20 YEAR PROJECTED BENEFITS

64,000	264,000
GAL STORMWATER RUNOFF AVOIDED	GAL RAINFALL INTERCEPTED

281,000
LBS CO₂ AVOIDED

HTA hosted two educational workshops in Merriam, KS attended by over 40 individuals 15 of which were residents of Merriam.

- Tree Keepers a 5 week short course on Tree Care
- From Lawn to Life: Benefits of Trees and Other Native Plants



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Young Tree Pruning

Look familiar?



Why Re-Wild your Lawn

- Use less water
- Require less maintenance once established
- Perennials sequester CO₂
- Adapted to our environment
- Food for wildlife
- Slows Storm Water





Sustainable landscape
solutions reimbursement
program for JOCO residents

DE SOTO, FAIRWAY, LAKE QUIVIRA, ROELAND PARK, MISSION WOODS, WESTWOOD, WESTWOOD HILLS & UNINCORPORATED JOHNSON COUNTY ONLY

Native Trees

- \$150 reimbursement cap per tree, up to two
- [Click here](#) to view/download approved native tree list
- [Click here](#) to submit reimbursement form

Rain Barrels

- Rain Barrel \$75 per barrel, up to two
- [Click Here](#) to submit reimbursement form

Rain Gardens/Native Plant Gardens

- \$1000 reimbursement cap
- must capture stormwater
- [Click here](#) to view/download approved pollinator/native plant list
- [Click here](#) to submit pre-approval form



NATIVE TREES



NATIVE PLANTS



RAIN BARRELS



RAIN GARDENS

Contain the Rain

- Reimbursement program for native tree & plant installation
- Funded on a first come, first served basis

Any Questions?



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