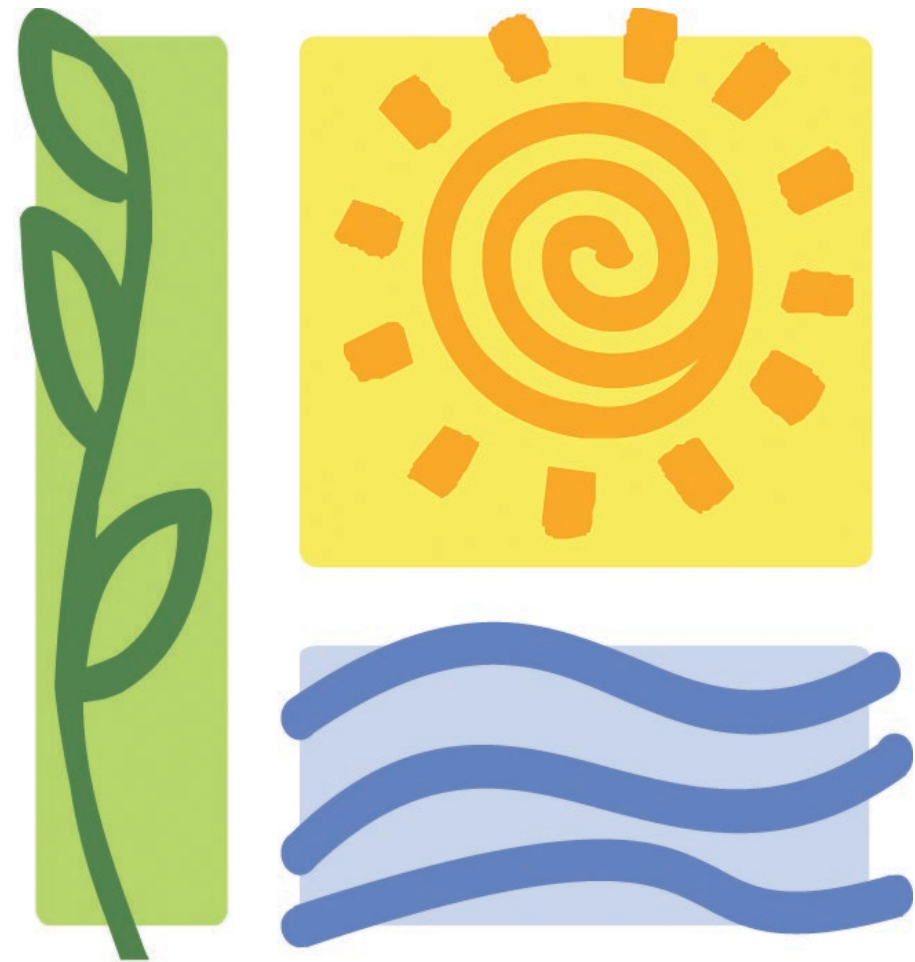


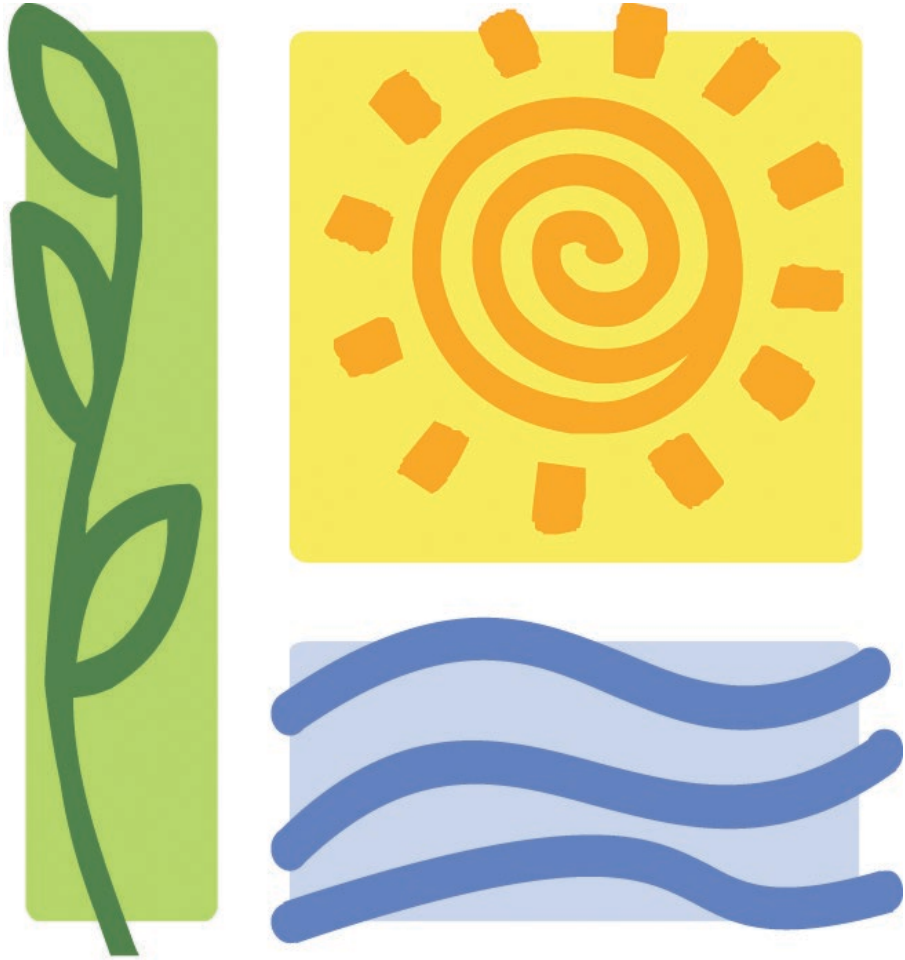
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Stronger Communities Through Healthy Trees





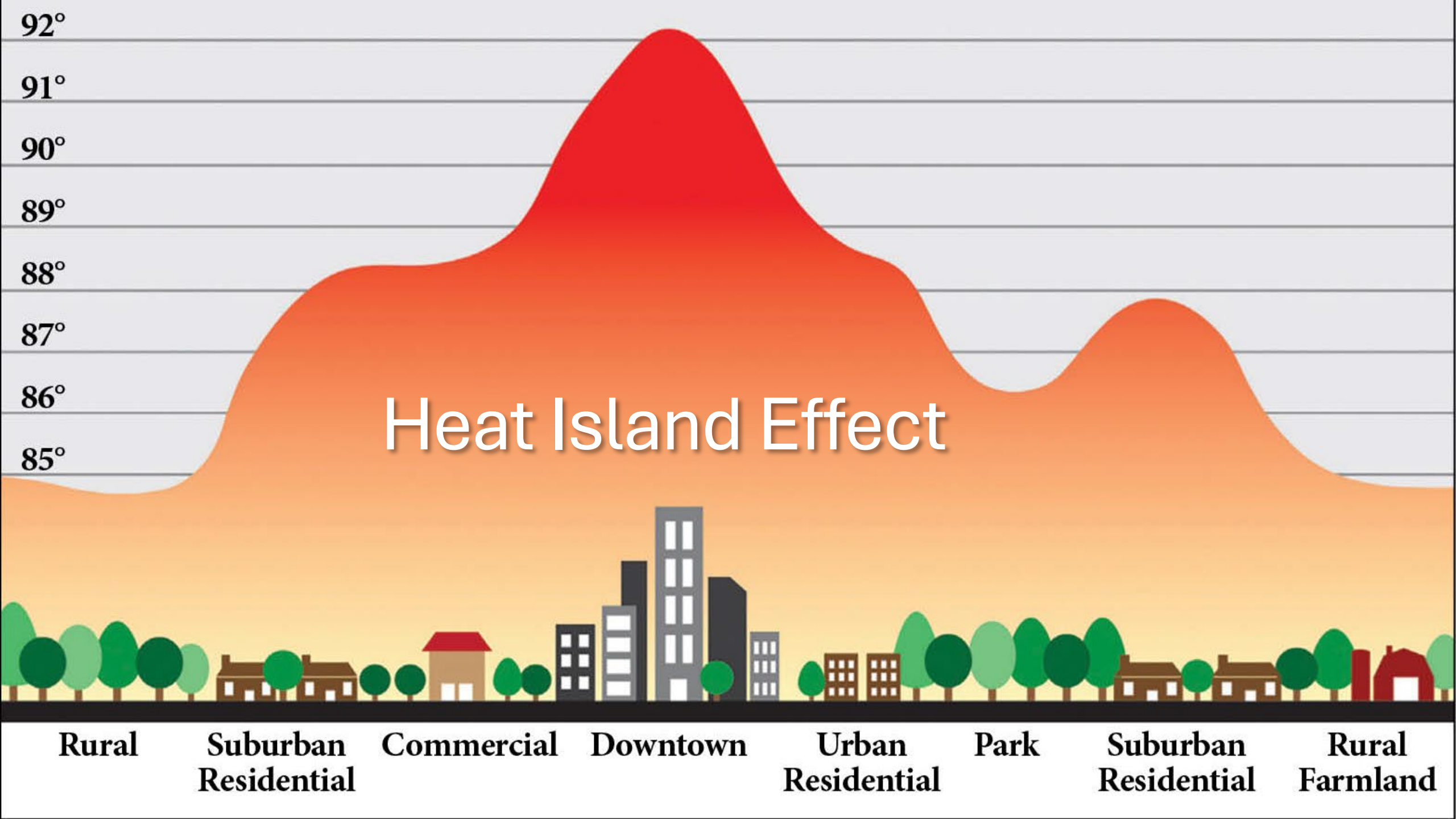
The Power of Green!

- 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





How do I get involved?

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



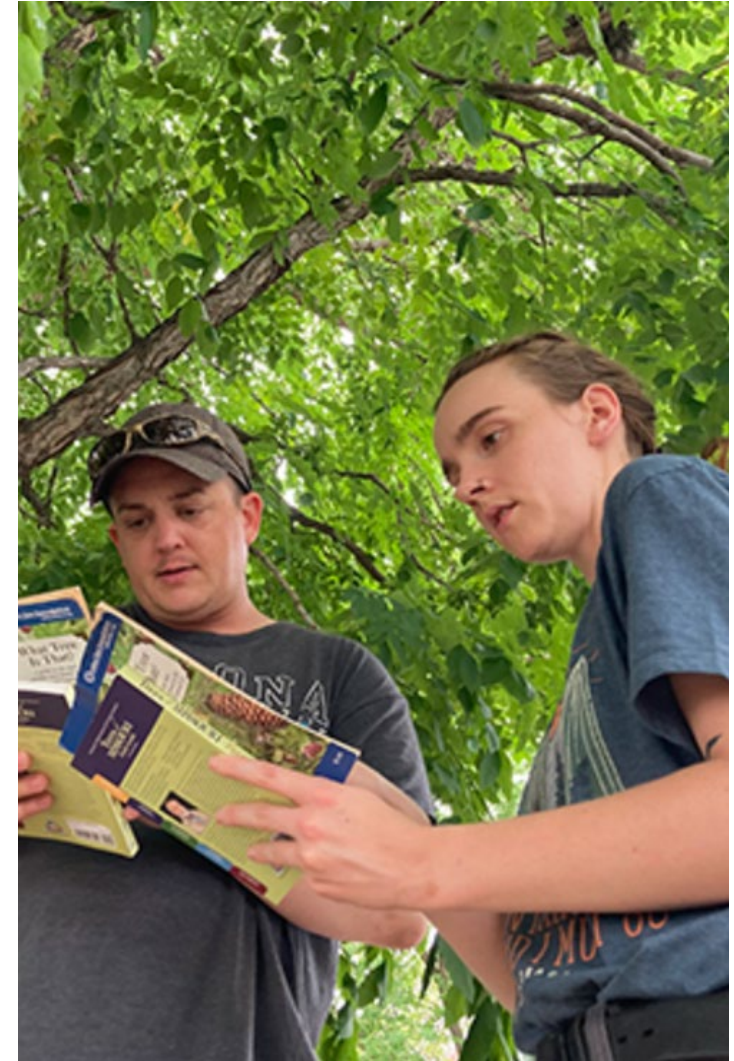


Tree Planting



Young Tree Pruning

Education & Outreach



Kansas City just passed an ordinance to make developers protect trees – or pay up

KCUR | By Savannah Hawley-Bates

Published March 17, 2023 at 3:00 AM CDT



Advocacy

Different Ways To Partner



RIGHT OF WAY
PLANTINGS



PARK
PLANTINGS



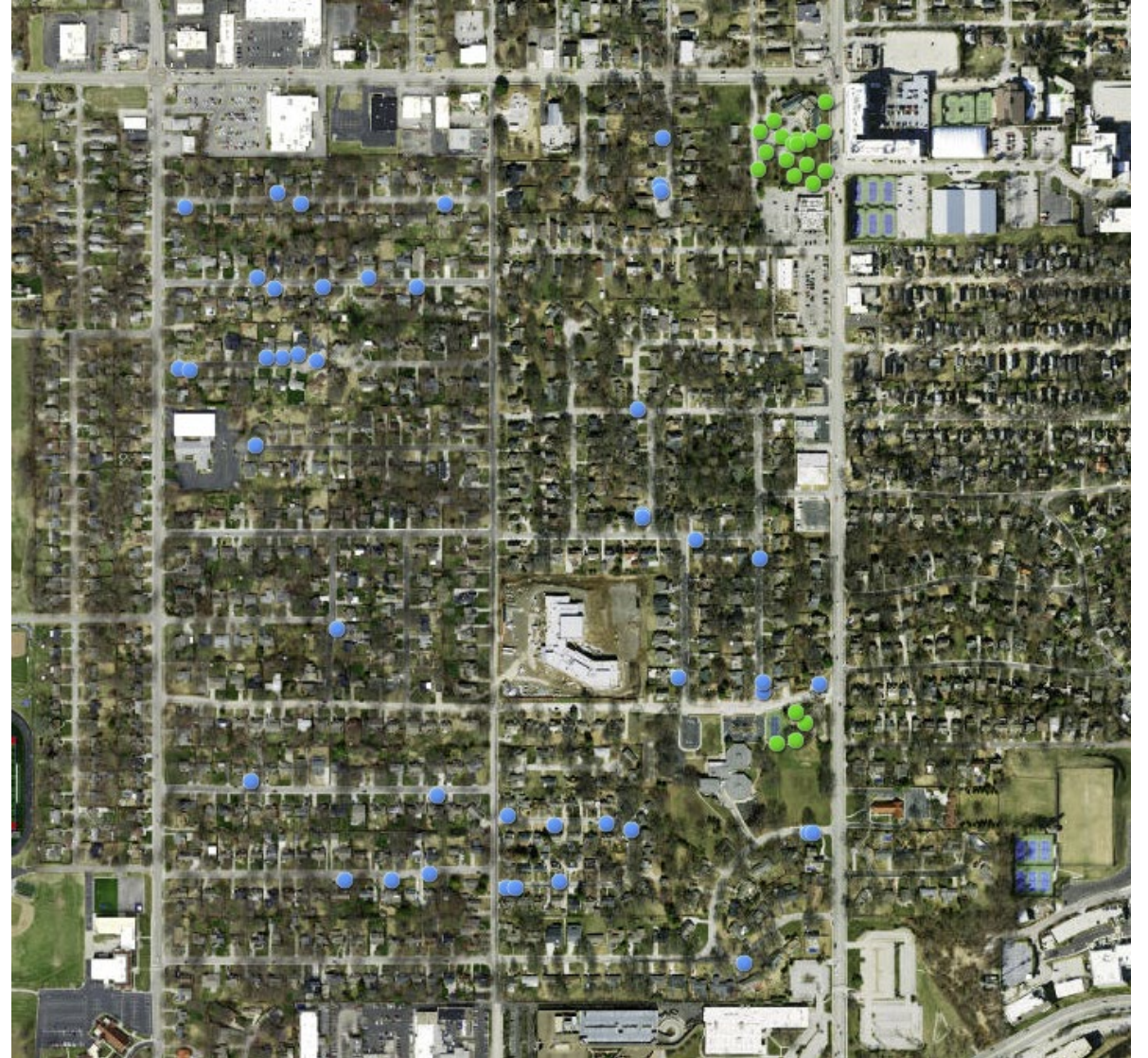
PRIVATE TREE
PLANTINGS



FREE TREE
GIVEAWAYS

Past Partnership

- 70 trees planted
 - 2019/2020
 - Funded by KFS
 - Street right of way & park trees



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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

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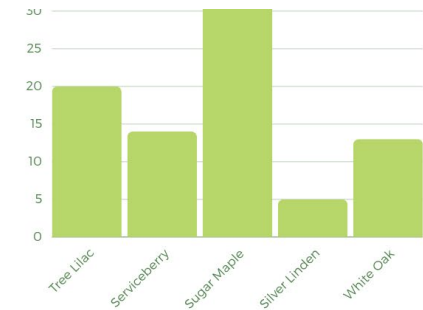
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Merriam Residential Tree Grant

- 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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Free Tree Give Aways: Canopy Cover KC

Any Questions?



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