



## **Tree Planting Application Deadline Approaches**

*August 25, 2023*

The City of Stow Urban Forestry Department offers homeowners the opportunity to cost-share the purchase of a tree for planting. The homeowner can choose to have a tree planted in either the City's right-of-way area (between the curb and sidewalk) or in the front or side private yard of their property if the property is on a corner lot. Stow's Landscape Arborist will choose the species of tree for the right-of-way area based upon the Stow Community Street Tree District Management Plan. The Arborist will consult with the homeowner to select the proper tree for planting in the private yard. The cost that the homeowner is required to pay is \$125 per tree or \$75 if the homeowner is a veteran, currently active in the military, or an active or retired first responder.

This cost is matched by the City of Stow and includes the following:

- A new tree;
- Planting by certified arborists;
- Mulching of the immediate area around the tree;
- A deer guard (which is removed after 2 to 3 years);
- A water bag (filled regularly by City on right-of-way trees and by the homeowner for private property trees); and
- A one (1) year nursery guarantee on all trees.

Trees provide many of the following benefits: increase property values, provide annual energy savings on air conditioning and heating costs, controls storm water run-off, provides shade, improves mental health, controls air pollution, and gives shelter to birds and other animals.

**The application deadline is October 31, 2023 for spring 2024 planting.**

Application forms and additional information can be obtained at [www.stowohio.org](http://www.stowohio.org), under Departments/Urban Forestry. You may also visit Stow City Hall at 3760 Darrow Road or call (330) 689-5121 to obtain an application or if you have any questions.