

Tree Maintenance Plan

The City of Flint will put out a request for proposal (RFP) to obtain a contractor. Said contractor will be responsible for the planting and mulching, staking, and pruning of planted trees through the first two years. Any maintenance thereafter will be provided by trained volunteers with Genesee Conservation District providing support.

Volunteers will be trained through engagement with Genesee Conservation District and educational materials. They will be educated about the basics of tree maintenance and how to notice maintenance issues that require professional services, which will be provided by GCD.

Trees will be inspected during waterings during the first two years. Genesee Conservation District and the City of Flint will inspect thereafter, following the City's Street Tree maintenance plan. Water will be delivered by contractor. Trees will be watered 14-16 times during the first year, 7-8 times the second year, and as needed during the third year. Genesee Conservation District will provide support for waterings.

Trees will be originally mulched by contractor. Additional mulching will be assessed at time of inspection and performed by Genesee Conservation District or trained volunteers if necessary.

Trees will be staked as a precaution. The City of Flint will work with the contractor and Genesee Conservation District to ensure that trees are properly staked and will inspect and remove as necessary. Planted trees are to be flagged and staked, and routine inspections will be done to ensure that trees remain in good health.

Tree health will be assessed during regular inspections and waterings. Trained volunteers will be provided the tools to identify tree health issues and when to contact Genesee Conservation District for professional services. The City of Flint and Genesee Conservation District will provide an annual evaluation of tree health.

Pruning will be performed by contractor during the first year and by Genesee Conservation District in the years after.

Trees will have a 12 month warranty provided by the contractor. All trees planted by this grant will have a 100% survival rate or be replaced. After 12 months, trees will be continually evaluated by the City of Flint and Genesee Conservation District.

To contact Genesee Conservation District, visit: <https://www.geneseeecd.org/>