

# Whitpain Township Shade Tree Commission

## **FREE Street Tree Planting Pilot Program**

Street Trees provide many ecological and aesthetic services which benefit our community. Shading our streets and creating a harmonious landscape are among the greatest benefits that increase the value of our properties and sense of community pride.

For these and many more reasons the Shade Tree Commission has created the **Whitpain Township Free Street Tree Program** to promote the establishment of new street trees which will benefit our community for generations to come and increase property values.

Through this pilot program Whitpain Township property owners will be able to obtain a free street tree, 2"-2.5" Cal., for their property, if they meet all the criteria in the application. Trees will be planted by approved contractors partnering with the Shade Tree Commission. The **FREE Street Tree Program** is limited, one street tree will be provided to the first qualifying applicants each year.

### **Qualifying Criteria for a Free Street Tree**

- Proposed street tree location must be within 10 feet of the street or sidewalk adjacent to the street.
- The street tree location must be clear of all underground and overhead utilities. Homeowners are required to call PA One Call to have utilities marked in advance of tree planting. This is a free service.
- Home-owner assumes all responsibility for the Street Tree including but not limited to regular thorough watering during the initial two year establishment period.
- Homeowner must sign a Homeowner Street Tree Agreement.

New Street Trees will be installed by one of Whitpain Township’s participating contractors listed on the Shade Tree Commissions portal of Whitpain Township’s website.

The trees listed in the Qualifying Street Tree List are native species selected because they are canopy species that will ultimately provide shade to the adjacent street and perform the most beneficial ecosystem services to our community.

### **Qualifying Street Trees**

| <u>Botanic Name</u>     | <u>Common Name</u> |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Acer rubrum             | Red Maple          |
| Acer saccharum          | Sugar Maple        |
| Carya ovata             | Shagbark Hickory   |
| Carya glabra            | Pignut Hickory     |
| Liriodendron tulipifera | Tulip Poplar       |
| Platanus occidentalis   | American Sycamore  |
| Quercus alba            | White Oak          |
| Quercus bicolor         | Swamp White Oak    |
| Quercus rubra           | Red Oak            |
| Quercus montana         | Chestnut Oak       |
| Quercus palustris       | Pin Oak            |
| Tilia americana         | Basswood           |

**Property Owner’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Property Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tree Planting Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_