

VILLAGE OF SKOKIE
2008 PARKWAY TREE PLANTING APPLICATION – SHARE COST PROGRAM

I wish to participate in the cost share tree-planting program. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$_____ to pay for the following tree(s).

Note: Trees will be planted in the spring and must be ordered before **FEBRUARY 15, 2008**. Please select a tree from the list below. The Forestry Division approves all trees and locations before the tree is planted. You will be notified when the location for your tree is marked prior to planting.

<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>TREE SPECIES</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>VILLAGE SHARE</u>	<u>YOUR SHARE</u>
	Kentucky Coffeetree	\$226	\$113	\$113
	Redmond Linden	\$260	\$130	\$130
	Triumph Elm	\$276	\$138	\$138
	Hackberry	\$310	\$155	\$155
	Swamp White Oak	\$258	\$129	\$129
	Chinkapin Oak	\$300	\$150	\$150
	Tuliptree	\$290	\$145	\$145
	Turkish Filbert	\$250	\$125	\$125
	Exclamation! Planetree	\$290	\$145	\$145
	Chanticleer Pear	\$230	\$115	\$115

Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Signature: _____

Please make your check payable to the **Village of Skokie** and mail to the Public Works Department, attn: Forestry Division, 9050 Gross Point Rd, Skokie, IL 60077 by **February 15, 2008**.

- Trees will be approximately 2 ½” in diameter and 12' tall when planted.
- Trees will be planted, mulched, and guaranteed for one year.
- This program is limited by budgetary constraints. Participation will be on a first come, first served basis. If we receive your check after the budgeted amount is exhausted, we will return your check and place you on the list for the fall 2008 planting season.
- Trees have already been selected and there are limited quantities of each variety. Please make a second choice selection in the event your first choice is not available.

SPECIES SELECTION

Kentucky Coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioica*) - This tree has a medium growth rate and an interesting appearance in the winter due to its unusual coarse branching habit and rough, gray bark. The leaflets are about the size of a quarter and are blue-green in the summer, turning yellow in the fall. With a height from 50' to 60' and a spread of 40' to 50', this tree has a broad to wide-spreading form. Due to its sparse branching habit and small leaves, this tree produces light shade and is often used around solar-heated buildings. About half the trees produce pods. For more info check out <http://plantfacts.osu.edu/Plant/>

American Linden (*Tilia americana*) – This beautiful linden sometimes known as basswood has a pyramidal upright habit with a medium growth rate. The mature height is 60' and the width is 40'. The heart-shaped leaves are light green and 2" to 3" long. This tree has small, fragrant flowers that bloom in June. The cultivar 'Redmond' has red twigs in late winter. Fall color is yellow to brown. For more info check out <http://plantfacts.osu.edu/Plant/>

Triumph Elm (*Ulmus* 'Morton Glossy') – This tree is a Dutch elm disease-resistant hybrid with lustrous dark green foliage. It has a good upright form with strong branching. This tree was developed at the Morton Arboretum and is an excellent replacement for the American elm. The mature size is 50' to 60' tall by 30' to 40' wide, slightly smaller than the American elm. It is resistant to many pests and diseases and is also tolerant of drought conditions. For more info check out <http://www.chicagolandgrows.org/trees/index.php>

Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) – This is a moderate to rapidly growing tree which will ascend to a height of 60' with a spread of 50'. The mature tree has a vase shaped form similar to the American elm. The most interesting characteristic of this tree is its cork-like bark. This tree will tolerate a wide range of sites. The fall color is yellow, but not outstanding. For more info check out <http://bestplants.chicago-botanic.org/plntindx.htm>

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) – This oak species is also native to Illinois and will grow to a mature height of 50' to 60' with an equal spread. The leaves usually turn yellow in the fall, but there is a fair amount of variability, and some trees will exhibit deep-red leaves. Exfoliating bark and persistent leaves offer winter interest. It is the easiest to transplant of all the oaks and prefers moist sites. As with any oak this tree produces acorns. For more info check out <http://bestplants.chicago-botanic.org/plntindx.htm> or <http://plantfacts.osu.edu/Plant/>

Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) – This is a smaller oak with a height of 40' to 50' and an equal spread. It is one of the few oaks that tolerates alkaline soil and urban pollution, but proper care is required for establishment. Long, toothed leaves have a beautiful wavy margin and a whitish underside; showy, yellow fall color; branches grow mostly upright or horizontal and will not droop; bark is a bold, scaly gray. Acorns are one-half inches in length with a scaly cap. It may take 20 years to bear the first crop. For more info check out http://www.na.fs.fed.us/pubs/silvics_manual/volume_2/quercus/muehlenbergii.htm

Tuliptree (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) A large shade tree that can grow up to 80' tall and 40' wide, it is also known as Yellow Poplar. This tree has an upright pyramidal habit in youth and middle age with a strong central leader. As it matures, the tree tends to have an oval-rounded habit. The leaves are 3" to 8" bright green which turn gold in the fall. The flowers are 2" to 3" yellow, orange, green and tulip-shaped, hence the name tuliptree. This is a good tree for wide parkways and side streets. It should not be planted on main roads because of its sensitivity to hot, dry winds and salt spray. For more info check out <http://bestplants.chicago-botanic.org/plntindx.htm>

Turkish Filbert (*Corylus colurna*) - This tree will grow to mature size of 35' to 45' with a spread of 20' to 30'. The leaves are 3" to 5" wide and deep green, changing to yellow in the fall. The tree produces one-half inch fruits in fringed husks. This tree is excellent for parkways because of its symmetrical shape and its ability to adapt to a wide range of soils. For more info check out <http://plantfacts.osu.edu/Plant/> or <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/trees/CORCOLA.pdf>

Exclamation! London Planetree (*Platanus x acerifolia* 'Morton Circle') - This tree is a new variety of the London Planetree which is one of the mostly widely planted urban trees throughout the world. It has cream to olive bark that is beautiful in the winter. The dark green leaves, 6" to 7" wide and 8" to 10" long, turn yellow/brown in the fall. It is similar to the American Sycamore, but has superior resistance to anthracnose foliar disease and bears less of the 1" diameter round fruit. The Exclamation variety has an upright to columnar growing shape which makes this large growing tree more applicable for parkway tree planting. For more info check out <http://www.chicagolandgrows.org/trees/exclondonplanetree.php/>

Chanticleer Pear (*Pyrus calleryana* 'Chanticleer') - This is a nice ornamental tree providing three seasons of beauty. It produces white flowers early in the spring. The glossy green leaves turn to purple/red in late fall. It has a height of 35' to 45' and a width of 20' to 30'. It produces a pea sized russet fruit that stays on the tree through the winter. For more info check out <http://bestplants.chicago-botanic.org/plntindx.htm>

Web sites for tree research:

Chicago Botanic Garden - <http://bestplants.chicago-botanic.org/plntindx.htm>

Chicagoland Grows - <http://www.chicagolandgrows.org/trees/index.php>

University of Illinois Extension - <http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/treeselector/>

Plant facts from Ohio State University - <http://plantfacts.osu.edu/Plant/>

Oregon State University, Department of Horticulture - <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/index.htm>