



TO: Councilman Matt Carlucci, City of Jacksonville
AMOUNT: \$15,000
PURPOSE: Funding for care of trees planted by Greenscape in COJ
Parks, volunteer training, and community
engagement

Introduction:

Greenscape of Jacksonville, Inc. seeks funds to improve the quality of tree care it is able to provide for trees it has planted in COJ Parks, for supplies for volunteers, and for community outreach. The objective is to train, recruit and supply volunteers to provide extra care for trees in parks. Photographs documenting the work will be available.

Scope:

Greenscape will create a volunteer group ("Tree Stewards") specifically to provide additional care for trees it has planted recently in city parks. The group will be led by Greenscape staff and will adhere to University of Florida/IFAS standards for care regarding watering, staking, mulching and pruning. Tree Stewards will provide supplemental watering (all Greenscape plantings in parks have a commercial watering contract that is originally grant-funded, but we seek the ability to provide additional watering during dry spells and to provide some additional care at the end of the first year).

We will raise volunteers to work in the following parks: Lem Merrett (20 trees), S-Line (50 trees), S-Line (50 trees), Lew Brantley Park (100 trees), and Brentwood Golf Course (50 trees). Other parks may be added as conditions warrant and funding is available. Work specified: watering using Greenscape watering tanks and vehicles, mulching, weeding, possibly pruning, park trash pick-up.

In addition, we will engage the community by providing materials for volunteers and specifically, we have been asked by one of our volunteer groups, Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority alumnae clubs, to work with its Youth Leadership Institute. We will host a small tree planting for the kids, provide a session on the benefits of trees, and provide information on "Careers in Urban Forestry."

Greenscape seeks funds for mulch, volunteer supplies and materials (gloves, grabbers, trash bags, tree care information), for the use and transport of rakes, watering tanks, hoses and buckets. The work will be completed in the next six months.

Thank you for your consideration - we are extremely grateful for your support of our work in the community.

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