

Urban Forestry Program 2021-2022

Dear Property Owner/Resident,

Thank you for your interest in planting a tree(s) along your property within the City right-of-way. The City of Erie is pleased to be able to partner with residents in the long-term care of our urban forest. After receiving your planting request, I will do an assessment of the site and make a determination as to where and what type of tree(s) may and/or may not be planted. I will also provide you notification of my determination.

Scheduled plantings by the City usually take place either in the spring or in the fall to give the trees the best chance for survival. If your tree planting request is approved, all the City asks is that you help to care for and water your tree. Watering is especially important throughout the first year after it is planted and for the next few years during the hot, dry summer months.

If you are requesting permission to purchase and plant an approved tree at your own expense, you may do so at any time after receiving approval. Remember however, spring and fall are still the best two times of year to plant new trees, because there is more water readily available for young roots and shoots to grow.

Your tree(s) will be counted towards the ReLeaf program, a tree planting initiative of the Lake Erie Arboretum at Frontier (LEAF). The City of Erie, along with other community organizations and members, are proud partners of ReLeaf. ReLeaf's mission is to educate, inspire and empower residents of Northwest Pennsylvania to positively impact the threat of climate change by planting trees in Erie County. With a goal of 275,000 trees - one for every citizen of Erie County - the City of Erie and ReLeaf appreciate your support! You may find more information about ReLeaf at www.releaferie.org or email releaferie@gmail.com.

If you have any questions or I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (814) 870-1255 or speelman@erie.pa.us.

Thank you,

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