Town of Millbury FY2019 Street Tree Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1) Who is eligible?

Any property within Town limits, residential or commercial, that abuts the following streets:

Cherry StreetMillbury AveRiverlin StreetGrafton StreetNorth Main StreetWaters StreetGrove StreetSouth Main StreetWest Street

Hamilton Street Summer Street Howe Avenue River Street

2) Why only those streets?

The grant required matching funds and the Town commitment only allows 30 trees to be purchased. To get the most visibility with only thirty (30) trees, this first round was concentrated on the main thoroughfares and downtown streets.

- 3) What is the cost to the property owner?
 - Zero. The trees were obtained using a DCR grant.
- 4) How many trees can I request? Up to two. Do not request a "tall tree" if your location has overhead power lines unless it is far enough that its height and width will not impact the wires.
- 5) What kind of trees are available?

The list is online on the "Sustainable Millbury" web page, which is located within the Planning Department. The list may also be obtained from the planning department.

- 6) Who will plant the tree(s)? The town.
- 7) Where will the tree be planted?

Abutting the road and visible from the road, within 30 feet of the street or sidewalk, whichever is further. Trees cannot be planted if they will block visibility for a driveway.

- 8) Who is responsible for watering and mulching for the first year?

 If the tree is within five feet of the street or sidewalk, the Town will water and mulch.

 If the tree is more than 5 feet from the street or sidewalk, the property owner shall water and mulch until the tree is established, usually one year.
- 9) How do I apply?

Submit the application form to the Planning Department at the Town Hall. The application form is online on the Sustainable Millbury web page, which is located within the Planning Department. The application can also be obtained from the Town Hall at 127 Elm Street.

10) The application form asks for the location of the tree. What does that mean?
You can submit coordinates in the form of latitude/longitude or include a diagram which shows at least two ties, such as distance to sidewalk/street and distance from house.

Still have questions? Please call the Town Planning Dept, 508-865-4754 and ask for Patricia Arp (Energy Manager) or Laurie Connors (Town Planner).