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TREES FOR RESTORATION, ECOLOGY, ECONOMY, & SOCIETY IN MISSISSIPPI



The Green Infrastructure Center (GIC) and the Mississippi Forestry Commission *Urban & Community Forestry* (UCF) program are pleased to announce a new comprehensive program for Mississippi communities to create and implement strategies to conserve and grow urban tree cover in disadvantaged neighborhoods. This program will expand the benefits communities receive from urban trees, which provide cleaner air, cooler summer temperatures, reduced flooding, and support for outdoor recreation and beautification.

Program features include support for:

▶ MAPS

- ✓ Tree canopy map and plantable areas analysis.
- ✓ Model showcasing and quantifying trees' ecosystem services of stormwater, air quality and urban cooling.

▶ An **URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN** that lays out planting strategies to encourage walkability, watershed protection, storm buffering and recovery, and revitalization of downtown or neighborhood beautification.

▶ **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** to engage residents in learning about tree benefits and how they can play a role in conserving and restoring tree cover.

▶ **PLANTING PROJECTS** to increase tree canopy in disadvantaged neighborhoods or to enhance community assets in these areas such as parks, schools, and community centers.

▶ **CODE AUDIT** of tree related city codes and recommended strategies to assist in creation of new policies.

Support for each community will be for 2 years with the 1st year primarily for planning and with the 2nd year for project implementation and planting.

HOW TO APPLY:

Visit this link <https://arcg.is/19ftjD0> or use the below QR code to complete the online application.



DEADLINE:

All applications due
APRIL 15, 2024

Still have questions?

OPTIONAL FREE WEBINAR ON APPLICATION PROCESS:

March 19, 2024 9am CDT
<https://attendee.got-owebinar.com/register/383096676449709661>

This assistance program is funded by the Inflation Reduction Act. Community-wide initiatives will focus on disadvantaged census tracts with implementation to occur solely on public lands within these nature-deprived neighborhoods.

To see if your city (minimum population 5,000) or tribal lands include these qualifying areas, click here:
<https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/>

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