

2011 Colorado Tree Coalition Grants

Grant #: 11-01
Applicant: Ordway Tree Board
Project Name: Ordway Cemetery Tree Planting Project
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 208
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 40
Estimated Completion Date: May 2010

Description: The Ordway Cemetery is located north of town, along the west side of Highway 71. Cemeteries are very sacred places; places where people go to connect with loved ones since passed. The landscape setting of cemeteries is very important. Trees add a critical element to this setting. Currently, the Ordway Cemetery has very few trees and no drip system. The wind blows constantly through the cemetery with nothing to stop it. So establishing a tree lined cemetery has been a goal of the community for many years, but the funding has been lacking. This year, however, many community members expressed interest in financially supporting the project. The tree board has been working with the CSFS on a plan to improve the cemetery through the planting of trees. As a focal point along Highway 71, it is our goal to plant 40 trees to adorn the perimeter of the cemetery, provide shade, aesthetics, improve air quality, sequester carbon and create a wind barrier for visitors. This project will provide much needed trees for the cemetery, plus the means to more effectively water them with the installation of a drip system.

Grant #: 11-02
Applicant: City of Cortez
Project Name: Cortez Softball Complex Tree Farm
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 79
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 220
Estimated Completion Date: July 30

Description: We presently have a Parks and Recreation/Forestry Advisory Board. This Board has compiled a Master Plan outlining goals and objectives for the Parks and Recreation Department. Many goals dealing with Urban Forestry have been accomplished such as updating and re-compiling a comprehensive tree inventory last year as well as taking a proactive stance on planting additional trees around town and in our park system (58 trees this year) as well as addressing pruning issues throughout the community. We have been a Tree City USA city for 18 years. One goal that we are eager to move forward with is the establishment of a Tree Farm/Arboretum. We have a Ballfield Complex with undeveloped acreage south of town that lends itself to such a project, especially since we have pressurized untreated water on-site that we intend to use for drip irrigation. We hope to plant seedlings and mid-sized trees in the area and use the trees, once they mature, for planting additional trees throughout the City and in our Park System. As noted in the tree inventory we have many varieties of trees in our community, but would like to continue to create more diversity for the future as well.

Grant #: 11-04
Applicant: Town of Hayden
Project Name: Hayden Parks Tree Planting
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 0
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 11
Estimated Completion Date: July 30

Description:

The Hayden Parks Tree Planting Project will affect three of the Hayden Parks: Dry Creek Park, Sagewood Park, and Lake Village Park. Dry Creek Park will replace six trees that did not survive the winter, plus the addition of one more spruce tree. Sagewood and Lake Village Parks will see the addition of three new trees each. These two parks have been recent additions and currently offer no plantings or shade of any kind. We hope to enhance the overall community use of these parks by planting these shade trees and watching them grow for years to come.

Grant #: 11-07
Applicant: Needham Elementary-Durango
Project Name: "Let it Grow"
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 82
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 7
Estimated Completion Date: April

Description: The purpose of the "Let it Grow" project is to encourage and educate future generations to the principles of planting, nurturing and sustaining a healthy tree population. We intend to enhance our students' understanding of the importance of trees to our community and world. We will demonstrate that trees are not just a place to climb, but are crucial to the interconnectivity between humans and the natural environments. This particular grant is only the beginning. We hope to plant 7 trees/year (one for each grade level- -preschool, Kindergarten, 1st-5th grades) for the next five to ten years. From Needham's lead, other schools in our community will plant their own educational forest. We have consulted with the City of Durango's arborist, Mr. Ron Stoner and have designed an arboretum setting with the initial planting of seven trees. He has suggested and approved that our designated location can support up to 35 trees. Therefore, this educational program can continue for the next five to ten years. Trees will be placed with a long range goal of providing an outdoor classroom, with benches, pathways and additional tree plantings. The trees will provide a variety of sizes, colors, shapes, and shade throughout the year. It is important to note that due to restrictive budget cuts for our schools, landscaping of school campuses has become an increasingly low priority. It is up to our community to provide beautification support for our schools.

Grant #: 11-12
Applicant: Berthoud Tree Board
Project Name: Community Forestry Management Plan/Tree Inventory Update
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 120
Tier: Management/Maintenance
of Trees Planted: N/A
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

Description: During the past year the Tree Board has been working on updating the 2000 Community Forestry Management Plan. Up to this point we have transcribed the existing text of the plan into a word document, the original computer file was lost. A major part of the plan is the tree inventory, which we realized would take a huge effort of time and expense. The existing inventory was just a list of trees, species and size with no locations. After some investigation into GPS based inventory programs we concluded to move in that direction. An updated inventory would allow us to have a better view and condition of our street, parks and cemetery trees which total approx. 1,500. Since 2000 with street tree replacement efforts and several planting projects the total now approaches 1,700. With limited funding and the availability of our Arborist only 1 day week, having the inventory quickly accessible would be a time saver. It would also give the Tree Board a better management tool to identify and focus on problem trees, pest management, allow for easier updates and spot trends. One of the Tree Board's main tasks is to give an annual report the Town Board regarding the state of our urban forest, with this updated Management Plan/Tree Inventory the report would be more accurate.