

COLORADO TREE COALITION 2006 GRANTS

The following is a brief description of the grants that were awarded by the Colorado Tree Coalition for 2006. Funding for these projects was possible because of the continued support of Plant-It 2020, Xcel Energy, the USDA Forest Service, the Colorado State Forest Service and you, our terrific members!

Since 1991 the Colorado Tree Coalition has awarded over 380 grants totaling nearly \$560,000. These grants have been matched with \$7,326,300 in community money and/or time. As a result of these grants more than 60,000 trees have been planted throughout the state.

Grant #: 06-21
Applicant: Delta Vision Home & Community Program
Project Name: New School Enhancement
Grant Request: \$1,000
Volunteer Hours: 307
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 18
Estimated Completion Date: September 15

Description: The Delta Vision Home and Community Program (VHCP) is a state-funded educational program that supports individualized education within Delta County School District 50J. For the first time in over 30 years the citizens of Delta County have voted to build new schools in Delta, Cedaredge, Hotchkiss and Paonia. VHCP, an integral part of the Delta County School system, completed its first building in Delta in August 2005. Students from Delta, Paonia and Cedaredge will participate in tree plantings at the new school as well as other new schools to be built in the area. With oversight and instruction from the Project Coordinator and Delta City Forester the students will help prepare each site for planting, participate in the actual planting of deciduous and coniferous trees and publicize the event during local Arbor Day activities to the area communities via local newspapers, Vision newsletters and public speaking engagements.

Grant #: 06-23
Applicant: Mesa County Colorado State University Extension
Project Name: The Mesa County Arboretum
Grant Request: \$3,000
Volunteer Hours: 86
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 33
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

Description: The Mesa County Arboretum at The Gardens is situated along a narrow strip of undeveloped property at the Mesa County Fairgrounds and will be used by the extension office to provide educational opportunities to the area's residents. The purpose of this project is to plant trees in the water-wise demonstration area of the arboretum. Once all the trees are planted, research data on water use, trunk caliper, plant height, and annual growth rate will be collected and reported on the arboretum's web site and via publications. Water use will be determined based on water audits in accordance with Irrigation Association guidelines. This project will educate citizens on water-wise trees and how to integrate these into their landscapes.

Grant #: 06-18
Applicant: Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Project Name: VOC Tamarisk Removal Projects
Grant Request: \$3,000

Volunteer Hours: 5,049
Tier: Management/Maintenance
of Trees Planted: N/A
Estimated Completion Date: October 1

Description: Colorado's high desert riparian areas are being overcome by exotic species, including tamarisk, which are rapidly spreading and out-competing native vegetation in environments typically dominated by cottonwoods and willows. During the 2006 project season Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC) will undertake three tamarisk removal projects to complement our long-standing tree planting initiatives. On April 8-9 volunteers will work at one of the habitat restoration projects in the Comanche National Grasslands near La Junta. On September 16-17 another tamarisk removal project will take place along the San Miguel River near Uravan and during the Spring, Summer and Fall a continual project will occur around new wetland plantings in Chatfield State Park in Littleton.

Grant #: 06-05
Applicant: Boulder Community School & High Peaks Elementary
Project Name: Trees for Our Schoolyard!
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 150
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 22
Estimated Completion Date: September 9

Description: The Boulder Community School of Integrated Studies and High Peaks Elementary need trees for shade and beautification. The school is located on a lot practically devoid of trees. The schools have developed a landscape master plan and have undertaken fundraising efforts to begin with the tree planting. New trees will help replace 3 mature cottonwood trees that were removed last year. The loss of the trees had a marked impact on the school communities so the project proposes to plant 22 new trees to replace the cottonwoods, to provide gathering points and UV protection and shade for the children. This project will not only benefit the 574 elementary school children but will benefit the wider Boulder area community and involve the students in planting, care and maintenance of the new trees.

Grant #: 06-14
Applicant: City of La Junta
Project Name: City of La Junta West Portal Renovation Project
Grant Request: \$665
Volunteer Hours: 215
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 3
Estimated Completion Date: July 31

Description: The west portal entrance to the City of La Junta was hit hard by the Ips beetle outbreak during the past three years. This entrance had many pinon trees planted and almost all died. In particular, the pinon trees that framed the entrance sign were killed by the bark beetles and need to be replaced. There are also existing Austrian pine trees and few remaining pinon that need their drip irrigation system renovated. La Junta's 2006's Arbor Day celebration will be held in conjunction with the planting of the new trees to include the La Junta VocAg class and the FFA students. Tree Board members and city crews will be on hand as well.

Grant #: 06-38
Applicant: Ken-Caryl Ranch Metropolitan District
Project Name: Ranch House Tennis Courts Tree Replacement
Grant Request: \$1,950

Volunteer Hours: 100
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 15
Estimated Completion Date: April 22

Description: The purpose of this project is to mitigate the loss of 33 narrowleaf cottonwood trees that are identified for removal in conjunction with a tennis court replacement project. The tennis court replacement project is necessary partly because these trees' roots have so severely affected the courts' playing surfaces. This project will focus on replacing the offending cottonwood trees with 15 higher quality trees covering 9 different species and to involve volunteers during the 2006 Arbor Day observance in the trees' planting and care.

Grant #: 06-28
Applicant: La Veta Park and Tree Board
Project Name: 2006 La Veta Street Tree Replacement Project
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 120
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 20
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

Description: This project plans to continue to replace mature boxelders and willows lost from La Veta's street tree inventory during the previous years' drought. 34 trees were planted in 2004, and another 29 in 2005. For 2006 La Veta plans to plant another 35-40 trees throughout town, and requests assistance to plant 20 of them from the Colorado Tree Coalition grant program. Part of the planting will be planned for La Veta's Arbor Day celebration in 2006 to include local school children and the La Veta Park and Tree Board.

Plant-It 2020 Sponsored Grants

Grant #: 06-06
Applicant: The Park People
Project Name: 2006 "Denver Digs Trees" Street Tree Program
Grant Request: \$3,000
Volunteer Hours: 1,600
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 1,200
Estimated Completion Date: November 1

Description: The Park People (a.k.a. Denver Parks & Recreation Foundation, Inc.) coordinates the "Denver Digs Trees" program to increase the number of public trees along the streets of the City and County of Denver, placing special emphasis on Denver's lowest-income neighborhoods. For 2006, "Denver Digs Trees" hopes to plant at least 1,200 new street trees in Denver, with at least 500 of those going into Denver's most underserved neighborhoods. The ten targeted neighborhoods that receive special emphasis comprise a population of more than 66,000, 86% of whom are minorities, and nearly 30% of whom live at or below the poverty level. Outreach efforts include educational workshops, including a tree planting clinic and distribution of the publication "Sapling in the City", all of which targets single-family homes and multi-family units to concentrate the tree plantings.

Grant #: 06-41
Applicant: Salida Tree Board
Project Name: Adopt-A-Tree Program
Grant Request: \$2,760

Volunteer Hours: 20
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 20
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

Description: This project will plant 20 street trees through the Adopt-A-Tree Program which was instituted in 1999 to address the issue of the city's aging urban forest. As aging street trees are removed they are replaced via this program with more desirable species. The program allows adjoining property owners to apply for a free tree with the understanding they will care for the tree. Once approved the trees are planted by a local contractor under guidelines established by the American Association of Nurserymen, with participation of the Salida Tree Board and other volunteers.

Grant #: 06-26
Applicant: Lamar Tree Board
Project Name: Trees for Lamar! Main Street and Tree Rebate Program
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 251
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 30
Estimated Completion Date: June 30

Description: This project intends to replace downtown street tree plantings in Lamar and to provide cost share assistance to private homeowners for replacing street trees in adjacent city right-of-way areas. Volunteers to assist with coordinating the program include 4-H clubs, boy and girl scout troops, Tree Board members, Lamar Community College students and city street crew employees. These groups will be trained by the Colorado State Forest Service and Lamar Tree Board on how to properly plant and care for the new trees, to include pruning young trees.

Grant #: 06-11
Applicant: City of Montrose
Project Name: City of Montrose Homeowner's Tree Guide
Grant Request: \$3,000
Volunteer Hours: 171
Tier: Media
of Trees Planted: N/A
Estimated Completion Date: May

Description: The purpose of this project is to develop a professionally printed Homeowners Tree Guide booklet that will be available to the public free at various locations including a printable on-line version at www.cityofmontrose.org. The guide will include recommended tree species for the Montrose area with pictures and descriptions along with planting and care instructions. The City of Montrose is showing a steady increase in new residents and building permits, thus the need for this tree guide. The guide will have printed on it "Published by the Montrose Tree Board with funding from the Colorado Tree Coalition" and the CTC logo. The guide will help the city maintain a healthy urban forest, help diversify Montrose's urban forest and help educate the public.

Xcel Utility Tier

Grant #: 06-40
Applicant: South Suburban PRD
Project Name: Mary Carter Greenway Utility Line Tree Replacement
Grant Request: \$1,350
Volunteer Hours: 159

Tier: Xcel Utility
of Trees Planted: 19
Estimated Completion Date: April 22

Description: The Mary Carter Greenway is a multi-use trail that winds alongside the South Platte River through the communities of Sheridan and Littleton. It provides year-round recreational opportunities for walkers, runners, and cyclists who come from all over the Denver metro and suburban areas. Many larger tree species such as cottonwood, willow, and ash have established themselves under utility transmission lines that run through this area, and they have been severely topped to prevent any interference with the lines. As part of South Suburban's 2006 Arbor Day activities 15 of the topped trees are planned to be removed and replaced with species with growth habits which make them more suitable for use under power lines and attractive for wildlife food and cover.

Grant #: 06-27
Applicant: City of Englewood
Project Name: City of Englewood Xcel Utility Line Educational Tree Planting Project
Grant Request: \$3,000
Volunteer Hours: 109
Tier: Xcel Utility
of Trees Planted: 33
Estimated Completion Date: May

Description: The project will focus on the Malley Senior Recreation Center. There is a large, dead blue spruce located on the north side of the recreation center and a large honeylocust located on the south side. Both trees are located too close to the power lines and are scheduled to be removed during winter 2005-2006. 6 replacement trees will be planted using the Colorado Municipalities with Xcel Energy approved Tree Species List for planting near overhead lines. A tree planting program will be offered at the senior center in conjunction with Arbor Day planting of these 6 trees. The right tree in the right place will be discussed at the program and volunteers enlisted to help with the plantings. Several other trees have been documented and photographed in other park locations that are also near Xcel Energy power lines. These trees will also be removed during the winter and replaced with 27 trees from the approved species list.