

COLORADO TREE COALITION 2007 GRANTS

Grant #: 07-14
Applicant: South Suburban Parks & Recreation District
Project Name: Country in the City-An Arbor Day Celebration
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 120
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 26
Estimated Completion Date: April 21

Description: For Arbor Day 2007, South Suburban Parks & Recreation (SSPR) will perform riparian habitat restoration and park tree replacements in Progress Park and along Big Dry Creek, building on previous habitat restoration projects from past years. SSPR will remove 10 clumps of Russian-olive trees, an exotic invasive species, and fill these areas in with native riparian species. Additionally, a few removals of storm-damaged trees are required around the park shelter. After the plantings are completed, SSPR is sponsoring a community Arbor Day celebration in Progress Park. Educational and fun opportunities will exist for all ages, including tree climbing demonstrations, kids' tree climb, Arbor Challenge obstacle course, education stations, and many other exciting events that will promote community forestry.

Grant #: 07-20
Applicant: Town of Merino
Project Name: Arbor Day Tree Planting
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 40
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 20
Estimated Completion Date: Arbor Day

Description: The Town of Merino, a small farming community located 14 miles southwest of Sterling, incorporated in 1917 and has many large old trees in desperate need of maintenance and some removals. The purpose of this project is to replace some of the trees that will be removed this year. The Merino Tree Board will be active in this project and wants the annual Arbor Day event to be an opportunity to educate the children of Merino Elementary as well as other members of the community on proper tree selection, planting and care. The trees will be planted on the main street of Merino and at the Town Park.

Grant #: 07-09
Applicant: Hayden Parks and Recreation
Project Name: Dry Creek Park Tree Celebration
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 80
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 13
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

Description: Hayden, located between Steamboat Springs and Craig in Northwest Colorado, recently annexed land for a new Dry Creek Park and plans for this park have been made for development. The site is adjacent to the Routt County Fairgrounds and is virtually tree-less. This grant application would allow purchase and planting of trees to beautify this heavily used area. The park is also adjacent to the Hayden Valley Elementary School and will provide continuing educational and recreational opportunities.

Grant #: 07-15
Applicant: Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado
Project Name: Boggsville Habitat Restoration
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 1,934
Tier: Management/Maintenance
of Trees Planted: N/A
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

Description: Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado (VOC)'s Boggsville Habitat Restoration Project will improve habitat for native trees by removing invasive Tamarisk in the county with the highest infestation of Tamarisk in Colorado. VOC will work with the Bent County Conservation District's "Tamarisk Working Group" to undertake an ambitious large-scale tamarisk removal project to continue efforts to rid the state of this invasive threat and complement long-standing tree planting initiatives. 30-40 acres of riparian habitat along the old Santa Fe Trail will be impacted with 100-150 volunteers participating in the event.

Grant #: 07-21
Applicant: Town of Mancos
Project Name: Town of Mancos Community Forestry Program
Grant Request: \$1,500
Volunteer Hours: 46
Tier: Management/Maintenance
of Trees Planted: N/A
Estimated Completion Date: July

Description: Mancos is a small community in southwest Colorado between Durango and Cortez and has two tree-lined, paved streets. The formerly stately elms, birch, and cottonwoods are in rapid decline. The purpose of this project is to update a tree inventory that was created in 1992 and use this new survey conducted by the Colorado State Forest Service to form a public safety plan for all street trees, for selection of proper sites for tree planting, for selection of proper tree species for planting, to create an annual forestry assessment, for formation of a tree planting and long term maintenance plan, and for assistance with reforestation of town parks.

Grant #: 07-17
Applicant: Chester M. Alter Arboretum, University of Denver
Project Name: Spring 2007 Arboretum Tree Planting
Grant Request: \$1,000
Volunteer Hours: 13
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 28
Estimated Completion Date: June 30

Description: The University of Denver is a private educational institution with a student body of approximately 10,500. The university campus, open at all times to the public, is also extensively utilized by the residents of adjoining neighborhoods, for whom it serves as a park-like open space. The arboretum was created in 1999 when the university designated its entire campus an arboretum. The arboretum consists of 1,800 trees spread over its 120+ acre campus southeast of downtown Denver and contains over 215 different species of trees. This project is intended to increase the diversity and number of new tree species that can be added to the Arboretum collection. Labeling of the trees is ongoing and this combined with new tree plantings will assist with educational opportunities for students, homeowners, landscape professionals, and arborists.

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Grant #: 07-05
Applicant: The Park People
Project Name: 2007 “Denver Digs Trees” Street Tree Program
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 1,600
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 1,200
Estimated Completion Date: September 30

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 2007, “Denver Digs Trees” hopes to plant at least 1,200 new street trees in Denver, with at least 800 of those going into Denver’s nineteen most underserved neighborhoods. The nineteen targeted neighborhoods that receive special emphasis comprise a population of more than 128,000, 82% of whom are minorities, and nearly 24% 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 #: 07-04
Applicant: Salida Tree Board
Project Name: Adopt-A-Tree Program
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 50
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. Additionally, due to a repaving project, Salida will lose 24 mature street trees in 2007 along on eight block stretch of major street, making it especially urgent that the trees are replaced. 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 #: 07-16
Applicant: Southeastern Colorado Water Conservancy District
Project Name: Xeriscape Demonstration Garden Tree Planting Project
Grant Request: \$836
Volunteer Hours: 33
Tier: Tree Planting/Media
of Trees Planted: 17
Estimated Completion Date: May

Description: The Demonstration Xeriscape Garden is open to the public seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. Residents throughout southern Colorado come to visit, attend tours, workshops and classes. Over 300 species of low-water trees, shrubs, perennials, and grasses are displayed. The Garden features interpretive signage as well. The District intends to increase the number of trees in the Garden with this grant, in order to demonstrate new species that can be planted to conserve water in landscapes.

The new additions to the Garden will have signage that will describe the trees' attributes and will also provide valuable examples of low-water trees that perform well in southern Colorado.

Grant #: 07-07
Applicant: Paonia Tree Board
Project Name: Paonia Arbor Day Celebration 2007
Grant Request: \$700
Volunteer Hours: 60
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 7
Estimated Completion Date: April 20

Description: The first part of this project intends to plant 5 trees at the cornerstone intersection in town to create more beauty at the town center, and to cultivate a deeper connection and appreciation for trees in Paonia. Another part of the project involves planting trees and integrating the planting with educational programs at the Paonia High School and elementary school. Students will enter an Arbor Day poster contest as well as attend an educational program and tree planting. The desired outcome of the project is to promote community forestry, and to demonstrate proper arboriculture with appropriate tree selection, location, planting and maintenance practices.

Grant #: 07-13
Applicant: Town of Erie Tree Board
Project Name: Erie Elementary School Tree Planting and Education Project
Grant Request: \$558.56
Volunteer Hours: 23
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 2
Estimated Completion Date: April 27

Description: While the town has previously planted trees at Erie Elementary School (EES), there is still ample space and irrigation on the grounds. The two trees to be planted are on the town's approved tree list and would be new species at the school, offering an opportunity for students to learn about the new trees and to have hands-on experience with the planting. School administrators have designated the 4th grade as the project's focal point. The grant will provide each of the 4th grade teachers with a Tree-Mendous Activity Kit from Nature Watch, which includes materials to help students learn to identify and explore a variety of different types of local trees in their area. The teachers will develop specific lesson plans and activities leading up to the actual planting, culminating in a presentation from Keith Wood of the Colorado State Forest Service.

Grant #: 07-19
Applicant: Denver Botanic Gardens
Project Name: Denver Botanic Gardens' 2007 Tree Projects
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 12
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 12
Estimated Completion Date: July

Description: The Children's Secret Garden at the Denver Botanic Gardens (DBG) currently has two large Russian-olive trees that have major defects in the trunk sections. The trees were assessed by a professional arborist who recommended their removal based on their conditions. DBG would like to make this an educational opportunity to remove these examples of an invasive tree species and plant other species with educational value in their place. DBG also has a problematic cottonwood tree along

York Street, having overgrown its available space, and also needs to be removed. Also as part of this project DBG would like to plant additional native trees at the DBG Chatfield site, which serves as a complement to the downtown DBG site emphasizing the use of native plants. Desired outcomes of the project include safer, more appropriate trees for public interpretation at DBG York Street and relevant native tree species for DBG Chatfield.

Grant #: 07-02
Applicant: City of Lafayette Parks, Open Space & Golf Department
Project Name: Restoration of Coal Creek Corridor and Open Space
Grant Request: \$2,000
Volunteer Hours: 114
Tier: Tree Planting
of Trees Planted: 75
Estimated Completion Date: June 1

Description: The Urban Drainage and Flood Control District removed all Russian-olive trees in this area during the Fall of 2006. This grant will allow this Lafayette open space area to plant native tree species to replace the Russian-olives. The Lafayette Open Space Advisory Committee serves as Lafayette's Tree Board and will be active with educating residents on the invasive nature of Russian-olive and replacing the removed trees during an Arbor Day celebration with 75 native trees.

Grant #: 07-18
Applicant: City of Greeley
Project Name: Significant Tree Brochure
Grant Request: \$500
Volunteer Hours: 14
Tier: Media
of Trees Planted: N/A
Estimated Completion Date: Arbor Day

Description: During the Spring of 2006 the Greeley Forestry Division created a color brochure titled "Notable Trees of Greeley, CO". The brochure outlines rare, significant and champion trees along with Greeley Forestry's website and phone numbers. This grant would allow printing 1,000 copies of the brochure. Hunting for large, old, unique and champion trees has become increasingly popular and the need to provide information on tree care is more important than ever. The brochure is intended to be given out during neighborhood workshops hosted by Greeley Forestry and will be an integral piece of the educational aspect during these presentations.