

# SWISSVALE TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM (2 pages)

I \_\_\_\_\_ the property owner of \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT/Property Owner Name) (PRINT/ Street Address including "ST." "AVE.")

request a tree(s) to be installed in the public right-of-way adjacent to my property. I understand the planting of trees may necessitate the cutting of an opening in the sidewalk approximately 30 square feet (at a minimum of 3' wide, often as a 3' by 10' pit) to accommodate the tree planting. A site can be rejected if the sidewalk is not wide enough to support a 3' wide tree pit and have at least 36" of usable sidewalk remaining, the standard for both the Borough and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

I hereby acknowledge that I am the owner of the above said property. I understand that there is no charge for this service. I agree to perform general upkeep of the tree planting bed by weeding, annually mulching, and providing water for establishment and during drought periods (see page 2). I also understand this form does not guarantee that a tree(s) will be placed adjacent to my property.

**Please initial all that apply and sign below:** \* agreement is required to qualify

I have read and understand the terms described above and in "Agreement to Plant a Street Tree" \*

I understand that the species of tree will be determined by the Shade Tree Advisory Committee or it designees

I agree to share in the responsibility to care for the requested tree(s).

I understand my site may require removing concrete, sidewalk or paving materials in order to plant this tree and I give permission to have this done. \*

I am willing to volunteer to help plant my tree.

I am willing to help care for other trees in my neighborhood.

Property Owner \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

Planting Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Swissvale, PA 15218

Telephone Number ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Special Instructions:

Please return completed TREE PLANTING REQUEST FORM to:

swissvale.tree.committee@gmail.com

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OFFICE USE ONLY: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

# **Property Owners – Keep this page for your records**

## **Agreement to Plant a Street Tree in Swissvale**

**By signing the Tree Planting Request Form, you, the property owner agree that:**

- A representative of the Swissvale Shade Tree Advisory Committee (SSTAC) will inspect your location and determine whether it is an appropriate site for the tree(s) to be planted.
- SSTAC, in partnership with other organizations which may be funding the planting, shall determine an appropriate tree species for your location.
- If the site requires it, you give permission for a tree pit to be cut in your sidewalk or pavement that will be in accordance with Borough code and the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Watering (as needed to supplement rainfall) shall be performed by the resident, with assistance from the SSTAC.
- You will protect your tree from damage by cars, lawn mowers, etc.
- You will notify the SSTAC if the tree appears to be sick or damaged.

**You understand that:**

- Your request for a tree may be denied – not all trees are appropriate for tree planting.
- Street trees and trees in the public right of way are the property and responsibility of the Borough. Trees planted outside of the public right of way are the responsibility of the property owner.
- Only the Borough can authorize major pruning or removal of street trees.

### **The Benefits of Trees**

- Increase property values.
- Bring beauty and character to neighborhoods.
- Save energy by cutting heating and cooling costs.
- Shade and cool neighborhoods, reducing temperatures on the hottest summer days.
- Clean pollutants from the air and water.
- Reduce storm water runoff.
- Buffer and reduce noise.
- Promote community interaction and renewal.
- Provide habitat for birds and wildlife.

Any questions, please contact the SSTAC at [swissvale.tree.committee@gmail.com](mailto:swissvale.tree.committee@gmail.com)

Additional informational concerning the SSTAC can be found at

<https://www.swissvaleborough.com/185/Shade-Tree-Advisory-Committee>

or

<https://swissvaletreecommi.wixsite.com/website>