1. There is no minimum number of trees you must order.
2. Shrubs are not eligible for cost-share assistance.
3. Standard stock sizes are 1 1/2”-1 3/4” on deciduous trees and 4’-5’ on conifer stock. Root marker bags are acceptable.
4. Smaller stock can be planted but cost-share will be based on the price of the standard size stock.
5. Proposals from at least 3 tree vendors must accompany each application.
6. All trees must be guaranteed for one year.

ABOUT THE NRD

The Lower Platte South Natural Resources District is one of 23 districts in the state of Nebraska formed in 1972 for the purpose of managing the state’s natural resources, with an emphasis on watershed management. Programs and activities include all areas of natural resource management and development: tree planting, flood protection, wildlife habitat, stream bank stabilization, environmental education, land treatment, water monitoring and many others. The districts are partially funded by property taxes and governed by a board of directors—elected representatives who serve four-year terms. The NRD system is local government working to protect local natural resources. The Lower Platte South NRD includes nearly all of Lancaster and Cass counties and parts of Seward, Saunders, Otoe, and Butler counties.
The Lower Platte South NRD has established a Community Forestry Program for the purpose of cost-sharing on the total cost of tree plantings by community groups to enhance the public good.

Cost-sharing

The District cost-share rate is up to 50% of the total cost of the trees, and planting. The cost of planting trees will not exceed $100 per tree and the district’s portion of tree planting will not exceed $50 per tree. Maximum of $10,000 per application, once every three years. The applicant’s match must be a minimum of 25% cash (private funds, no tax funds) and up to 25% other program funds or grants including non-NRD tax dollars.

Eligibility

Neighborhood associations, service organizations, citizen groups, business associations, villages, towns and cities may be eligible. Eligible lands include non-federal and non-state public lands and private property within the corporate limits of a city of village. No projects will be eligible for cost-share funds when planting under overhead power or utility lines.

Deadline

Applications will be reviewed on a first-come-first served basis, with total fiscal year cost-sharing based on the NRD budgeted amount. Spring plantings should be completed prior to June 1st. Applications are subject to approval by the district forester and decisions concerning applications will be reported to applicants by the district forester.

To receive a LPSNRD Community Forestry Application Form

Please Complete and Return

Organization name

Coordinator’s name

Address

City

State  ZIP

Phone

Email

OR

Email the LPSNRD Forester at: jseaton.forester@lpsnrd.org for more information.