Greening the Gateway Cities Program

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- Partnership between the following organizations:
 - Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA)
 - Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR)
 - Urban & Community Forestry Program
 - Department of Energy Resources (DOER)
 - Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)
- Provides funding to Gateway Cities to plant trees with a goal of covering 5% of the target neighborhoods in new tree canopy cover





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- Plantings are concentrated within Environmental Justice neighborhoods
- The program targets areas that have:
 - Lower tree canopy
 - Older housing stock
 - Higher wind speeds
 - Larger renter population



Benefits of Neighborhood Canopy Cover

- Improved air and water quality
- Noise reduction
- Increased wildlife habitat
- Increased shade and reduce surface temperatures
- Beautification of our neighborhoods, schools and other public places
- Increase community and individual pride



Project Overview

- **Funding:** \$1,800,000
- Duration: (3) years or (6) Planting Seasons
- Improvement: 2,400 trees
 - 80% (1,920 trees) on <u>private</u> properties
 - 20% (480 trees) on <u>public</u> properties
- Location: Established Planting Zone



Barnstable's Planting Zone















Project Structure

- Trees to be planted on *private* properties
 - 80% (1,920 trees)
 - Landowners will need to sign the Access and Water Agreement
 - Seeking to contract with a Landscape Contractor to plant trees
- Trees to be planted on <u>public</u> properties
 - 20% (480 trees)
 - Seeking to hire seasonal staff to help plant and maintain trees
- Seeking to hire a Project Coordinator



Project Website



Welcome to Barnstable's Greening the Gateway Cities Program Project Page

The Town of Barnstable was awarded funding from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA) for the Greening the Gateway Cities Program to improve the Town's

Barnstable's Planting Zone: Who is eligible for free trees?

To confirm if your property is located within the Planting Zone please review the PDF of the Planting Zone accessible HERE or use the interactive map provided below.

Sign Up for a Free Tree

Appropriation of Funding

- No funding match is required for this grant award
- Seeking \$86,758 to be used to acquire a vehicle to carry out this program
- This vehicle will be added to the Public Works Department fleet
- The vehicle will be equipped with the necessary axillary equipment needed for this program and other purposes such as snow removal in the planting offseason

