



Colorado Tree Coalition Awards \$4,000 Grant *New Trees To Be Planted Across City Parks, Open Spaces & Medians*

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-April 4, 2023-With spring officially here, the renewal of the season isn't only bringing fresh greenery slowly to the landscape but another type of green to the city with a \$4,000 grant from the Colorado Tree Coalition. The grant is matched by an additional \$4,000 from the city.

"This project and grant will enhance our annual tree planting program," said Parks Project Manager Aaron Stafford. "The city will double the number of trees we're able to plant in 2023."

The CTC grant will go toward purchasing 40-45 balled-and-burlapped trees to replace dead or dying trees along Lincoln Avenue in Steamboat Springs, and plant additional trees within parks, open spaces, and medians.

Parks & Recreation is looking at a diversity of plant species including Hot Wings Tatarian Maple, Autumn Blaze Maple, Austrian Pine, Plains Cottonwood, Aspen, Catalpa, Cherry Tree, Crabapple, Honeylocust, Linden, Oak, Service Berry.

Balled-and-burlapped trees are dug out of the ground with the soil immediately surrounding the roots remaining undisturbed. The root ball with the original soil is then wrapped in burlap. A more traditional approach to planting trees, this process allows the transport of healthy trees and shrubs with intact roots and soil.

Since 1991, the CTC has awarded grants to 225 communities and organizations totaling more than \$1,125,000. These grants have been matched with more than \$8 million in community money and in-kind services.



The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) is a non-profit whose mission is to preserve, renew and enhance community forests statewide. The CTC awarded \$44,315 in grants to 17 organizations in 2022.

These grant projects allowed recipients to plant and manage trees in community forests across Colorado. Grants are made possible through the Colorado State Forest Service, the Xcel Energy Foundation, Xcel Energy Vegetation Management Program, Colorado Public Radio and our CTC members and supporters.

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