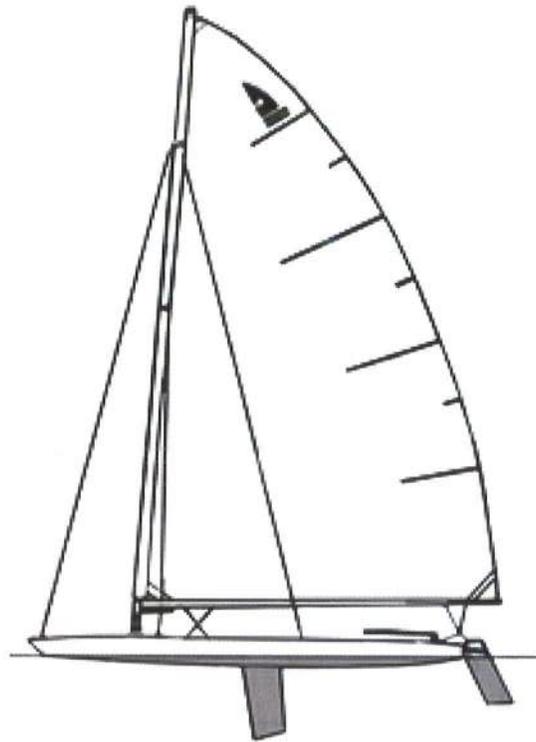


# TOWN CLERK/FRONT OFFICE REPORT

JULY & AUGUST 2015



## **TOWN CLERK FRONT OFFICE REPORT**

### **Meetings:**

Ms. McAuley and Ms. Griffin attend bi-weekly meetings of the B5 Taskforce. Ms. Griffin, in her role as a co-chair, attended alternate week meetings of the leadership team for that group.

Ms. Griffin attended weekly Port Towns' Day planning committee meetings.

Ms. McAuley had three conference call meetings with the Jacqueline McCray, consultant for Strategic Planning.

Ms. Griffin and Ms. McAuley attended a planning meeting with the owner of Mango Café, to discuss the reception for John Moss.

### **Training:**

Ms. McAuley and Ms. Griffin attended CPR and First Aid Training as required, and given by Chesapeake Employers, our Workers' Comp providers. Both passed the exam!

Ms. Griffin attended a Grant Writing session given by Kim Knox, Town of Edmonston.

### **Community Development Block Grants:**

PY 40, Improvements on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue, is complete and documentation has been sent to PGCDHCD.

PY 39 and 39R are now having their environmental review completed by a contractor, thru our Town Engineer. These reports will be sent to

the appropriate party at PGCDHCD for approval and then these projects can be started. One is for Street Improvements; the other is for improvements to the Town Park behind Town Hall.

### **Bostwick:**

The State is in the process of reimbursing the Town for the new roof on the house.

Mozer Works, window contractor, has removed 17 windows and taken them off site for total restoration. This work is anticipated to be complete early this Fall. This work is funded partially thru a grant from Maryland Historical Trust.

Ms. McAuley and Dr. Linebaugh are now working on work applications for rebuilding the south buttress and repairs to the front porch. These must be approved by the Maryland Historical Trust and the Prince George's Historic Preservation Commission.

AWS continues its landscaping work on the property. Native plants are being started on site and moved to different locations in the watershed.

### **Building a Better Bladensburg, Block By Block (B5)**

The summer has been a busy time for the Taskforce. Two Block Captain Training sessions occurred.

The group is working on a fall tree planting thru the County's ReLeaf program. Neighborhood Design Center did the landscape plans for the project. The first planting will be at the 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue playground, in October.

(Information about upcoming events and how citizens can participate is attached to this report.)

### **Strategic Planning**

A Community Participation event is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup>, Town Hall, 10-12 pm.

All residents, business owners, partnerships, and community are invited to participate and give input about the future of Bladensburg.

### **Town Elections**

The Front Office has spent a portion of the summer preparing for the upcoming Town Elections.

Five candidates have filed for Council Member positions in the two wards. All have filed Financial Disclosure forms.

Absentee Ballot applications have been given to all three senior apartment buildings.

Absentee ballot packets have been prepared.

The County Board of Election was given notice to prepare election materials and they are currently being printed.







***"Building a Better Bladensburg Block by Block and Business by Business"***

**Would you like to improve your home?  
Clean Up and Green Up your neighborhood?  
Promote good businesses?**

**Come find out about the exciting community collaborative offering  
**FREE**  
Training, Resources, and Support to Bladensburg Residents.**

**B5 INITIATIVE**  
**Block Captain Presentation**

**Saturday, August 29, 2015  
10:00 AM  
Bladensburg Town Hall  
4229 Edmonston Road**

**Refreshments Served**

**RSVP: [JoinOurB5@gmail.com](mailto:JoinOurB5@gmail.com)  
or Call: 443-975-8446**

**[www.BetterBladensburg.org](http://www.BetterBladensburg.org)**



The **Better Bladensburg Block by Block and Business by Business**, or the **B5 Initiative**, is a grassroots community collaboration of stakeholders purposed to promote a sustainable and exceptional aesthetic in the town of Bladensburg.

## AGENDA

**August 5, 2015 ~ 11 am – Noon**

Welcome/Introductions

Progress

- Introductions of B5
  - Port Towns CDC
  - Roland Jones, Office of Central Services
  - Shelly Ferguson, Office of Council Member Andrea Harrison
  - Next steps
- Updates
  - Block Captain Orientation ~ Saturday, August 1, 2015
  - Block Captain Technical Training ~ Saturday, August 29, 2015
  - Resource Fair ~ RESCHEDULED TO SPRING ~ Saturday, April 16, 2016
  - Business Roundtable ~ Thursday, November 5, 2015 with Keynote Speaker David Harrington, CEO, Prince Georges County Chamber of Commerce
  - Other upcoming community events to note on the B5 Calendar?

Marketing

- Port Towns List-Serve
- Branding/Marketing
- Access to Information

[www.betterbladensburg.org](http://www.betterbladensburg.org)

# TREE ReLEAF Grant Program

# FAQs

## 1 WHAT IS THE TREE ReLEAF GRANT PROGRAM?

The Tree Releaf Grant Program is a Countywide program that provides funds to civic, neighborhood, community and homeowner organizations, schools, libraries and local municipalities to plant native trees and shrubs in public or common areas. The program provides a hands-on opportunity for residents to learn how to properly plant and care for trees and shrubs.

## 2 WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE PROGRAM?

The goal is to increase the native tree canopy on public and common land and to help improve air and water quality, wildlife habitat, conserve energy and reduce stormwater runoff in the County.

## 3 HOW DOES THE TREE ReLEAF GRANT PROGRAM WORK?

Interested organizations or municipalities should submit a formal letter requesting funding along with the Tree ReLeaf Grant Application. This program awards funds on a reimbursement basis. Before any work begins on a project, the Department of the Environment (DoE) and the applicant shall enter into a grant award agreement. Upon completion of services, DoE will reimburse the applicant for applicable expenditures up to the amount permitted by the grant. The applicant must provide receipts and expenditures must be consistent with the agreement.

Applications will be accepted on a continuous basis and evaluated for eligibility and allocation of funds. A grant agreement will be subject to the availability of County funds. Any permits necessary for a project are the responsibility of the applicant.

## 4 WHO MAY APPLY?

Civic, neighborhood, community and homeowner organizations, schools, libraries and local municipalities in Prince George's County are eligible to apply for funding for tree planting projects on community owned land. Homeowner associations must provide proof of ownership.

## 5 WHAT ARE THE FUNDING LEVELS?

Civic, neighborhood, community and homeowner associations, schools and libraries may apply for grants not to exceed \$5,000, and municipalities can apply for grants up to \$10,000. The program requires a 50 percent match. Funds will be disbursed to the applicant after project completion.



Beautifying the County  
one tree at a time

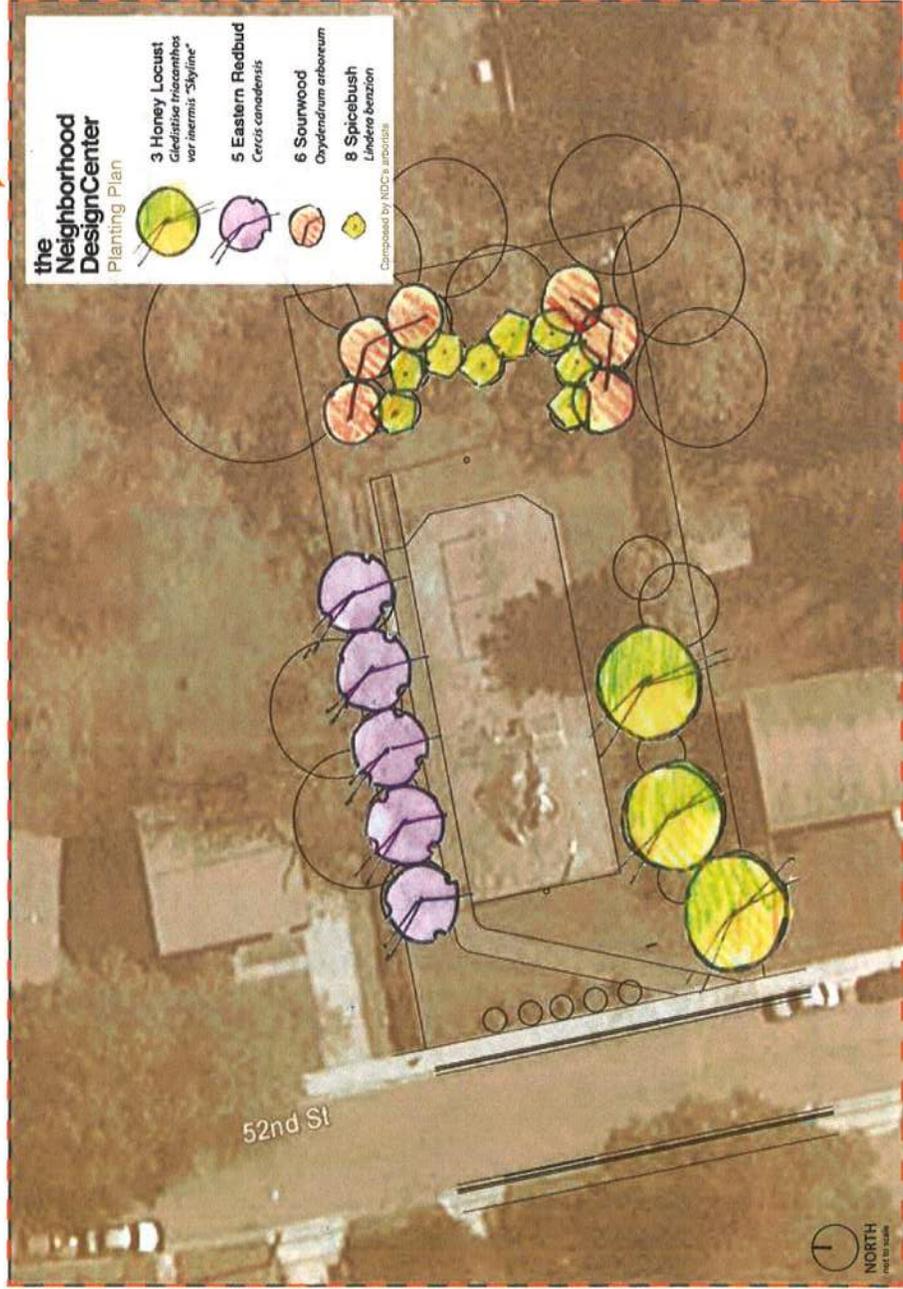
Section	Block	Quantity	Tree Size	Species Options
58th Ave - Ward 2		142		
north side	4200	18	canopy	Am Hornbeam, Am Hophornbeam
north/west side	4200	43	canopy	Am Elm, Willow Oak
south side	4230	20	understory	Redbud, Hawthorn, Serviceberry
south side	4230	16	understory	Redbud, Hawthorn, Serviceberry
east side	4240	21	understory	Redbud, Hawthorn, Serviceberry
east side	4300	9	canopy	Am Hornbeam, Am Hophornbeam
east side	4300	9	understory	Redbud, Hawthorn, Serviceberry
east side	4300	6	canopy	Am Elm, Willow Oak
Section	Area	Quantity	Species	Qualifying Conditions
Pocket Park-52nd Ave-Ward 1		22		
southwest, behind sign & south hill		3	honey locust	remove two multi-stem locust
north side, by benches		5	redbud	address invasive issues, Ailanthus (tree of heaven) & English Ivy, fix fence
east, far side of bridge		6	sourwood	address invasive issues, fix fence
east, far side of bridge		8	spicebush	address invasive issues, fix fence



# 52ND ST. POCKET PARK

TREE RELEASE | SPRING 2015

## DRAFT LANDSCAPE PLAN



Prepared: 05/28/2015



### CONTEXT

### SPECIES NOTES

**Skyline Honey Locust (*Gleditsia triacanthos* var. *inermis* 'Skyline')**  
35-45' tall, 25-35' wide. Skyline Honey Locust is a thornless variety suitable for school yards and parking lots. Leaves turn an attractive yellow in fall. Tolerates a wide variety of urban conditions.

**Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)**  
20-30' tall, 25-35' wide. A small understory tree. Showy purple flowers in early spring, before the leaves appear. Heart shaped leaves turn yellow in fall.

**Sourwood (*Oxydendrum arboreum*)**  
20-50' tall, 10-25' wide. A deciduous understory tree. White flowers bloom in early summer. Flowers have a slight fragrance. Leaves produce an excellent fall color, typically turning crimson red.

**Spicebush (*Lindera benzoin*)**  
7-16' tall and wide. A deciduous shrub with greenish-yellow flowers. Red drupes are very attractive early spring before the foliage emerges. Leaves turn yellow in fall.

## *Amelanchier canadensis*

Common names: **Serviceberry**



**Plant Type:** Tree, Small/Medium (Understory)

**Height:** 35 - 50 feet

**Spreads:** 35 - 50 feet

**Sun Exposure:** Partial Sun, Shade

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loamy, Sandy

**Soil Moisture:** Moist, Wet

**pH:** 5.6 - 7.5

**Blooms in:** April to May

**Bloom Color:** white

**Bears Fruit:** June to July

**Fruit Type:** fleshy

**Fruit Color:** red to purple

**Fall Color:** orange to red

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:** swamps, low ground, woods, & thickets

**Wildlife Use:** Song Birds, Small Mammals, Bees

**Notes:** many birds eat berries (see *A. arborea*)

## *Crataegus crus-galli*

Common name: **Cockspur Hawthorn**



**Plant Type:** Tree, Small/Medium (Understory)

**Height:** 20 - 35 feet

**Spreads:** 20 - 35 feet

**Sun Exposure:** Full Sun, Partial Sun

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loamy, Sandy

**Soil Moisture:** Dry, Moist

**pH:** 4.5 - 7.2

**Blooms in:** May to June

**Bloom Color:** white

**Bears Fruit:** August to January

**Fruit Type:** fleshy

**Fruit Color:** dull red or green

**Fall Color:** orange to red

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:** thickets and open ground, especially in dry or rocky places; slopes of low hills in rich soils

**Wildlife Use:** Song Birds, Small Mammals, Bees

**Notes:**

## *Carpinus caroliniana* American Hornbeam



**Plant Type:** Tree, Small/Medium (Understory)

**Height:** 13 - 40 feet

**Spreads:** 35 - 50 feet

**Sun Exposure:** Partial Sun, Shade

**Soil Texture:** Loamy, Sandy

**Soil Moisture:** Moist

**pH:** 4 - 7.4

**Blooms in:** April to May

**Bloom Color:** red or reddish-green

**Bears Fruit:** June to October

**Fruit Type:** nut/nut-like

**Fall Color:** orange, red

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:**

deep, rich, moist soils of river margins, bottomlands, and swamps

**Wildlife Use:** Song Birds, Water Fowl, Small Mammals

**Notes:** *slow growing and short lived*

## *Ostrya virginiana* Eastern Hop-hornbeam



**Plant Type:** Tree, Small/Medium (Understory)

**Height:** 25 - 50 feet

**Spreads:** 20 - 35 feet

**Sun Exposure:** Partial Sun, Shade

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loamy, Sandy

**Soil Moisture:** Moist

**pH:** 4.2 - 7.6

**Blooms in:** May to May

**Bloom Color:** red-brown

**Bears Fruit:** June to October

**Fruit Type:** nut/nut-like

**Fruit Color:** green turning brown

**Fall Color:** yellow

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:**

moist, fertile soils to sandy sites; does best on well drained slopes and ridges

**Wildlife Use:** Song Birds, Small Mammals

**Notes:** *leaves may persist into winter*

Ulmus americana

## American Elm



**Plant Type:** Tree, Tall (Canopy)

**Height:** 75 - 100 feet

**Spreads:** 75 - 100 feet

**Sun Exposure:** Full Sun, Partial Sun

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loamy, Sandy

**Soil Moisture:** Moist, Wet

**pH:** 5.5 - 8

**Blooms in:** March to April

**Bloom Color:** red brown

**Bears Fruit:** May to May

**Fruit Type:** winged

**Fruit Color:** tan brown

**Fall Color:** bright yellow

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:** river bottoms, swamps, disturbed fields, road sides, cutover forests

**Wildlife Use:** Song Birds, Water Fowl, Small Mammals

**Notes:** Dutch elm disease has caused numbers to decline; distinctive "base" shape; favorite nesting site of Baltimore oriole

## Quercus phellos Willow Oak



**Plant Type:** Tree, Tall (Canopy)

**Height:** 80 - 100 feet

**Spreads:** None

**Sun Exposure:** Full Sun, Partial Sun

**Soil Texture:** Clay, Loamy

**Soil Moisture:** Moist, Wet

**pH:** 4.5 - 5.5

**Blooms in:** February to May

**Bears Fruit:** None

**Fruit Type:** nut/nut-like

**Fruit Color:** light yellow or greenish brown

**Fall Color:** red

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:** bottomlands or low flatwoods and upland old fields

**Wildlife Use:** Song Birds, Water Fowl, Small Mammals

**Notes:** acorns food for wildlife

## *Cercis canadensis*

Common name: **Eastern Redbud**



**Plant Type:** Tree, Small/Medium (Understory)

**Height:** 20 - 35 feet

**Spreads:** 20 - 35 feet

**Sun Exposure:** Partial Sun, Shade

**Soil Texture:** Loamy, Sandy

**Soil Moisture:** Dry, Moist

**pH:** 4.5 - 7.5

**Blooms in:** April to May

**Bloom Color:** pink to lavender

**Bears Fruit:** July to December

**Fruit Type:** pod

**Fruit Color:** black

**Fall Color:** golden yellow

**Evergreen:** no

**Ground Cover:** no

**Habitat:** rich, moist sites; prefers river bottoms and stream banks

**Wildlife Use:** Butterflies, Song Birds, Small Mammals, Bees

**Notes:** *purple flowers in spring, about same time as flowering dogwood; fixes nitrogen*