



SPRING 2027

Bare Root Tree Grant Term



GRANT PROGRAM

TreePennsylvania is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to supporting urban and community forestry throughout Pennsylvania. The Bare Root Tree Grant program operates on a first come/first serve basis and provides two seasonal grant terms - Spring and Fall - with the goal of increasing tree canopy in Pennsylvania. This program provides 10 – 20 large caliper bare root trees, from a pre-selected species list, to awarded applicants for planting on publicly owned and publicly accessible land.

ELIGIBILITY

Municipalities and non-profit agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are welcome to apply to the Bare Root Tree Grant program; however, due to funding restrictions, communities in Allegheny, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties are not eligible to apply. These localities are encouraged to contact [Western Pennsylvania Conservancy](#) (for Allegheny County) or the [Pennsylvania Horticultural Society](#) (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties) for funding opportunities.



APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

STEP 1 : INFORMATION WEBINAR :

All interested applicants are required to attend an informational webinar to determine if the Bare Root Tree Grant program is a good fit for their community, review applicant guidelines, and the application timeline.

Informational webinars will be available across several days and times between October 28 - November 5th. To register for an information webinar, please use [this link](#).

STEP 2 : INTENT TO APPLY :

Applicants are required to submit a brief online form of their Intent to Apply. This form replaces the previous preliminary application and will be used to connect communities to their PA DCNR Service Forester and/or PSU Extension Forester. This form will only be available to communities who have attended an information webinar.

STEP 3 : PLANTING PLAN DEVELOPMENT & SITE VISITS

Communities who have met the above requirements will be asked to submit a planting plan in coordination with a PA DCNR Service Forester and/or PSU Extension Forester. A template for planting plans will be provided.

Applicants are responsible for submitting necessary materials by the posted due dates listed here. Deadline extensions are not available.

APPLICATION TIMELINE ::

OCTOBER 28 - NOVEMBER 5

Information Webinars

Register [here](#)

NOVEMBER 9-20

Intent to Apply

Form available via email

DECEMBER 11

Notification to applicants

DECEMBER 14 - FEBRUARY 01

Planting plan development, species selection, and site visits

In consultation with DCNR/PSU Ext Forester

FEBRUARY 15

Applicants notified of plan acceptance

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SPECIES SELECTION

Applicants are invited to connected with the PA DCNR Service Forester or PSU Extension Forester for their region as soon as possible to review potential planting sites. Grantees may select 10-20 bare root trees from a seasonally curated list of trees. With an emphasis on native trees, the species list provides a mix of medium to larger canopy trees; unfortunately, conifer, fruit, and nut trees are not available through this program. A copy of the Spring 2027 Bare Root Tree Species list will be available on the [TreePennsylvania website](#) by December 1, 2026.

NEW AND RETURNING APPLICANTS

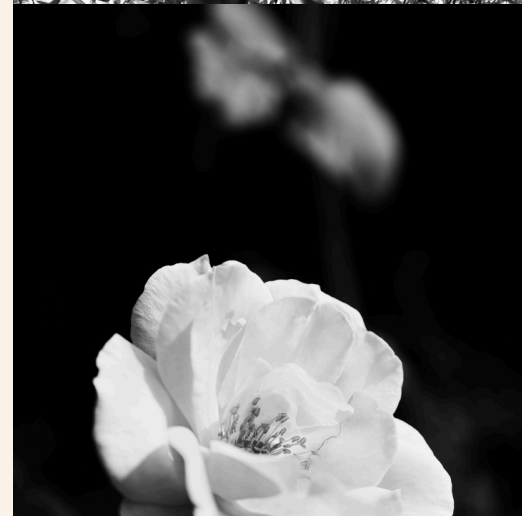
NEW APPLICANTS : Communities new to the Bare Root Tree Grant program are encouraged to apply. Awarded applicants may request 10-15 trees and must have an in person site visit with a Forester to evaluate planting sites and assist with species selection.

RETURNING APPLICANTS : Previous grantees are also welcome to apply and may request between 10-20 trees. TreePennsylvania's Grants Committee will determine if a returning applicant may need an in-person site visit.

TREE DELIVERY

The Spring 2027 Bare Root Tree grant-funded trees will be delivered in early-to-mid April 2027. The exact date(s) are determined by many factors including when the trees are dug, weather conditions, and other elements. Delivery dates will be shared with grantees as soon as possible but are ultimately set by the nursery.

Trees are delivered to regional distribution hubs determined by the proximity of grantees. Every effort is made to coordinate sites which require no more than two (2) hours of travel time for grantees.





CONTACT US

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Please contact us with any questions about TreePennsylvania or the Bare Root Tree Grant program.

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