

Mr. Adam Lehmann
Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District
1325 E. Kemper Road, Suite 115
Cincinnati OH 45246

August 4, 2020

Subject: Letter of Collaboration for street tree planting initiative

Dear Mr. Lehmann,

Sycamore Township is pleased to offer this Letter of Collaboration to communicate Sycamore Township's cooperation to work with the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District (HCSWCD) on a street tree planting campaign on the Sycamore Township approved streets within jurisdictional limits of the Cooper Creek Demonstration Watershed. The list of the Cooper Creek Watershed Approved Streets is attached. These are the only streets Sycamore Township is approving for this project.

Sycamore Township will work with HCSWCD, in consultation with Ohio Department of Natural Resources and adjacent property owners, to identify mutually agreeable tree species and planting locations on the approved streets. Sycamore Township will grant HCSWCD permission to plant trees, via a third-party contractor, at approved locations. No tree can be planted until the Cooper Creek Collaborative Consent Form is completed and approved by the township. The Cooper Creek Collaboration Consent Form is attached.

Sincerely,

Ray Warrick
Administrator

Tracy Kellums
Superintendent, Assistant Administrator

Cooper Creek Collaborative Consent Form

Working to Restore a Healthy Urban Tree Canopy for Your Neighborhood!

Healthy urban tree canopies provide several well documented benefits to the people who live, work, and play under them. These benefits include:

- Increased property value
- Energy savings in adjacent buildings
- Shade & UV radiation reduction
- Air temperature reduction (from evapotranspiration)
- Wind reduction
- Improved physical and mental health
- Pollution reduction (ozone, sulfur dioxide, particulate matter, nitrogen dioxide, carbon monoxide)
- Carbon storage (CO2 sequestration)
- Wildlife habitat and food source
- Stormwater runoff reduction (reduced erosion & improved aquatic habitat in creeks)

The Collaborative is working to obtain grant funding to purchase and plant trees in the road rights-of-way. As good neighbors, we want to make sure that each tree is welcome in its new home. If you want a street tree planted in in the road right-of-way in front of your home or business, please fill out the Consent Form below.

Street Tree Consent Form

There is room for _____ tree(s) to be planted in the road right-of-way directly adjacent to my property.

My Street Address is: _____

I certify that I am an owner of the above referenced property and that I consent to having the above referenced number of trees planted in the road right-of-way directly adjacent to my property. I also understand that I am responsible for the maintenance of the trees.

Full Name (please print)

Signature

Date

Township Approval

Approved By:

Name

Signature

Date

Title

COOPER CREEK WATERSHED APPROVED STREETS

Plainfield Lane

Wexford (Longford to Galbraith)

Longford (West End) (Past High School Driveway)

Myrtle

Lake

Williams

St. Clair (There are limited areas where trees can be planted)

Tudor

Emerald

Daffodil

Crystal

Beryl

Lancaster

Harrison

Monroe

Pine

Plainfield (Park)