

# Whitpain Township Shade Tree Commission

## **FREE Street Tree Planting Program**

Street Trees provide many ecological and aesthetic services which benefit our Whitpain Township community. Shading our streets and creating a harmonious landscape are among the greatest benefits that increase the value of our properties and sense of community pride.

For these and many more reasons the Shade Tree Commission has created the **Whitpain Township Free Street Tree Program** to promote the establishment of new street trees which will benefit our community for generation to come and increase property values. The Free Street Tree Program is a pilot program brought to you by the Whitpain Township shade Tree Commission and the Board of Supervisors. There are a limited number of trees available this year, so this application is not a guarantee of receiving a tree.

Through this vital program Whitpain Township property owners will be able to obtain a free street tree, 2"-2.5" Cal., for their property, if they meet all the criteria in the application, planted by approved contractors partnering with the Shade Tree Commission. The **FREE Street Tree Program** is limited, one street tree will be provided to the first qualifying applicants each year.

### **Qualifying Criteria for a Free Street Tree**

- Proposed street tree location must be within 8 feet of the street or sidewalk adjacent to the street.
- The street tree location must be clear of all underground and overhead utilities. Homeowners are required call PA One Call to have utilities marked in advance of tree planting. This is a free service.
- Home-owner assumes all responsibility for the Street Tree including but not limited to regular thorough watering during the initial two year establishment period.

- Trees will be installed between March 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Homeowner must sign a Homeowner Street Tree Agreement.

New Street Trees will be installed by one of Whitpain Township’s participating contractors listed on the Shade Tree Commissions portal of Whitpain Township’s website.

The trees listed in the Qualifying Street Tree List are native species selected because they are canopy species that will ultimately provide shade to the adjacent street and perform the most beneficial ecosystem services to our community.

### Qualifying Street Trees

<u>Botanic Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
Acer rubrum	Red Maple
Acer saccharum	Sugar Maple
Carya ovata	Shagbark Hickory
Carya glabra	Pignut Hickory
Liriodendron tulipifera	Tulip Poplar
Platanus occidentalis	American Sycamore
Quercus alba	White Oak
Quercus bicolor	Swamp White Oak
Quercus rubra	Red Oak
Quercus montana	Chestnut Oak
Quercus palustris	Pin Oak
Tilia americana	Basswood

**Property Owner’s Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Property Owner:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tree Planting Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_