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Summit to plant 1000 trees over next four years

SUMMIT, N.J., June 19, 2020 – The City of Summit Division of Public Works, along with Union County, is planting 250 new trees in locations throughout Summit in 2020 and into next year. A significant number of these trees were provided by the county to help increase tree canopy coverage in Summit and to help Summit to reach its goal of planting more than 1,000 trees citywide over the next four years.

“The City of Summit is a wonderful partner in Union County’s ongoing effort to improve the tree canopy in our communities,” says Freeholder Chairman Alexander Mirabella. “We are very proud that our ‘Greening Union County’ grant program will play a role in helping Summit to achieve its goal of planting 1,000 new trees.”

Trees are planted in the city right-of-way. If no sidewalk is adjacent to the street, trees are planted within 10 feet of the curb. When a location for a new tree is identified, the property owner will receive a letter indicating their property is a location where a city tree may be planted. The Summit city forester will mark the planting location in advance with a wood stake.

“Trees provide many advantages for property owners beyond the obvious beauty, privacy and shade they add,” explains Summit Mayor Nora Radest. “Planting trees on your property will help to reduce home cooling costs, clean the air, provide a habitat to local wildlife, and increase property values. I hope the trees that are being planted will bring enjoyment to property owners for years to come.”

Following planting, the Summit Shade Tree Advisory Committee provides residents with instructions on how to care for and water new trees.

For more information on the tree planting program in Summit or the Shade Tree Advisory Committee, visit the city [website](#).

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