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DEC Announces Nearly \$930,000 In Urban Forestry Grants To New York Communities

Over \$2 Million in Environmental Protection Fund Grants Awarded in 2014 for Urban Forestry Projects that Support Tree Plantings and Improve Quality of Life

Nearly \$930,000 in state grants have been awarded for 40 urban forestry projects in communities across New York to help protect air, water and natural resources, and enhance urban communities, State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Joe Martens announced today. Combined with the urban forest grants announced on Earth Day in April (\$797,437) and October (\$280,391), New York State awarded more than \$2 million in urban forest grants in 2014.

"Urban forestry programs are vital to creating a vibrant environment that provides clean air, clean water, energy savings, robust habitats and a high quality of life for New Yorkers," Commissioner Martens said. "Thanks to Governor Cuomo and the State Legislature providing Environmental Protection Funds (EPF), New York is able to offer this critical assistance to help improve the environment, support outdoor recreation and enhance economic conditions across the state."

The Urban Forestry grants are part of New York's ongoing initiatives to address climate change and environmental justice, providing funding to expand the number of trees in areas that often have limited space. The grants are provided to communities through the State's Environmental Protection Fund (EPF). Projects target local environmental needs and will benefit the community and the environment.

In addition to overseeing the grants, DEC's Urban and Community Forestry Program provides technical assistance to communities through local DEC urban foresters and ReLeaf volunteers.

DEC selected award recipients from 145 applications, which were scored competitively. Recipients include several projects on Long Island for reforestation in areas affected by Superstorm Sandy, as well as efforts to restore forest canopy lost because of invasive species such as the Emerald Ash Borer or the Asian Long Horned Beetle.

A full list of Urban Forestry Projects is below:

Recipient	County	Project	Award
City of Albany, NY	Albany	Albany Ash Tree Safety and Protection Program - Maintenance	\$50,000
Sustainable South Bronx	Bronx	Hunts Point Tree Inventory	\$29,893
Bronx River Alliance	Bronx	Bronx River Forest Tree-Planting Project	\$50,000
Wave Hill Incorporated	Bronx	Tree Maintenance Grant Phase II - Wave Hill	\$40,000
Woodlawn Conservancy	Bronx	The Woodlawn Cemetery Tree Inventory	\$42,000
Village of Moravia	Cayuga	Village of Moravia Tree Inventory	\$4,260

Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry	Erie	Erie County Tree Inventory Project for Ellicott Creek and Elma Meadows Parks	\$24,000
Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry	Erie	Erie County Parks Tree Management Plan	\$18,240
Town of Lancaster	Erie	Town of Lancaster 2014-2015 Tree Planting Project	\$25,000
Town of Newstead	Erie	Town of Newstead/Village of Akron Tree Inventory	\$5,033
Town of Elma	Erie	Town of Elma Ash Tree Inventory	\$12,000
Erie County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry	Erie	Erie County Tree Inventory Project for Ellicott Creek and Elma Meadows Parks	\$24,000
City of Tonawanda	Erie	City of Tonawanda Citywide Tree Planting Project	\$17,525
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	Franklin	Saint Regis Mohawk Urban and Community Forest Management Plan	\$22,275
Town of Greece	Monroe	Town of Greece Tree Planting Project	\$50,000
Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery	Monroe	Tree Management Plan, Mount Hope Cemetery	\$17,500
Town of Greece	Monroe	Town of Greece Tree Maintenance Project	\$50,000
Village of Honeoye Falls	Monroe	Honeoye Falls Village Tree Inventory	\$17,500
Incorporated Village of Garden City	Nassau	Arbor Restoration - Tree Planting	\$24,000
City of North Tonawanda	Niagara	North Tonawanda Tree Inventory	\$25,000
The Downtown Committee of Syracuse	Onondaga	2014 Tree Plantings in Downtown Syracuse	\$7,500
County of Onondaga	Onondaga	Onondaga Lake Park Ash Tree Replacement Program	\$25,000
Town of Cicero	Onondaga	2014 Town Cicero Tree Inventory	\$6,000
Village of Solvay	Onondaga	Village of Solvay Tree Inventory	\$12,000
City of Geneva	Ontario	Geneva Urban Forestry Tree Inventory Project	\$25,000
Village of Warwick	Orange	Village of Warwick Tree Inventory	\$18,000
Oswego County Soil and Water Conservation District	Oswego	Street Tree Inventories for Villages in Oswego County	\$11,114
City of Fulton	Oswego	Fulton Tree Inventory	\$20,000
City of Fulton	Oswego	Fulton Tree Maintenance	\$20,000
NYC Parks, Greenbelt Administration	Richmond	Greenbelt Natural Area Assessment, Inventory and Mapping (Phase 2)	\$50,000
City of Schenectady	Schenectady	Schenectady Tree Maintenance Project	\$40,000
Village of Canton	St. Lawrence	Canton Village Tree Inventory Project	\$17,000
City of Ogdensburg	St. Lawrence	Downtown Gateway Tree Planting	\$12,000
Town of Islip	Suffolk	Pentaquit Creek Neighborhoods	\$13,000
Town of Islip	Suffolk	Historic District of Downtown Central Islip	\$10,925
Village of Brightwaters	Suffolk	Brightwaters South and Lake Tree Revitalization - Tree Planting	\$8,693
Town of Ithaca	Tompkins	Town of Ithaca Tree Inventory and Forest Assessment	\$23,000
Village of Mamaroneck	Westchester	Preparation of Tree Management Program for the Village of Mamaroneck	\$25,000

Village of Mamaroneck	Westchester	High Priority Tree Maintenance and Sidewalk Repair Initiative	\$25,000
Village of Penn Yan	Yates	Village of Penn Yann Tree Planting Project 2013/2014	\$12,419