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City of Greenville Receives Urban and Community Forestry Grant

The City of Greenville is among 20 Illinois communities awarded grants administered by The Morton Arboretum in partnership with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, to help improve Illinois urban forestry.

The \$15,000 Urban and Community Forestry Grant awarded to Greenville will assist to “ReLeaf” the town by replenishing trees that are essential to the environment and the beauty of Greenville.

“Increasing the number of trees in our community and caring for them long-term are essential to our economy, safety and personal well-being,” noted Bill Grider, Public Works Director. The 2019 / 2020 Urban and Community Forestry Grant program is made possible by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, and the USDA Forest Service to meet urban and community forestry goals throughout Illinois. The matching grants provide opportunities for public entities to plant trees, complete a tree inventory and develop or enhance a tree preservation plan.

The grants were awarded through a competitive process, with over \$217,000 in available funds distributed evenly north and south of highway I-80, and communities competing in their own geographic areas. Greenville is required to match the grant funding, either financially or in-kind. Grant assistance is provided by Morton Arboretum, an internationally recognized outdoor tree museum and tree research center located in Lisle, Illinois.

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