



A Boulevard Tree for Free!

-North Quadra Application for 2015/16 planting

Project Description: The North Quadra Residents Association continues to support tree planting initiatives, in partnership with Saanich Parks, to environmentally enhance neighborhood walkways, streetscapes and to support “Urban Forest Renewal”. Past projects to plant 2 inch caliber trees along boulevards, pathways or property right-of-ways has been a resounding success...with demand often exceeding supply.

How does a boulevard tree benefit homeowners? To begin with, trees absorb sound, reduce air pollution, increase property value and act as traffic calmers. Of greater importance, trees are now hailed as a city’s most important asset in flood control. Larger tree crowns can intercept as much as 5,500 liters that evaporate yearly, instead of hitting the ground! Tree loss due to storms and disease increases the volume storm sewers must manage, so extra trees are a major protection against excessive drain-off and flooding .

Will I be able to choose the tree type/species? Yes, many varieties are available within Saanich Park’s tree selection guidelines. You will be provided with a list of approx. 70 species that are urban hardy, disease resistant, and are appropriate size and type for specific sites.

Cost and obligations? There is NO COST to the homeowner even though Saanich normally charges \$150.00 per tree under their new incentive program. Their actual cost projection is \$400.00 per tree for purchase/planting/maintenance and 5 year watering program. The only commitment from residents is to agree (below) to water the tree for the first 3-5 years.

Is it better if several residents on one street sign-up? This is preferable since a greater number of trees enhance the esthetic and environmental value of the street. Funding priority will be directed to neighborhoods of highest participation. Street coordinators would be helpful to facilitate this process. If you have space and suitable boulevard sites along property right-of-ways, it is possible to request more than one tree. (See sign-up form below)

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YES, I am interested in signing up for a North Quadra boulevard tree. (2015/16 Program) *required

*Name (Please Print) _____

*Street Address _____

*Phone number _____ Email _____

(Email contact is preferred, if possible)

Please check the following where applicable:

I understand Saanich/NQ reps will contact me for tree selection and further details. Plantings generally occur between Sept.-Mar..

* I agree to water the tree for the first 3-5 years (and arrange for neighbours to assist during vacations or absences).

I may have suitable locations for more than one tree. List number _____

I can be a rep. or contact person to coordinate tree sites for my street.

Resident’s signature _____ Date _____

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