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Arkansas Urban & Community Forestry Grant Recipients Announced

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division is pleased to announce six recipients of the 2022 Urban & Community Forestry Grants to fund community projects that will develop, improve, and/or promote urban and community trees and forests.

The recipients and a brief description of their projects are listed below:

- City of Cotter (Cotter) – Tree trimming and maintenance of existing trees in Cotter parks.
- Easter Seals of Arkansas (Little Rock) – Development of community greenway and education/training at the Easter Seals campus in Little Rock.
- Milestones Services, Inc. (Conway) – Hazard tree removal, tree planting, and development of a tree management plan for its early learning day school in Faulkner County.
- Northwest Arkansas African American Heritage Association, Inc. (Fayetteville) – Invasive tree removal, tree pruning, and native species understory planting in a historical cemetery and surrounding area.
- Tree Streets, Inc. (Little Rock) – Tree planting and existing tree maintenance in downtown Little Rock rights-of-way.
- City of Wynne (Wynne) – Tree irrigation equipment and a tree pruning project in Wynne city parks.

The grant review committee ranked proposals based on criteria that included how much the proposed project will improve a community’s tree management program, proposed implementation plan for the project, proposed level of community involvement, educational components, and proposed tree care and long-term maintenance planning. Communities that participate in the Tree City USA, Tree Campus, and Tree Line programs received additional ranking points.

Urban & Community Forestry Grants are made available through federal grant funds from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service’s Urban & Community Forestry Grant Program and are administered by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Forestry Division. The total federal funding allocated to the 2022 projects is \$48,000. Projects awarded 2022 grants must be completed by August 31, 2024. For more information about the grant, contact Krissy Kimbro at kristine.kimbrow@agriculture.arkansas.gov or 479-228-7929.

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