



Roeland Park Tree Fund Policy

Purpose

To preserve and expand the tree canopy through encouraging proper tree maintenance, replacement of any removed trees and the addition of new trees at a reduced cost. Increased tree planting and care of existing mature trees to benefit the entire community.

Mitigation Fee

\$500 flat fee per tree removal.

Benefits to our Community

- Trees beautify our community and sequester carbon, which reduces the city's carbon footprint over time.
- Shade trees reduce cooling costs borne by homeowners/businesses as the climate continues to warm.
- Trees benefit human health and provide habitat for birds and insect species necessary for a healthy ecosystem.
- Mature trees positively impact home values.

Fund Breakdown

\$10,000

- Must be a Roeland Park homeowner
- No income requirements are used for tree trimming/maintenance of trees covered by the Ordinance.
- 50% match up to a total reimbursement of \$500 per calendar year per property for tree trimming/maintenance only.

\$15,000

- Must be a homeowner and living in your home in Roeland Park.
- Income eligibility requirements of 80% of low-moderate income for the Kansas City Metro area are used for tree maintenance and planting of new trees on covered property or replacement trees that have been removed on covered property. Trees must be covered by Ordinance No. 1062.
- Maximum annual amount of \$1,500 per calendar year per property.

Documentation

- Applicants must complete a Tree Fund Application.
- Invoice for reimbursement, unless the City can pay the vendor directly for the income eligible group.
- Before and after photo documentation is required
- Additional details are laid out in the Tree Fund Application.

Other Considerations

- Residents can include labor in their reimbursement.
- Residents cannot access the tree fund more than once per calendar year.