

Lions Million Tree Campaign

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RESOURCES

The campaign was kicked off at the International Conference in Seattle, July 2011. Due to reporting times, DG Dennis Kelly had set the deadline for getting credit for planting at 4/15/12. Clubs may get trees from any source, however ReLeaf * a Fairfax County non-profit organization, has agreed to provide seedlings at no cost. It is recommended you use a Va. Natives, which are the only trees provided by ReLeaf. A list of native trees is included from VA. Extension Services. It is important to get an understanding of the USDA zoning in you region. (mostly 6-7) The site will indicate the characteristics of trees to be planted: large park size trees; or a medium size street trees; or trees which can handle moist conditions. For assistance with tree selections contact Linda Brining at path2linda@aol.com when it comes time to request trees.

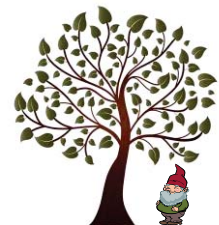
No. Va. has an excellent resource: *A Citizen's Guide to Tree Planting Projects In Northern Virginia.*** When a site is selected, it will help determine the number of trees. 'ReLeaf' doesn't want small quantity requests of 10-15, but we can group requests together for their benefit. A commitment to monitor / water for the first year until the plant is established is requested. If you select a street median; VDOT requires a continual maintenance commitment, before a permit will be granted to plant. DG Dennis had to select a goal, so as a smart and savvy DG, he underestimated what he thought we could do. Knowing the heart of Lions to attack a goal and come out with a resounding success he committed to 600 trees. Thus he is looking not at seeing if we met our goal, but by how much it was beat. Resources have been compiled for your use in preparing a dynamic event, partnering with other organizations to accomplish the goal of Lions: **WE SERVE**, and have a great time in the process.

MATERIALS for use in campaign:

- Message from DG Dennis Kelly.
- Count-Us-In Form (use also as completion reporting form).
- Partner Poster – add your club contact.
- Postcard – Million Trees Campaign
- Lions Tree Planting Campaign – meeting call to action.
- Lions Million Tree Planting Planning Guide.
- Certificate of Appreciation – Group level – signed by Pres. Tam.
- ** *A Citizen's Guide to Tree Planting Projects In Northern Virginia*
- VA. Extension Problem Free Trees.
- VDOT Landscape Guidelines.

CLUB ACTION PLAN:

- Review material available, set a planning committee; club goal, create an event. (Trees will need to be maintained, so this is a long term commitment.)
- Locate a site for planting (contact Linda for suggestions)
- Get necessary permissions to plant. (Check tax records if unsure of ownership)
- Fill out and send in the: "Count Us In" form. Available online at: www.valions.org
- *Contact tree source for trees and quantity, ReLeaf is one source who has agreed to provide seedlings at no charge or quantities large than 30. www.trees@fairfaxReLeaf.org*
- Publicize your event in neighborhood newsletters, papers and of course Lions newsletters.
- Review : *A Citizen's Guide to Tree Planting Projects In Northern Virginia*
- Follow our progress worldwide: <http://www.lionsclubs.org/EN/member-center/membership-and-new-clubs/global-membership-team/presidents-theme/million-tree/index.php>
- Follow up with completion notice on-line at www.valions.org



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- Take plenty of photos for newsletters and for public relations. Invite a member of the news media to cover your event.

TREES:

Trees can be planted

- From seed or cutting (pieces of a branch) directly into the ground;
- Plant seedlings grown in a nursery; or
- Transplant a wild seedling from another area.

Seedling sources:

ReLeaf – source of seedlings – order using “Count-Us-In” Form or contact ReLeaf at

<http://fairfaxReLeaf.org> 703.324.1409

ReLeaf has agreed to provide seedlings free of charge for Lions campaign, may need to combine request with other clubs to meet quantity minimums.

Other sources may be available to you upon request.

Information on tree species:

- VA. Extension Problem Free Trees.
- Dr. Dendro - look up specific species <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/factsheets.cfm>
- Urban Tree Selector - tell it your specs and it will recommend a tree for your situation
<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/treeselector/index.cfm>
- Trees Are Good-planting info and benefit of tree info
http://www.treesaregood.org/treecare/tree_planting.aspx

SUGGESTED LOCATIONS:

Community areas of deforestation

Parks

Schools

Near streams or creeks

VDOT median strips – requires a no-charge permit from VDOT.

Along streams and banks, denuded of trees

PLANTING:

- Use existing soil conditions without the addition of any soil amendments.
- Remove any constricting bands
- Young trees may need protection from deer. Plastic tubing provided, must be removed after first year.
- Water in thoroughly after planting.

www.virginiadot.org/business/resources/NOVA_FairfaxPermits/Landscape_Guidelines.pdf

OTHER RESOURCES:

Virginia Cooperative Extension offices:

<http://www.ext.vt.edu/offices/>

Virginia Department of Forestry

Fairfax County 703.324.1489

Fauquier County 540.347.6358

Loudoun County 703.777.0457

Prince William County 540.347.6358

Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Northern Virginia 703.324.1460

Prince William 703.594.3621

Loudoun 703.777.2075

