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## Village of Bensenville Awarded Urban Forestry Funding

**Bensenville, IL** – The Village of Bensenville was recently awarded a \$15,000 grant to complete tree planting on public property within the Village.

The funds were provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Urban and Community Forestry Partner Grant Program and administered by The Morton Arboretum and the [Chicago Region Trees Initiative \(CRTI\)](#).

*“We are extremely grateful for the continued support from federal and state programs like this. This grant helps us plant, diversify, and preserve our urban forest canopy while reducing the financial impact on the Village,”* noted President DeSimone, Village President.

Funds will be used to purchase trees for the Village’s annual planting program that takes place in spring and autumn.

Grants like this provide communities with funds to plant a diverse selection of trees and allows the Village to enhance its tree preservation ordinance to better protect mature trees in Bensenville.

“Urban trees are critical infrastructure for a community, and this funding helps to plant and protect one of its most important resources,” said Lydia Scott, Director of CRTI. “Trees clean our air and water, reduce flooding and heat, improve our mental and physical health, and provide important habitat for birds and other wildlife.”

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