

## Tree Maintenance Agreement

This Tree Maintenance Agreement between The City of Aurora and the Applicant certifies that customary and reasonable tree care and maintenance will be **performed for at least two years post planting for trees planted under the terms of the USDA Urban and Community Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant.**

Maintenance recommendations are detailed in *International Society of Arboriculture Tree Planting Best Management Practice*.

Trees must be mulched and watered appropriately for two to three years to enable trees to become fully established and thrive. During the growing season approximately 10-15 gallons of water or 1" of water should be applied once weekly by the Applicant to the root ball of newly planted trees unless adequate soil moisture is present. The City of Aurora will attach watering bags to trees planted under this agreement to facilitate proper watering. The Applicant, under this agreement, is responsible for watering as instructed for the period of two to three years.

A 3" – 4" layer of organic, wood chip mulch will be maintained in a circular area around the base of the tree that is at least 3 feet in diameter. The City of Aurora will provide appropriate wood chip mulch at planting.

All tags, rope and wire ties will be removed. Trunk wrap may remain in place for only the first winter season if necessary for thin-barked trees. Stakes will only be used in windy locations and will be removed after one year.

All trees will be monitored for pests or other signs of stress, and conditions will be remedied when appropriate and possible.

I certify that, according to the above, my organization will comply with tree maintenance requirements.

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*Applicant Representative Name - PLEASE PRINT*

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*Entity*

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*Title*

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*Applicant Representative's Signature*

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*Date*