

Dig In! Tree and Daffodil Bulb Grants Available!

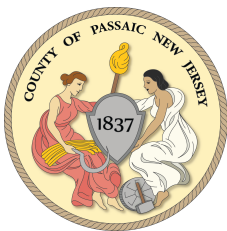


MISSION & GOALS

The Dig In! Passaic County Community Garden, Neighborhood Farming and Habitat Restoration Program is offering tree and daffodil bulb grants. These grants, funded by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders and operated by City Green, aim to restore natural habitats and beautify public spaces throughout Passaic County. Through participation these grants, community members develop an appreciation for the power of beauty and nature to improve neighborhoods, and the possibilities created by taking an active part in enhancing your community and the environment.

SCHEDULE

- Grant applications are due Friday, June 28th, 2019.
- All grant awardees must attend a mandatory awards ceremony to receive their grant.



Dig In! Is funded by the Passaic County Board of Chosen Freeholders

The **Dig In! Program**, seeks to engage community members and organizations to make change in their local neighborhoods through greening and beautification projects. These projects use the beauty and enchantment of public plant and garden installations to inspire new pride in communities, support local wildlife, and change the public experience of community life. City Green will partner with community members and groups to develop vibrant, natural habitats and gardens throughout Passaic County.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Community organizations,
- Faith-based organizations,
- Municipal “adopt-a-lot” programs,
- Garden clubs & green teams,
- Energetic community members looking to spearhead a garden project.

Residential and commercial /for-profit sites are not eligible for funding

ALL PROJECTS MUST:

- Be located in Passaic County.
- Have a minimum of three adults committed to their project.
- Be highly visible to the public and provide an identifiable positive impact to the neighborhood
- Have on-site access to water
- Provide before, during, and after photos of the project
- Use appropriate hashtags (provided by City Green) when posting photos on social media
- Submit receipts to City Green for items purchased after project is completed
- Use 75% of the grant money for plant materials and grant money cannot be used to buy annual plants.
- Be completed with photos & receipts submitted by November 1, 2019.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. Choose either a Tree or Daffodil Bulb Grant
 - Tree Grants are \$500 and can be used to purchase: trees, water bags, hoses, and soil amendments.
 - Daffodil Bulb Grants are granted in bulbs and are a minimum of 100 bulbs and maximum of 500 bulbs. City Green will provide plant materials.
2. If selected for a grant, attend a mandatory awards ceremony and receive educational materials tailored to your specific grant.
3. Prepare your site for planting and organize a planting day; all projects should be completed by November 1, 2019.
4. Watch your project grow and beautify your community!



DIG IN! PROGRAM APPLICATION

Fill in the application as completely as possible.



CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Community Group or Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip code: _____

Primary Project Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Second Project Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Third Project Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Select which grant you would like by circling one choice below:

Tree

Daffodil Bulbs

If selecting a Daffodil Bulb Grant, circle how many you want: 100 200 300 400 500

Please answer the following questions. Respond to each question in a range of 50-100 words or more. You may also provide your response as a narrative no fewer than 400 words.

1.) Describe the project in detail. Include the address or specific location of the project site (if necessary list cross streets, or indicate directions, such as northwest corner of Madison Ave and Main Street) and identify the owner(s) of the property. Be sure to include how the project is highly visible to the public.

2.) Please describe how the surrounding neighborhood, community, and local wildlife will benefit from the project. What are the identifiable and positive impacts of the proposed project?

3.) Does your site have on site access to water?* Only sites with on-site access to water will be approved for funding. Who/how will you take care of the ongoing maintenance of your project (e.g watering, planting/weeding, cleanup/ trash removal, etc.)? Please provide a detailed maintenance plan for your project (For example Sandra will water the garden three days a week and Rafael will weed it two days a week).

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS: It is required that you provide these attachments to be considered for a grant.

A.) Attach a detailed sketch of the project area or site plan (8 1/2"x11") and photo(s) of the site.

B.) If applicable, letter of permission on official letter head to use your selected site location for the bulb or tree planting(s).

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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