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**Trees for Nebraska Towns Grant Deadline October 1st**
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Trees for Nebraska Towns (TNT) makes funding and technical assistance available to improve species diversity and to foster better planting and maintenance practices for trees and associated landscapes. Projects must include the planting of large-maturing trees and must demonstrate high-quality and sustainable tree planting and care practices. Projects should also help conserve water and improve stormwater. The TNT program is not available to fund trees on individual homeowner's property or street tree. If you are interested in coordinating a neighborhood wide tree-planting project we suggest working through your neighborhood association or local government to apply for a TNT grant. Private properties that qualify for TNT funding include properties such as nature centers, non-profits, parochial schools etc. if they demonstrate clear public benefit.

- Projects should emphasize the planting of large-maturing trees (those exceeding 40' in height or spread). Other landscape plantings that benefit trees can be included in the project.
- Projects can be on public or private property, but all projects must provide clear public benefit.
- Approximately $75,000 in grant funds is available. The maximum funding request is $10,000.
- A minimum 50% match is required for all projects (grant funds will not pay for more than 50% of the total project value). Any other funding source is eligible for matching funds. Donated and in-kind goods and services ARE allowed toward the required match.
- TNT is funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET), a beneficiary of the Nebraska Lottery.
- Application deadline: October 1, 2011.

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Download the grant application and instructions at
http://nfs.unl.edu/ReTree/retreenebraskafunding.asp