

DUPAGE COUNTY TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
VOLUNTEER WAIVER AND RELEASE

Please read this form carefully and be aware that in signing it and participating in DuPage County's Tree Replacement Program (hereinafter "Program"), you are expressly assuming the risk and waiving and releasing all claims for injuries, damages or loss, including death, which you, or your child, might sustain as a result of participating in any and all of the activities connected with and associated with this Program.

I, _____, am aware that participation in this Program involves an inherent risk of physical injury to me as well as damage to, or destruction of, my personal property. In exchange for the opportunity to participate in this Program and contribute to maintaining an ecologically-friendly trail system, I hereby assume all risk of injury, regardless of severity, to myself and to my property that I may suffer as a result of my participation in this Program.

I do not have any health conditions that would place me at risk by participating in this Program. I have read the "DuPage County Division of Transportation Tree Planting Program Rules and Regulations" (attached hereto and incorporated herein) and understand these rules are in effect for the Tree Planting Program. I have initialed by each rule demonstrating my understanding thereof.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I may have, as a result of participation in this Program, against the County of DuPage (hereinafter "the County") and the State of Illinois (hereinafter "State"), including any of their officials, agents, employees, successors, or designees. I hereby fully release and forever discharge the County and State, including any of their officials, agents, employees, successors, or designees from any and all claims for injuries, damages or loss I may have, or which may arise out of, or in any way are connected or associated with my participation in this Program.

I have read and fully understand the above important information, including the above-stated rules, the assumption of risk, and the waiver and release of all claims. I am 18 years or older and legally competent to execute this release. (If not 18 years of age, skip to "For Volunteers Between the Ages of 10 and 17".) I have fully considered this matter and freely, without reservation or duress, enter into this release.

Address: _____

Organization: _____

Signature: _____

Signed and Agreed to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

For Volunteers Between the Ages of 10 and 17

A parent or guardian of a minor between the ages of 10 and 17 must sign this Waiver and Release on behalf of his or her minor child to allow his or her child to participate in this Program. Children under the age of 10 are not allowed to participate in this program.

I am the parent or guardian of said minor named below. I have read the above Waiver and Release and agree to all terms therein, including the rules "DuPage County Division of Transportation Tree Planting Program Rules and Regulations" (attached hereto and incorporated herein). I understand these rules are in effect for the Tree Planting Program. I have initialed by each rule demonstrating my understanding thereof.

Name of Minor: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Signed and Agreed to this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

DUPAGE COUNTY DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION
TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM
RULES AND REGULATIONS

Please read each rule and initial on the line in front of it indicating you have read and understand the rule. If you are under the age of 18, both you, as well as your parent/guardian, must initial on a line in front of the rule to indicate you understand the rule.

1. _____ The definition of a highway shall include all highway and trail rights-of-way as currently shown on the DuPage County Division of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as 'DuDOT') DuPage County Highway/Trail System Map.
2. _____ An organization shall plant trees, remove invasive species, remove exotic or noxious weeds, and plant native shrubs on a highway or trail, or section thereof, as identified by the County of DuPage. DuDOT will be responsible for pickup of removed debris and vegetation.
3. _____ The planting group shall designate one person to be the safety coordinator to work with the County Engineer or his/her duly assigned representative. The safety coordinator shall be responsible for training all volunteers of the group.
4. _____ The planting group shall use hand tools for the duration of the planting event. No power tools such as chainsaws, powered tillers, or stump grinders will be used by the planting group for the duration of the event.
5. _____ No private signs or other items may be posted by the group at any time in the planting area or in the public way.
6. _____ Volunteers must be at least eighteen (18) years of age on the designated work date(s) unless otherwise approved by the County Engineer or his duly authorized representative. The minimum age of any permitted volunteers is ten (10) years with one (1) adult supervisor for every five (5) youth under the age of 18 at any work site.
7. _____ No drugs or alcohol shall be carried or consumed by any group members while engaged in highway or trail work activities.
8. _____ Participating volunteers, or their organization, are responsible for providing first-aid supplies, adequate drinking water, and adequate personal protective equipment during work events; the County of DuPage will not provide first-aid supplies or water during planting events.
9. _____ All vehicles for the delivery of approved trees and plants will be parked in permitted areas only, following County Engineer approval. The group safety coordinator shall obtain approval for parking locations prior to commencement of work.
10. _____ Volunteers shall place any debris in piles for removal by DUDOT. Debris or vegetation that has been removed shall not be placed, piled, or stacked in a manner that is obstructive to path/walk users, or sight obstructive to motorists, bicyclists, or pedestrians.
11. _____ If participating volunteers have found any large or potentially hazardous debris (e.g., dead animals, chemicals, spent medical supplies, etc.), they should report the location to the DuPage County Division of Transportation's Tree Replacement Program contact at 630-407- 6900 (M-F 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding holidays) or send an e-mail to: DOT@dupagecounty.gov for collection by the DUDOT Highway Maintenance Department.
12. _____ Volunteers shall not trespass or enter onto private property without permission of the property owner. Caution shall be used by all volunteers in and around traffic areas.
13. _____ All volunteers shall wear safety vests and work gloves as provided by DUDOT (maximum 25 workers per work date). Appropriate clothing and footwear shall be worn by all volunteers, including hard-soled shoes or work boots at all times during work times.
14. _____ The safety coordinator is responsible for the maintenance of the safety vests during the planting event. Should the event be cancelled for any reason by the group or DUDOT, the safety coordinator shall return all safety vests to DUDOT.
15. _____ Plantings are not permitted along any hazardous areas, including, but not limited to, highway medians (<12' in width), highway/trail bridges, highway underpasses, highway tunnels, storm culverts or other structures that pose a danger or hazard to the volunteers.
16. _____ Behavior that is determined to be inappropriate by the County Engineer, or his duly authorized representative, during work event(s) may result in termination of this agreement.