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Forestry Cost Share Programs

Thinking of improving your woodland landscape or yard? Now is the time! There is something to suit every type of residential property in Riverwoods. Funds are available to residents on a first-come, first-served basis. Please visit us at the Village Hall to receive more information about these programs, choosing the appropriate contractor, and choosing the best plantings for your property. Check the list below to find the program that works best for you.

For all of the programs, we recommend a consultation with either our Village Forester or a professional of your choice. These experts can not only help you in creating a plan that is best for your property, but can help you develop the most cost-efficient plan for your budget. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the details of the programs, as some have limitations or special requirements. Note that a resident must pay all contractors and the Village Forester must pre-approve and review all completed work before a resident can receive reimbursement for most Village cost share programs.

Forester Consultation

Want the forester to come to you for a consultation?

- Call Village Hall to schedule a consult for a 2nd or 4th Tuesday of a month, between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- Consultations conducted from mid spring through early fall, and will resume April 12, 2011

Cost - \$50



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Canopy Thinning

For the heavily-wooded lot, optimizing woodland health may require canopy thinning. Some canopy trees are removed in strategic areas to allow light to reach the understory. This program does not apply to dead trees.

- Sign up for a consultation with the Village Forester or professional of your choice
- The Village Forester will prepare or review a plan for tree removal.
- Get quotes for tree removal per the pre-approved plan.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share

Replacements



Canopy Trees (PDF)



Shrubs (PDF)



Understory Trees (PDF)

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Buckthorn Removal

Improve the health of any wooded lot by removing invasive Buckthorn. This increases the opportunity for desirable native trees and plants to survive and thrive.

- Prequalify a contractor
- Prepare a plan with a contractor, identifying density and cost per acre, including two resprout treatments
- Obtain Village Forester approval

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share for removal, but cannot apply again for five years

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Garlic Mustard Removal

Improve the health of any lot by removing invasive garlic mustard plants. This increases the opportunity for desirable herbaceous plants and plants to survive and thrive.

- Prequalify a contractor
- Prepare a two-year plan with contractor, identifying density and cost per acre, with removal only by mechanical means
- Obtain Village Forester approval

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share for each year, but cannot apply again for five years

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Canopy Tree Planting (any residential lot)

Appropriate for any residential lot in the Village, whether you have woodlands or not, to add native trees which increase the tree canopy in the Village. This program provides for up to five 1.5 inch caliper native species trees at a special Village price which includes planting, mulching, a deer protection fence for the trees, and a one-year guarantee. This program differs from the plant sale because these extras are included in the price.

- Any resident can apply at the Village Hall
- The Village Forester will review and approve requests and coordinate the planting
- Trees will be supplied, planted, and guaranteed by Possibility Place Nursery or any pre-approved nursery

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$625 Village share (five trees or alternative if pre-approved)

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Woodland Reforestation (woodland residential lot)

Once you have removed the buckthorn and garlic mustard, this program will help you in replanting your woodland landscape with trees, native shrubs, and plants

- Invasive Buckthorn and garlic mustard must be removed prior to planting
- Prepare a landscape plan using native plantings
- Obtain Village Forester approval

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$2,000 for Village share

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Rain Gardens

Manage water drainage and reduce flooding by building a rain garden with native plantings, especially designed to collect water.

- Consult with Village Engineer for location, size, plant species, and typical plan details
- Prepare a rain garden plan
- Obtain Village Engineer approval of plan and installation

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$4,000 for Village share

Plant Sale

Purchase native trees and shrubs at the plant sale for reduced prices. The Riverwoods Plant Committee organizes and runs this sale each year in May. Watch for more information in the Village Voice.

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village for trees and shrubs purchased from the sale

Trees up to \$600 Village share for trees

Shrubs up to \$200 Village share

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Prescribed Burn

For woodland properties to promote woodland health

- Consult with the Village Forester to review burn potential for your property and technical requirements for burn permit
- Can be done up to 1 time every 5 years
- Opportunities for a collective burn with neighbors for additional savings

Funds available – 50/50 cost share with resident/Village up to \$800 Village share per acre burned and \$1600 maximum per lot

The amount of funds available for each program will be re-evaluated and approved by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis. Help make our programs a success and apply today!



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