



Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee
Project Proposal Application Form
City of Ann Arbor Public Services
4251 Stone School Road, Ann Arbor MI 48108
734.794.6356

PROJECT PROPOSAL

In 1964, Elizabeth R. Dean bequeathed \$2 million to the City of Ann Arbor for the income to be used *“to be held in trust in perpetuity, to repair, maintain and replace trees on city property.”* The trust is managed by the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee which accepts, reviews, and considers proposals for special tree planting and maintenance projects to enhance Ann Arbor’s urban and community forest as one of the allocations of the income.

PROJECT EVALUATION & SELECTION CRITERIA

Projects must provide for open and equal access to all citizens, thereby deriving benefits to the entire community. The Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee has identified the following priority outcomes and areas/locations where it would like to focus funding towards.

Outcomes

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| • Neighborhood Enhancement with Shade, Privacy, and Noise Reduction | • Building Environmental Stewardship |
| • Beautification | • Maintain and Enhance Biodiversity |

Locations

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| • Neighborhood streets | • Public Housing Sites |
| • Proposals submitted by neighborhood organizations. | • Community Centers / Libraries |
| • Neighborhood parks | • Major Streets, particularly those that have had significant loss of trees. |

PROJECT PROPOSAL INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions as concisely as possible (attach a separate sheet if necessary). If your proposal is considered for funding, you may be asked to attend a Dean Fund Committee meeting to further explain your project.

1. Describe the project.

Please include the nearest cross streets or other means to identify the specific location.

Addition of 1 to 3 new trees at Creal Park to provide much-needed shade, cooling, natural beauty, and ecological diversity at this well-loved neighborhood park. The neighborhood surrounding the park underwent a large utility replacement project last summer that included refurbishing sidewalks, streets, and the park entrance off Argyle Crescent. The Creal Park neighbors, in partnership with the city's Adopt-a-Park program, propose the following additional trees in order of preference:

1. A Tulip Poplar between the basketball court and the playground - shade courts and privacy b/w teens at courts and little ones at playground
2. An American Sycamore south of the swingset - shade to swings and playground
3. A oak in the extension off Argyle Crescent by the trash can - shade for playcourts, privacy from road

A map of these locations is included at the end of this proposal

2. How does the project meet one or more of the Outcomes listed in the application form?

Addition of one to three additional native trees at this park will enhance the neighborhood by providing additional shade and it's cooling effects and help with noise reduction to neighbors from park activities and provide a more natural experience at this largely open park. It will add beautification to areas without an existing connecting tree canopy and provide more habitat for local wildlife. Having native trees and exposing neighbors and families to their benefits will enhance environmental stewardship among park visitors. Biodiversity will be improved by adding trees that support local insects that feed birds and produce food and shelter for small critters like squirrels.

3. Have you sought other sources or matching of funding? ☐ YES ☒ NO

If YES, what other sources: _____

4. How many trees to be:

Planted	One to three depending on availability of funding
Pruned	
Removed	
Stumps Ground	
Other	

5. If approved for funding, how will you or your group support this project?

☐ Monetary Contribution ☒ Maintenance/Tree Care ☒ Project Promotion

☐ Other _____

6. Have you talked over your project with members of the community, City staff or City Council?

☒ YES ☐ NO

If YES, with whom and how? Creal Crescent neighbors communicate regularly at the park playground

Contact Person: <u>Allen Majkrzak neighbor</u> Number <u>651-324-2421</u>	Phone <u>734-794-6445 ext 43475</u>
Organization (if applicable): Creal Crescent Neighborhood Association and city Park Adopter	Email Address: <u>allen.majkrzak@gmail.com</u> <u>dnovak@a2gov.org</u>
Are you interested in serving on the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

Mail completed applications to:

Wheeler Service Center
Attn: EDFC/Nicholas Jacob
4251 Stone School Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Email completed applications to:

njacob@a2gov.org

1. Creal Crescent

Creal Park
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Creal Park

Am. Sycamore 2.

1. Tulip Poplar

3. Burr Oak

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