

**To:** Tiffany Giacobazzi  
**Cc:** Don Wortman, Merrill Dudley, Jamie Pauline, Sean Reynolds, Krystal Steward  
**From:** Lynn Nybell, Richard Wieland  
**Re:** Bryant Neighborhood (Tract 4056) Equity Tree Planting Project  
**Date:** September 30, 2022

On Wednesday September 14, 2022 Richard Wieland, Lynn Nybell and Sean Reynolds met Community Action Network (CAN) Outreach Specialist Krystal Steward at the Bryant Community Center. During our hour and a half meeting, we focused on discussing our proposed tree planting project in the Bryant neighborhood with Krystal, and seeking her insight and feedback about how we might proceed.

Krystal was extremely supportive of the project. Her knowledge of the neighborhood and willingness to help us was much appreciated! We shared the map of the Bryant neighborhood that Jamie Pauline had initially prepared to identify tree sites, along with the list of suggested species.

#### **Proposed Next Steps:**

**1) Updating planting sites and the species list.**

One immediate task is updating the original list of possible planting sites based on our neighborhood walk of July 21st along with updating the species list. The current species list (attached) lists primarily large trees, but on the July 21st walk quite a few sites were identified where smaller, ornamental trees might be appropriate so additional medium and small species might be added to the list. (Timeline: As soon as possible, perhaps after Jamie returns?)

**2) Include a small number of plantings on Private Property.**

Sean expects to be able to provide a limited number of additional trees (approximately 6 to 8) on private sites through separate funding. This might be helpful in engaging residents who want to add trees but do not have an available spot on the public right of way. There is a possibility that this could be an ongoing yearly activity dependent upon funds availability yet to be determined.

**3) Disseminating information to the community.**

When Krystal has this updated information on planting sites and species, she will begin to disseminate it to Bryant neighbors. Providing pictures and information about the species will be an important part of this process. (Timeline: Late October).

**4) Identifying possible planting locations in Arbor Oaks Park.**

The possibility of increasing shade trees in Arbor Oaks Park will likely continue to be a valued contribution after the upcoming DTE tree planting of 5 trees (2 shade and 3 fruit trees) on September 30. Krystal will walk the park with us to help assess where additional tree planting would be beneficial based on how the park is used by residents. (Timeline: Mid October).

- 5) **After the planting sites and species lists are complete, the budget will be finalized.** The detailed budget will be presented to the EDFC. (Timeline: Early December)

6) **Outreach to neighbors.**

Once sites and species are identified, outreach will be made to neighbors who express interest, and to all those with identified planting locations on their properties. Sean's intern and Krystal's outreach staff can be of assistance with this task. (Timeline: November-early January in order to be able to reserve trees for spring planting)

7) **Planting.**

Planting will take place during the spring planting months.

**Additional ideas and suggestions**

1) **Long term tree care**

One of the concerns of this effort is that of sustainable with the trees planted thriving beyond the initial 12 waterings provided by Margolis. One idea is to establish a "Tree Care Team" that would notice issues with trees and try to assure that watering, pruning, fertilizing and so forth is provided as necessary.

2) **Tree Pruning**

There are areas in the neighborhood where tree pruning would be beneficial. On private property, this would of course require owner permission. Could the Citizen Pruners training project be helpful? Could a Tree Pruning fund be created?

Equity-focused tree planting  
Species recommended nt (2022)

Downy serviceberry (small)  
Allegheny serviceberry (small)  
Common hackberry (large)  
Sweetgum (large)  
Blackgum (medium)  
London planeree (large)  
Swamp white oak (large)  
Bald cypress (large)  
American elm or cultivars (large)  
Tuliptree (large)  
Eastern white pine (large)