# CITY OF SARASOTA

# MATURE TREE PROGRAM

The Mature Tree Program is an incentive to encourage homeowners to plant and maintain canopy trees. The City of Sarasota Tree Mitigation Fund will cover up to \$500.00 of the cost of the tree once the \$100.00 minimum deposit has been met.



## **PROGRAM DETAILS**

- · Residents will own the tree.
- Residents are responsible for watering and pruning maintenance. Seasonal residents must make arrangements for watering.
- Selections will be limited to the list of approved trees. Palms are not included.
- Minimum tree size is 2" caliper. Grade #1 minimum.
- In accordance with the right tree, right location principle, planting location must be between the right-of-way and front plane of the house.
- Planting under utility wires will not be allowed in most cases.
- · Residents are limited to one tree, per property, per calendar year.

## PHASE 3 APPROVED TREE LIST

Tree Species	Unit Cost per Tree
Live Oak	\$545.00
Silver Buttonwood	\$822.83
Mahogany	\$593.75
Red Maple	\$650.00
Gumbo Limbo	\$725.00

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How do I participate?

Please contact the vendor, Tree Biotics, at (941) 480-6387 or MatureTreeProgram@gmail.com

### Who will select the tree?

The homeowner will select from the vendor's list of available species.

## Who is responsible for the care/maintenance of the tree?

The homeowner owns and is responsible for the tree. The vendor will provide general information about care and maintenance. A Quick Guide for Tree Planting for Homeowners (ufl.edu)

## Can the homeowner purchase and plant the tree himself?

The homeowner must utilize the City vendor to participate in the Mature Tree Program.

#### What is the vendor payment process?

The homeowner is responsible for a minimum deposit of \$100.00 to the vendor. The homeowner will also be responsible for any balance beyond the City's contribution of \$500.00.

## Will the tree be planted in the right-of-way or on private property?

All planting will occur between the right-of-way and the front plane of the house.

#### How do I determine the location of the right-of-way?

The vendor will assist in locating the right-of-way.

#### What is the survival requirement?

If a tree dies, the homeowner is responsible to replace it without further assistance from the city.

