

**Addendum 1: Questions and Answers**  
**RFP Residential Tree Planting Services**  
**City of Bowie, Maryland**  
**Department of Planning & Sustainability**

Question	Answer
1. Will the Homeowners determine the tree type & location ? Is there a tree specimen list already prepared?	When they apply to the program, they're given a flyer (attached to this document) with the species name and some general characteristics of each. They choose the location in their yards. I ask them to call Miss Utility before selecting the tree, and then when planting season rolls around, the contractor will call Miss Utility before going out.
2. Will the list of 100 trees and their planting location be 100/100 day 1 of "Task 2" or, will the list be completed as tree requests are made	I'll open the application on July 1, and people will start applying. It's an automatic approval if they're in the City limits and haven't participated previously. I will then put together a homeowner agreement that they will need to sign. Some of them get it back to me in the same week. A lot of people take a few weeks to get it back to me, and there are inevitably some that I never hear back from. I have been doing sort of like rounds of plantings where I send the contractor a list as the agreements come in. That typically takes two or three rounds due to reaching out to people a couple of times and usually having to re-advertise because some people never follow-up with signing the agreement.
3. Are you opposed to 1.5" Trees?	No. Trees can be 1.5" or greater.
4. Is the SDAT requirement a clean hands certificate or something more in-depth?	SDAT has a document called Certificate of Good Standing. That is what we are looking for. <a href="https://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/Internet-Certificate-of-Status.aspx">https://dat.maryland.gov/businesses/Pages/Internet-Certificate-of-Status.aspx</a>
5. When would you want these trees planted?	It would be a plant-as-you-go sort of thing. Most would be ready to go in October, but not everyone gets their agreements back to me in timely fashion...or at all. I almost always have what I call a second and third round for stragglers or the need to re-advertise because people were unresponsive once they received the agreement they have to sign.

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<p>6. Can you tell me the total number of each tree per your list? That will help me price this accordingly.</p>	<p>Planting wouldn't start until Oct 1 and would go through March. There's not any particular number of each species needed. The homeowner would select the one they want, and I would send the list to the contractor. The most popular trees last year were redbuds, American red maple, and dogwood.</p>
<p>7. How many trees did you plant last year, and who planted them?</p>	<p>In FY22, 91 trees were planted; in FY21, 76 were planted by <b>Ecoasis in Bowie.</b></p>
<p>8. Section 2c under general conditions discusses liquidated damages. The final sentence (underlined) states: Should a Bidder require specific information about the nature and amount of liquidated damages, if any, to be included in a contract for a particular project, the Bidder is advised to make inquiry prior to bidding. May we please request information about those liquidated damages? We do not expect that this will come into play as we intend on completing all of the plantings, but if an unknown circumstance should arise, it would be good to know the specifics.</p>	<p>Liquidated damages do not apply to this project.</p>

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By:   
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# PLANT **1** Tree on Us FOR A BEAUTIFUL BOWIE!



## TREES:

### See The Value of Trees

**Planting one tree on your property can make a big difference!** Your neighborhood is in need of more trees, and your personal effort to plant one tree can have a positive impact on the environment, your property, and our community.

provide shade & privacy

add beauty & value to your home & neighborhood



provide food, shelter, & habitat for local wildlife

generate oxygen & absorb carbon dioxide

### Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place



Planting and caring for one tree does not take much effort when you plant the Right Tree in the Right Place! There are a variety of trees to choose from, and you can find the one that will best fit your home and maintenance needs.

- 1) **Review the Tree Selection Chart** on the reverse side and choose a tree.
- 2) **Walk your property** to identify an appropriate location for your preferred species.\*
- 3) Read more at [www.cityofbowie.org/POTOU](http://www.cityofbowie.org/POTOU) and **complete a tree reservation form**.
- 4) **Sign and return** the homeowner agreement.
- 5) **Place the marking flag** in your yard and ensure there is access to the area.
- 6) Provide maintenance such as **watering and pruning** as needed to your young tree.

*\*Contact MISS Utility to ensure your preferred location will not interfere with infrastructure at 800-257-7777.*

## ENJOY YOUR NEW TREE!



Tree Selection Chart >>>>

# Tree Selection Chart

## This will help you find the right tree for your yard

This chart highlights key characteristics of trees available under the Plant One Tree on Us program. All of these trees are native and, once established, will require minimal maintenance. Additional information is available by searching for the tree online.

*These ornamental species can often be planted adjacent to utility lines.*



America Dogwood



Eastern Redbud



Downy Serviceberry



River Birch



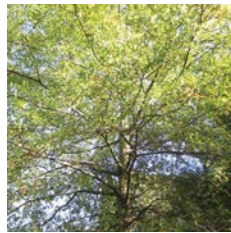
American Elm



White Oak



Swamp White Oak



Willow Oak



American Sweetgum



Black Tupelo or Gum



American Red Maple

Tree Name (may vary)	Height	Width	Privacy & Shade	Drought Tolerant	Growth Rate	Roots
■ American Flowering Dogwood (Cherokee Princess cultivar preferred)	< 30ft	<25ft	Low	No	Slow	Shallow
■ Eastern Redbud (Forest Pansy, Merlot, Rising Sun cultivars ok)	< 30ft	25-40ft	Low	No	Medium	Medium-Deep
■ Downy Serviceberry (prefers shade)	< 30ft	25-40ft	Low	No	Medium	Medium-Deep
River Birch (Heritage Cultivar preferred)	>30ft	>40ft	High	No	Medium-Fast	Shallow
American Elm (only Princeton & Valley Forge cultivars)	>30ft	>40ft	Low	No	Fast	Shallow
White Oak	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Slow	Medium-Deep
Swamp White Oak	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Medium-Fast	Shallow-Medium
Willow Oak	>30ft	>40ft	High	No	Medium	Shallow
American Sweetgum (rotundaloba, a fruitless variety, is allowed)	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Medium-Fast	Shallow
Black Tupelo or Gum (Wildfire, Red Rage and Green Gables cultivars preferred)	>30ft	25-40ft	High	No	Slow-Medium	Medium-Deep
American Red Maple (October Glory, Autumn Blaze cultivars okay)	>30ft	>40ft	High	Yes	Medium-Fast	Shallow

**Privacy & Shade:** Low (low-density tree coverage), High (high-density tree coverage).

**Drought Tolerance:** Yes (some drought tolerance), No (needs summer watering).

**Growth Rate:** Slow (less than 12 inches/year), Medium (12 to 24 inches/year), Fast (over 24 inches/year).

**Roots:** Shallow (keep away from sidewalks/buildings), Medium to Deep (can be closer to sidewalks/buildings).



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