

# City Forest Credits Afforestation and Reforestation Project Application

# 1. Project Name

For example: Ballinger Open Space Planting Project

Village of Lombard Tree Planting Project 2024

# 2. Project Operator

Provide the name of organization/entity and contact information for the Project Lead

Organization/Entity: Village of Lombard

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## 3. Project Location

Project must be in or adjacent to one of the following. Describe which one of the criteria the project meets and provide name of city, town, or jurisdiction where project is located.

- Urban Area or Urban Cluster boundary per U.S. Census Bureau
- Boundary of any incorporated or unincorporated city or town
- Boundary of any planning areafor a regional metropolitan planning agency or entity
- Within the boundary of land owned, designated, and used by a municipal or quasimunicipal entity for source water or watershed protection
- Within a transportation or utility right of way through one of above

This project is located at multiple sites within the Village of Lombard, IL, meeting the project area eligibility criteria of being in an incorporated town or city.

#### 4. Project Description

Provide short narrative of the overall project goals, location where trees will be planted, land ownership or eligibility to receive credits, approximate number of trees or acres, main tree species, and project timeframe.

The Village is seeking to participate in its first carbon credit planting project with our current street and right-of-way tree replacement and cost share planting programs. We hope to contribute to regional goals including environmental sustainability, the mitigation of climate change, and positive impacts within our community.

The trees have been planted on Village owned rights-of-way throughout the Village. The rights-of-way belong to the Village of Lombard and the Village is eligible to receive credits. There are 1,314 trees in the project, consisting of 85 different tree species. The top species include lilac, gingko, linden, and elm trees. The trees were planted as part of the Village's tree planting programs between October 2021 and May 2024.

## 5. Project Impacts

Provide short narrative of the environmental, social, and health impacts this project will achieve. Examples include how the project addresses increased access to green spaces for under-resourced communities, flood control or watershed protection, benefits for human health and wellbeing, improved recreation opportunities, or protection of bird and wildlife habitat.

This project will have a positive impact on our community. One of the primary goals of our tree planting program after our community was devastated by Emerald Ash Borer was to increase the overall diversity of our urban forest. Several of the tree species planted as part of this project were either underrepresented or non-existent within our tree population. By increasing our tree diversity, we seek to improve the overall health of our urban forest. Additionally, by replacing trees which are removed we are working to continue to reduce storm water runoff by replacing lost canopy cover. Community aesthetics are improved through the planting of size-appropriate flowering trees under utility lines. Revenue from the sale of carbon offsets from this project will be reinvested into additional tree planting and maintenance performed by the Village of Lombard.

## 6. Planting Design and Quantification Method

Provide short narrative about the planting design and quantification method you will use for the project. Refer to Protocol Appendix A for more detail.

• Single Tree Quantification Method: trees planted in a dispersed or scattered design that are planted at least 16.5 feet apart (i.e. street trees). This method requires tracking of individual trees and tree survival for sampling and quantification.

Lombard will be utilizing the single tree quantification method (spaced 16.5 feet or more apart, i.e. street trees). The trees were planted primarily as replacement or new street trees. All plantings meet the requirements set forth in our Village Code and Urban Forestry Management Plan in terms of spacing from other trees and existing infrastructure.

#### 7. Additional Information

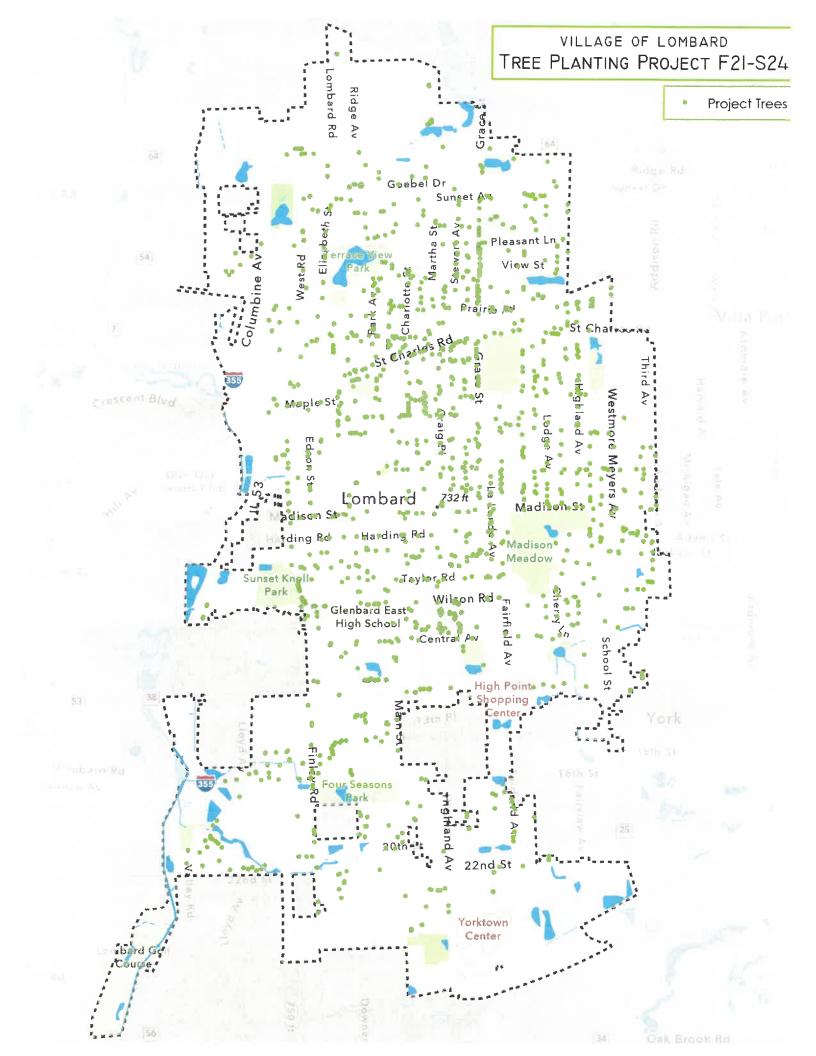
Provide additional information about your project. **If** the Project is part of a larger program or planting effort, include one sentence with more information. Examples include collaboration with other partners or how this project fits into a regional initiative.

This project will be implemented through the Village's Public Works Forestry group and overseen by the Urban Forestry and Landscaping Supervisor. The trees were added into our asset management system, which maintenance and monitoring will be conducted through. The project has the support of Village administration and is part of the Chicago Region Carbon Program. As such, it complements other tree planting and preservation projects within the seven-county area of the Chicago Region Trees Initiative.

# 1. **Map**

Provide a map of the Project Area.

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Signed on May 29 in 2024, by Eric Hendrickson, for the Village of Lombard