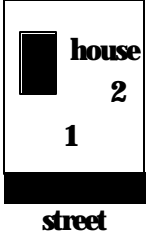


Application

- 1. **Name:** Property Owner (and/or Applicant): _____
- 2. **Contact:** Phone: _____
Property Address: _____
Mailing Address: _____

- 3. **Applicant's Tree Preference(s):***
 my preference: _____
 no preference: _____
 *includes waterbag to assist new trees

- 4. **Location Preference(s):** (sketch general map) example:



5. **Consent:** I, the undersigned property owner, do solemnly swear that I am the bona fide owner of the property for which this application is filed, and that I have read and understand the T.R.E.E. Program, its terms and conditions, and the agreement presented in the Program Summary & Application. In consideration for the City of Madison's review of this application, I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its agents and employees from and against any and all claims, damages, and/or liability arising from or related to this application or issuance of any funds thereunder.

Date

Signature

*Applications may be submitted to:
Director, Community Planning & Development
City of Madison, P.O. Box 32, Madison, GA 30650*



Greenspace Commission
City of Madison
 132 N. Main Street
 P.O. Box 32
 Madison, Georgia 30650
 www.madisonga.com

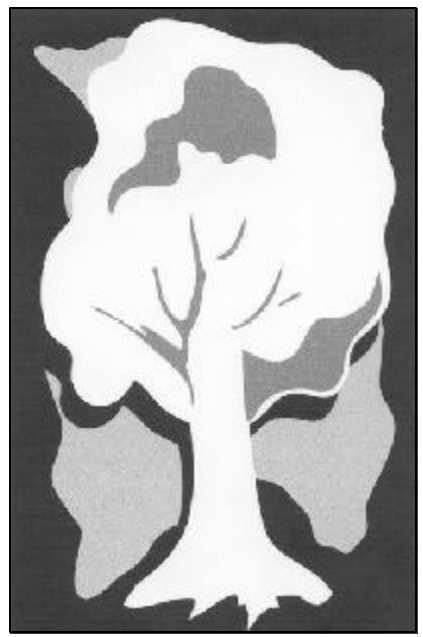
*funded by the generous bequest of
Mr. Gwyn T. Ricketts*

*sponsored by the
Madison Greenspace Commission*

*administered through the support of the
City of Madison, Georgia*

Agreement

- A. The property owner agrees to pay half of tree acquisition cost incurred for his/her property; the Madison Greenspace Commission also agrees to pay half of said costs; and the City of Madison agrees to pay for the labor for tree installation (Note: acquisition cost to be stated in the notification letter and participation confirmed by the property owner prior to any expenditure of funds by the City);
- B. The property owner agrees to allow the City and its agents and employees access to his/her property for the purpose of tree installation; and,
- C. The property owner agrees to maintain T.R.E.E. Program tree(s) in a healthy condition for the tree(s) natural life span.
- D. The property owner is also encouraged to consider a voluntary donation to the Ricketts Trust, thus increasing the non-expendable principal. Such generosity - regardless of the amount - extends the breadth of the program and adjusts for inflation.



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The Ricketts Environmental Excellence Program: Trees for the Beautification of the City of Madison, Georgia

*No shade tree?
Blame not the sun,
but yourself.
~ Ancient Chinese Proverb*

PROGRAM SUMMARY & APPLICATION

The Ricketts Environmental Excellence (T.R.E.E.) Program fosters the replenishment of Madison's valuable and gracious trees. Trees are a community resource that provide tangible benefits, in terms of visual and aesthetic value, environmental value, health benefits, and economic value. The City of Madison recognizes the value of its trees and is committed to the conservation and enhancement of its environment.

Established January 10, 2001, the program honors the bequest of Mr. Gwyn Thomas Ricketts. Mr. Ricketts, originally of Eufala, Alabama, spent much of his life in Atlanta and its environs. As a designer, he recognized the need for beauty in the home and in one's environment. The elegance of many of Madison's homes and public buildings are a direct result of his input and volunteer commitment. Upon his death,

Mr. Ricketts bequeathed equal portions of his estate to the cities of Madison and Covington for the purchase of trees.

The T.R.E.E. Program is sponsored by the Madison Greenspace Commission and administered through the support of the City of Madison. The non-

expendable Ricketts Trust maintains a principal balance of \$25,500, with interest fully devoted to tree acquisition. The T.R.E.E. program aims for shared community investment, resulting in the planting of 15-20 trees on an annual basis upon private property.

The program also represents a private-public partnership. The concept is simple. The program contributes half of the tree purchase cost, the property owner contributes the other half, and the City contributes the labor to plant the tree. And Madison



Gwyn T. Ricketts
1932 ~ 2000

gains another tree for the community forest.

The T.R.E.E. Program complements the City's existing planting initiative. The City of Madison plants trees upon the public right-of-way and other public properties on an annual basis. Having done so for more than a decade, the City of Madison continues to be praised by the Georgia Forestry Commission and the Tree City USA program for its accomplishments.

The Madison Greenspace Commission is the current embodiment of the city's tree board, first established in 1987. The Commission is responsible for guiding conservation efforts within the city and sponsoring programs - such as The Ricketts Environmental Excellence program - to enhance the existing greenspace.

Terms & Conditions

1. **Participants.** Both residential and nonresidential property owners may apply. If the property is leased, the property owner must consent by completing the application (see reverse side). Previous participants are not excluded.
2. **Availability of Funds.** The annual program budget for tree acquisition is approximately \$1,500. The City reserves the right to distribute funds in the amount necessary to encourage as many plantings as the program budget will allow.
3. **Program Schedule.** Since Winter is the season for tree planting, applications should be submitted by **January 31st**. Announcements of awards will generally follow within three weeks with official notification to follow. Acquisition, delivery, and installation are planned for February.
4. **Preferred Locations.** Proposed locations must be readily visible from the public right-of-way. Applicants are encouraged to include acceptable alternative locations. Waterbags, to assist early growth and during drought, are included for all locations.



*The trees in the streets are old trees
Used to living with people.
Family trees that remember your grandfather's name.
~ Robert Frost*

5. **Preferred Trees.** Native species and canopy trees receive preferential review status. Applicants may express a preference for the type of tree to be planted. However, the City reserves the right to select the type of trees most conducive to the preferred location and based upon nursery availability, price, and convenience.
6. **Special Requests.** More than one location may be proposed and will be considered as funds permit. The City reserves the right to limit requests to one per property in order to assure that the benefits of the program extend throughout the community.
7. **Notification.** The Madison Greenspace Commission will review the applications and make all awards. Notifications will be mailed specifying location, type and cost of tree(s) to be planted. To accept the award, the applicant shall return the confirmation slip with payment for half of the price of a tree and schedule a planting date if necessary.

*For comments, questions, or assistance:
Director, Community Planning & Development,
mail@madisonga.com, 342-1251 ext 207.*