



Esplanade Improvement

Lazybrook DON Grant Application – FY 2024

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Dept of Neighborhood Grants Program

<https://www.houstontx.gov/neighborhoods/matching-grant-program.html>

- Grant program managed by D.O.N. and funded thru City Council Dist Service Funds
- Helps 501c3/4 fund various beautification and improvement projects by providing a dollar-for-dollar matching grant reimbursement ranging from \$500 to \$5,000.
- Yearly final applications due Nov 1 of given year, with prelim "intent-to-apply" forms due Aug 31 which includes CM Signature of Approval
- Grants are approved in Jan, at which point projects can begin in later Jan/early Feb after POs are issued
- Org pays for project in full and submits receipts for the matching reimbursement within 5 days of completion

Proposed Project Scope:

Esplanade located on W TC Jester between Lazybrook Dr and Brooktree Dr

- Existing trees are half dead, crepe and wax myrtles
- Multiple trees have lost limbs over the last 2 yrs, including at least 2 that have died and been removed
- Worst esplanade from aesthetic point of view along TC Jester in Lazybrook





About Esplanades



- Esplanades are City of Houston Right of Way, and are maintained by the Houston Parks Dept (HPARD)
- Unless esplanade has been formally adopted, civic associations etc... do not have the right to make any modifications including pruning, trimming, planting, etc.. without the required pre-approvals from HPARD and Urban Forestry if impacting existing live trees
- Urban Forestry Dept manages all trees planted on non-adopted esplanades---including tree removal, trimming, etc...
 - They will issue permits for aesthetic prunings, etc.. They will do tree removals for free if dead if you submit via 311. If trees are not dead you would need permit to remove it: ForestryPlanReview@houstontx.gov
- Because HPARD handles the mowing, they would need to approve the addition of any trees to ensure its location is compliant with the rules and can accommodate timely and easy mowing
 - 50' from tip of esplanade on turn around openings
 - 75' from cross streets
 - 100' at major intersection
 - 25' between large trees and 6' from any curb



About Esplanade Projects

Traditional Adoption

- Adopting Organization agrees to maintenance of entire esplanade in perpetuity, including mowing if required
- Adopting organization pays for water meter, irrigation installation and deeds same to City of Houston
- City of Houston pays for water for life of adoption

Tree-Only Adoption

- Adopting Organization agrees to water trees only for period of 2 years until trees are established
- Adopting Organization pays for water meter + irrigation install + water
- Adopting Organization will maintain trees, mulch, replace trees as needed
- **This option is what LCC is pursuing**

All esplanade adoption related programs are run thru HPARD, specifically Marilu De La Fuente: Marilou.DeLaFuente@houstontx.gov

Lazybrook Civic Club - Esplanade Tree Planting Proposal

- Proposed re-planting of W TC Jester Esplanade between Brooktree Dr and Lazybrook Dr.
- Esplanade is approximately 280ft long by 40ft wide
- The Lazybrook Civic Club will take responsibility for care(watering/mulch/fertilizer) of the trees for the first two years after planting.

BROOKTREE DR

Proposed Location of Water Meter

Proposed Location of backflow preventer and control unit with rain sensor

Proposed buried irrigation drip line

W.T.C. JESTER BLVD

Legend



Proposed 15 gallon tree (species to include: Live Oak, Shumard Oak, Loblolly Pine and American Sycamore)



No Planting Zone - 50ft from nose of Esplanade and 6ft from curb edges

Coordinate System: WGS 1984 UTM Zone 15N
Projection: Transverse Mercator
Datum: WGS 1984
False Easting: 500,000.0000
False Northing: 0.0000
Central Meridian: -95.0000
Scale Factor: 0.9999
Latitude Of Origin: 0.0000
Units: Meter

0 25 50 100 Feet

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Project Budget (Estimated)

Service/Material	Vendor	Qty	Unit Cost	Total
Existing Tree Removal + Haul Away & Stump Grinding	Green Industry Tree Service	1	\$550.00	\$550.00
Installation of 1" Water Meter	Mickie Service Co, Inc.	1	\$2450.00	\$2450.00
Water Meter Permitting Application & Fees	Mickie Service Co, Inc.	1	\$975.00	\$975.00
Excavation Permit	Mickie Service Co, Inc.	1	\$350.00	\$350.00
15 Gallon Tree + Planting	Trees for Houston	8	\$160.00	\$1280.00
Backflow Prev. Install + Permits + Security Cage	Mickie Service Co, Inc.	1	\$2500.00	\$2500.00
Drip Irrigation Install, Incl. Control Unit, Rain Sensor	Vendor TBD	1	\$1500.00	\$1500.00
Contingency Spend for Meter/Irrigation Phase	n/a	-	-	\$1500.00
			TOTAL	\$11,105.00

- Dist C Service Funds via DON Grant Pays **\$5,000** (max per Grant program)
- Lazybrook Civic Club of Houston Pays **\$6,105**