



## **ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM**

**Here's your opportunity to be part of an exciting city beautification program in the development of an urban forest!**

The City of Whitefish has created an ADOPT-A-TREE program for the purpose of enhancing the tree inventory within our community. The program is designed to increase the number of trees along the right-of way of city streets. The program offers a unique collaboration between the home owner and the City Whitefish, where limited funds are available for the purchase and placement of a tree, and the home owner agrees to provide proper irrigation for the first 3 years of the life of the tree. The City will provide irrigation collars or tubes in an effort to minimize the efforts in performing this task and to maximize the use of the water resource.

Should you wish to participate in the Adopt-A-Tree Program, please complete the enclosed application form and return to the City of Whitefish Parks and Recreation Department for review and consideration. Each property will have special circumstances that we need to be taken into account as to opportunities to plant, locations, limitations, proper tree species and size, etc. Not all properties will be eligible to participate in the Adopt-A-Tree Program due to a number of factors. However, we would certainly encourage all interested individuals to submit an application for consideration.

Once an application is submitted City of Whitefish staff will review the property and determine eligibility and suggest a number of location options along with the type of tree that would be acceptable for that property. Some situations will dictate that only one type of tree may be acceptable for that location, while other locations may have a number of tree species to select. Once eligibility is determined the application will be returned to the homeowner for their approval prior to the purchase and planting of the tree. Funding is limited; therefore early application is encouraged in determining a priority list.

For additional information, or questions, please call the City Whitefish Parks and Recreation Department at 863-2470.



## ADOPT-A-TREE PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Why you wish to participate: \_\_\_\_\_

Property where you wish to place new tree, if different than above:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you own the property? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_\*

If not, please provide the name, address, phone of property owner.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

- All participants in the "Adopt-A-Tree Program" must be the legal owner of the property, or obtain approval from the legal owner, and provide a signature to the partnership agreement regarding commitment to the maintenance program.

As the applicant and with my signature, I understand and accept the assigned responsibilities associated with the Adopt-A-Tree Program, which includes providing adequate irrigation for the tree during the first 3 years.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Signature*

Tree placement shall be based upon site review and availability of funding.

Return application to: City of Whitefish Parks and Recreation Department

PO Box 158, Whitefish, MT 59937

### FOR OFFICAL USE

Site Review staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_ Not Acceptable: \_\_\_\_\_

Critical issues: \_\_\_\_\_

Assigned Tree Species and Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Location on Property: \_\_\_\_\_

Projected planting date: \_\_\_\_\_