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## ***Introduction***

Trees are beautiful. Planting trees is an excellent way to reduce noise pollutants by buffering and softening sound waves. Per the National Crime Prevention Council, tree planting is an activity that deters crime. Well maintained areas are less likely to experience littering, graffiti, and vandalism. It sends a message to the public that the residents are invested and protective of their community. Trees are a wise investment of funds because landscaped properties can raise property values up to 20% higher than barren ones. Trees intercept radiant heat thus using its shade to cool the area. Tree leaves filter the air and remove particles. According to Green Venture, in just 50 years, a single tree can remove 60,000 pounds of air pollution! Leaves also absorb carbon dioxide from the air to form the food that trees need to survive, recycling our waste and in turn making oxygen. Trees are nature's most important recycler.

*The Cobb Trees program* is a "branch" of Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) and was founded in October of 2000. ***The Cobb Trees program strives to meet its mission of 'Planting for a Greener Cobb'.*** To date, over **7,000** trees have been provided throughout Cobb County. This has increased the tree canopy and improved the beautification of our county.

This could not have been possible without the collaboration of the Georgia Forestry Commission, Cobb County Public Service Agency, the Department of Transportation, Community Development, and Property Management.

The Cobb Trees program is fully endorsed by Cobb County Manager Rob Hosack, Cobb County Commissioner Chairman Mike Boyce and Commissioners - Bob Weatherford (District 1), Bob Ott (District 2), JoAnn Birrell (District 3), and Lisa Cupid (District 4).





## Program Overview

### ***Eligible Recipients***

Eligible recipients include: Cobb County School District, Cobb County government facilities, public right-of-way land, and Cobb County parks. Partnerships with school officials, parent-teacher organizations, local tree board/nonprofit, volunteer landscape architect, local nursery, and/or a corporate sponsor are strongly encouraged.

### ***Available Funds***

The Cobb Tree program is totally dependent on Cobb County's Tree Ordinance fund, private and corporate donations. Awards are on a first come, first-served basis. A limited number of projects will be processed each tree planting season. Generally, schools are allowed up to twelve (12) trees per planting. Generally, public spaces are allowed up to thirty (30) trees per planting. By requesting these funds, the eligible partner agrees to maintain this investment in our community.

### ***Partnership Application Period for Schools***

The official process begins once the application has been received by Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) staff at **KeepCobbBeautiful@cobbcounty.org**. Application must be completed and submitted within six (6) months prior to the desired date of planting. Decisions are made monthly in the order the proposals are received.

\*School responsibilities:

- Schedule the locate at least three (3) weeks in advance
- Call 811 to schedule the locate
- Provide private locate information to (KCB) staff
- Private locate is required if requested tree planting is more than ten (10) feet off the public right-of-way curb (if applicable, provide KCB staff with private locate number)
- Organize volunteers
  - Required to provide KCB a listing of volunteers prior to planting event
- Maintenance and watering plan

\*Schools must provide contact information for site organizers (including cell phone numbers), i.e. Principal, Vice Principal, and Maintenance Supervisor, who can be reached year-round. \*

### ***Partnership Application Period for Parks and Public Spaces***

The official start time of application begins when contact is made with Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) staff. Application must be completed and submitted in ninety (90) days prior to the desired date of planting.

### ***Project Period***

The tree planting season for Cobb County is from **late October to early March** each year (temperature/climate permitting). If your application is selected, please be prepared to **start the project as soon as possible**. The county approved arborist will make the final decision on the tree selection and the placement of trees.

### ***Planning Meeting***

The Cobb Tree program requires that a planning meeting with the approved eligible partner, KCB staff, and the county approved arborist to discuss the project and inspect the proposed planting location.





### ***Eligible Projects***

*The Cobb Tree program* is intended to support beautification, greening effort, and tree planting activities at Cobb County School District, Cobb County government facilities, public right-of-way land, and Cobb County parks.

### ***Ineligible Projects***

Ineligible projects include, but are not limited to; private property (exception is Cobb County School properties), property acquisition and related costs, flowers, shrubs, and private or federal properties (unless funded through private donations).

### ***General Requirements***

A positive working relationship with *The Cobb Tree program* must be established and be maintained during all project phases.

The completed application must be submitted via email with *The Cobb Tree program* in the subject line to:

**[KeepCobbBeautiful@cobbcounty.org](mailto:KeepCobbBeautiful@cobbcounty.org)**

A signed liability waiver and Tree Maintenance Agreement must be submitted with each application.





## ***THE COBB TREES PROGRAM APPLICATION***

<b>PROJECT INFORMATION</b>	
Project Title/ Organization Name:	
Organization address:	
Location of Trees (describe area):	
Description of trees desired and amounts:	
<b>CONTACT #1 – PROJECT MANAGER (All correspondence will be directed to this contact)</b>	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone #:	Cell#:
E-Mail Address (year-round):	
E-Mail Address (school year if applicable):	
<b>CONTACT #2</b>	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone #:	Cell#:
E-Mail Address (year-round):	
E-Mail Address (school year if applicable):	
<b>CONTACT #3</b>	
Name:	
Title:	
Phone#:	Cell#:
E-Mail Address (year-round):	
E-Mail Address (school year if applicable):	
<b>SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT</b>	
<p>As the duly authorized representative of the applicant named above, I hereby certify that all parts of this application have been read and understood and that all information submitted herein is true and correct. If approved under the Cobb Trees Program, said organization agrees to comply with all Federal and State guidelines for completion of the project.</p>	
<p>_____ Signature of Authorized Representative</p>	<p>_____ Date</p>
<p>_____ Name and Title of Authorized Representative (Please print or type)</p>	



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### **Release of Liability**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in THE COBB TREES program, by the County of Cobb, Georgia, I acknowledge that working in the vicinity of the streets and roads and using digging equipment such as shovels and use of physical labor, can be a hazardous activity and I assume all the risks associated with this work.

I waive all claims for damages against Keep Cobb Beautiful, the State of Georgia, the County of Cobb, its officers and employees for injury to my person or property, including death and destruction, which may arise from this activity.

I release the Keep Cobb Beautiful, State, County and City, and its officers and employees and agree to hold them harmless from any such liability.

Keep Cobb Beautiful, and Cobb County Government have my permission to use all photos taken of me at all sponsored events in television, publications, brochures, social media, and on the County website. This agreement shall remain in force until I revoke it in writing.

### **PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT FOR SIGNATURE**

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NAME OF ORGANIZATION OR SCHOOL

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PROJECT MANAGER PRINTED NAME

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SIGNATURE

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DATE



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### **Parental Consent and Release of Liability**

In consideration of my child(ren), \_\_\_\_\_,  
being allowed to participate in the COBB TREES Program by the County of Cobb, Georgia, I acknowledge  
that working in the vicinity of the streets and roads, using digging equipment such as shovels, and use of  
physical labor, can be hazardous activity.

Nevertheless, I grant permission for my child to participate in this activity and assume all the risks  
associated with this work. I waive all claims for damages against the Keep Cobb Beautiful, the State of  
Georgia, and the County of Cobb and against its officers and employees for injury to my child's person or  
property, including death and destruction, which may arise from this activity.

I release the Keep Cobb Beautiful, State, County and City, and its officers and employees and agree to  
hold them harmless from any such liability.

Keep Cobb Beautiful, Inc. and Cobb County Government has my permission to use all photos taken of  
my child at all sponsored events in television, publications, brochures and on the County website.

This agreement shall remain in force until I revoke it in writing.

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**Printed Name of Parent or Guardian**

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**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

**Date**

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**Parent or Guardian Phone Number**

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**Parent or Guardian Email address**



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### **Keep Cobb Beautiful Tree Maintenance Agreement**

The Keep Cobb Beautiful (KCB) Trees program and “\_\_\_\_\_” (herein, referred to as Organization) have entered into a partnership to plant trees funded through Cobb County’s tree fund.

The Provided trees will be planted in accordance with KCB’s established tree standards. AS SUCH, Organization agrees to maintain the provided trees for a period of no less than two (2) growing seasons according to the following:

- 1) Provided trees will have a trunk diameter (caliper) no larger than 1½-inches and will be watered as needed during the growing season (from March 1 to October 30); Organization will check the slow release tree watering system (Gator bags or Ooze Tubes) weekly.
- 2) All trees will have three to four inches of mulch put in at the time the trees are installed (Note: mulch should not be in contact with the trunk of tree). Provided trees will be mulched and fertilized during the fall and spring (up to twice a year). KCB will supply mulch at the time of installation; however, Organization will be responsible for acquisition and application of the mulch after the trees are installed.
- 3) Organization will be responsible for general maintenance of the provided trees.

KCB reserves the right to make periodic inspections to assess the condition of the provided trees. At a minimum, KCB will make one (1) annual inspection per year. Following any inspection, KCB will file a report of their findings with the Cobb County Manager and other officials, as necessary. Failure to meet the above maintenance standards may void Organization’s eligibility for future tree installation funded from the KCB tree program fund.

I agree with the above terms of the KCB Tree Maintenance Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Organization Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keep Cobb Beautiful Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date