

Mount Clare Community Council

Tree Planting Maintenance Plan

We are responsible for maintaining the trees by visiting them at least once every two weeks post-planting. We will provide the following:

- o **Watering:** We will apply at least 20 gallons of water to each tree every two weeks for the first growing season (e.g., from May 1- Oct 31st), and provide additional watering during periods of extreme drought.
- o **Protection:** We will monitor tree guards to ensure protection from deer.
- o **Mulching:** We will apply a layer of mulch two inches away from the base of the trunk to maintain a consistent three-inch layer upon planting and replenish as needed.
- o **Pruning:** We will remove girdling roots from the rootball, dead branches, and branches that are rubbing at the time of planting to promote healthy growth. We will prune the tree if needed, though additional pruning is likely not needed for 2-3 years until the tree is vigorously growing again.
- o **Pest and Disease:** We will monitor the tree for leaf spots, fungi, insects, and canopy bare spots.
- o **Climbing Invasives:** We will check for climbing invasives during watering visits and remove them from the tree and surrounding tree bed.
- o **Care/mowing around the tree:** We will ensure that the tree is protected from weed whacking and mowing, and integrated into general site maintenance activities.
- o **Long-term maintenance:** We will transition the long-term maintenance for these trees to our general site maintenance activities.

Hereby Signed and Agreed to by (Partners/Landowners/Contractors):

(Name of Signer)

(Organization/Entity if applicable)

(Signature)

(Date)