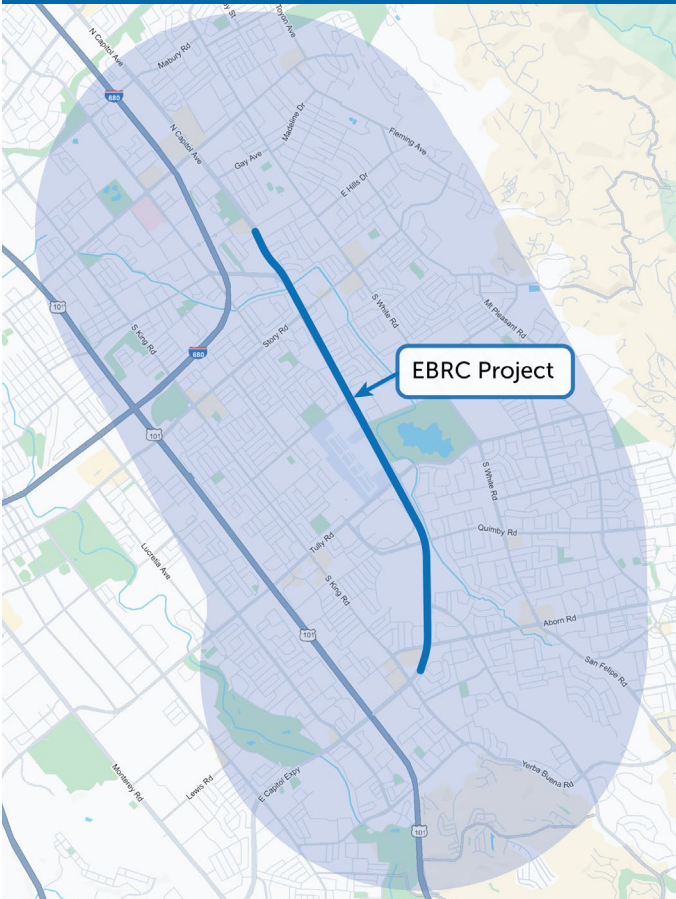


TREE READINESS & ELIGIBILITY

When you are ready to get a tree, please submit the Tree Interest Form, available online, <https://www.ourcityforest.org/free-trees>.

Eligibility for OCF current grant funding is location-based. Their staff team can help confirm your location-based eligibility for free services.

DO YOU QUALIFY FOR A FREE TREE?



Residents who fall into the blue zones in the map above are eligible for a free tree!

NURSERY INFORMATION

LOCATION & HOURS

1000 Spring Street, San Jose, 95110
Thursday-Saturday, 9am-12pm

CONTACT INFO

Email: trees@ourcityforest.org
Website: www.ourcityforest.org
Phone: (408) 256-0546



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NEED MORE INFORMATION?

For additional information about Our City Forest and the East Side Trees program, visit www.ourcityforest.org, or call Our City Forest at (408) 256-0546, or email trees@cityforest.org.

For additional information about VTA's Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project, visit www.vta.org/eastridgetobart, or call VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575/TTY (408) 321-2330 or email community.outreach@vta.org.



EAST SIDE TREES PROGRAM

Cool your community
by planting trees





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The East Side Trees Program is a collaboration of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Eastridge to BART Regional Connector (EBRC) project and Our City Forest (OCF).

Our purpose and goal are to plant up to 249 trees in yards and public spaces located as near as possible to the project, and up to two miles from the project alignment. This is to replace trees removed for light rail construction on Capitol Avenue and Capitol Expressway. We need homes for each one!

If you are located within the shaded area (back of the brochure), you may qualify for a free tree! This program is available to residents, business, schools, parks, and other private and public areas located in E. San Jose through September 2027, or while supplies last.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

The East Side Trees Program will provide 15-gallon trees. VTA's EBRC project is funding the cost of trees. OCF is managing the procurement, distribution and three years of maintenance, irrigation, and health assessments of trees, and education on tree care.

RIGHT TREE, RIGHT PLACE

OCF staff, arborists, and volunteers are experts and ready to help you choose the right tree, plant it in the right location, and provide additional services to help you learn to care for your tree ensuring it thrives for years to come.

The OCF Community Nursery & Training Center is home to thousands of native and non-native trees, shrub, and grass species. If you qualify for a free tree staff will help you select the best tree for your space. They offer workshops on planting and care to support your new tree as it grows. If you want to plant a street tree, OCF will help you obtain a permit from the city.



BENEFITS OF TREES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Trees are beautiful to look at, they provide shade, clean the air, and watching trees change throughout the seasons can be magical. Trees provide public health and social benefits, and environmental and economic benefits. Here are a few examples of those benefits:

- **Clean Air:** Trees produce oxygen, reduce smog, and enhance a community's respiratory health.
- **Energy Conservation:** A tree is a natural air conditioner, and the shade of a tree can reduce temperatures significantly on a hot day, cooling home and outdoor areas.
- **Increase Property Values:** Homes with trees tend to have higher property values.
- **Lowers Crime Rate:** Urban landscaping, including trees, help lower crime rates.
- **Water filtration and retention:** Trees capture and slow rainfall and their roots filter water and recharge the aquifer. Trees reduce storm water runoff, which reduces flooding.
- **Wildlife Habitat:** Trees provide important habitats for numerous birds, insects, and animal species.
- **Community Building and Stress Reduction:** Access to trees, green spaces and parks promotes greater physical activity, and reduces stress, while improving the quality of life in our communities.

If you are a renter, OCF will work with the property owner on your behalf!