

New England Park Association

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NEPA AWARDS THREE TREE GRANTS

MANCHESTER, CT--The New England Park Association has announced three winners of the 2008 Tree Grant Program, founded in 2007.

The Town of Mansfield, Parks & Recreation Department, Mansfield, Connecticut has been awarded \$1,125 dollars to establish a native rain garden at River Park. The proposed garden will set an example in the community about the function of rain gardens and the wildlife benefits of native trees and plantings.

Also winning a grant is the City of Holyoke, Parks & Recreation Department, Holyoke, Massachusetts. The Holyoke Department has been awarded \$850 to assist in replacing several trees in Springdale Park that were destroyed during last Augusts microburst/thunderstorm.

The Town of Hartford, Parks & Recreation Department, Hartford, Vermont was awarded \$680.25 to create an entrance landscape to Kilowatt North Park which is part

of a 3 to 5 year master plan implementation in the Town. The Parks & Recreation Department plans to plant trees and develop a landscape screen between the entrance driveway and neighbors and to improve the north entrance of the park.

The Tree Grant Program is open to any NEPA member in good standing with the organization. The program is designed to assist membership with local plantings of trees within a public park setting. Grant applications should not exceed a request for more than \$1,500 in total project cost. Grant funding requests will be evaluated annually by the NEPA Executive Board. All projects will be evaluated in three areas: complete project description, budget submission and the project's importance to the community. 2008 grants were submitted by December 31, 2008 and recently awarded by the New England Park Association Tree Grant Committee.

For more information, and to receive a grant application please contact Scott Hausler at 603-542-7019.