

New Haven Urban Resources Initiative (URI) invites you to apply to be part of the **Community Greenspace** program to support you and your neighbors' efforts to revitalize your community.

Neighbors determine where and what kind of project they wish to undertake. Parks, abandoned lots, public and private housing associations, neglected front yards and curb strips are some of the spaces residents choose to plant and maintain through this program.



The Community Greenspace program supports projects that better unite a community. Citizens working on common space projects, such as vacant lots, parks, and curb strips are successful in achieving that goal. Projects that focus on tree planting have better long-term survival rates, and greater environmental impacts than those projects using only flowers and shrubs. These kinds of projects also have more dramatic visual impact and result in greater change in the neighborhood. Therefore, residents wishing to devote themselves to vacant lots, parks, common space or tree planting projects will be given greater priority for grant support.



The Community Greenspace participation award includes both materials and technical resources. Supplies and equipment that are available through the program include: plant material (trees, perennial flowering plants, and shrubs) and gardening supplies (compost, soil, mulch and tools). Technical assistance includes



the services of a community forester assigned to support your group to develop and implement your neighborhood open space design. The community forester also helps neighbors to conduct an inventory

of existing trees, advises on appropriate species selections and guides planting and maintenance techniques. In addition to the support of a community forester, training workshops will be offered and a professional landscape designer is available as needed.

Application Process (Please call 203-432-6189 if you have any questions along the way.)

- 1) Determine your eligibility. Only neighborhood-based groups, such as blockwatches, neighborhood groups

and youth organizations can apply. Individuals are not eligible. If you have questions about your eligibility, again, just call 203-432-6189.

- 2) Fill out the application and submit it along with any supporting materials (photos, letters of support, etc.) to: URI, 301 Prospect Street, New Haven, CT 06511.
- 3) The Greenspace Manager will conduct a site visit with you prior to acceptance. (This may be done either before or after the application is submitted.)



Purpose- The purpose of Community Greenspace is to enhance the ability of New Haven residents to improve their neighborhood through:

Community building- to create connections to ensure close communication and cooperation among neighbors

Environmental restoration- to increase plants and trees in neighborhoods to create a more livable and healthy community

Stewardship- to develop a sense of ownership and responsibility for street trees, open spaces, and the natural resources in neighborhoods

Since 1995, Community Greenspace has supported more than 50 neighborhood groups in New Haven each summer.

Find a local group to join or create a new group for your neighborhood.

— Applications are accepted in the winter for the following summer.

For more info: www.yale.edu/uri/

Call: 203-432-6189

or email:
uri@yale.edu

Community
Greenspace
Overview for New Applicants



NEW HAVEN / URBAN
RESOURCES
INITIATIVE, INC.