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SKAGWAY FRUIT & NUT TREE PLANTING INITIATIVE - 2024 APPLICATION FORM -

Application is due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2024.
Trees must be planted by Friday, June 7, 2024.

The purpose of this initiative is to strengthen the local food system by subsidizing the planting of fruit and/or nut trees within the Borough of Skagway.

Subsidies will be granted to qualifying applicants for the planting of new fruit or nut trees. The subsidy will reimburse the actual cost of the tree and shipping, up to a maximum of \$50 per tree. A limit for the subsidy is set at five (5) fruit or nut trees per 5,000 sq. ft. of property owned, five (5) trees per applicant, per year, and fifteen (15) trees per household total. A list of recommended varieties that are suitable to our region will be made available (see [Tree Planting Information Guide](#)).

Organic gardening methods are highly encouraged.

Eligibility:

To be eligible, you must be a resident who planted at least one, climate appropriate, fruit or nut tree.

Other conditions of eligibility:

- This application is due by 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 31, 2024.
- **The trees must be planted by Friday, June 7, 2024.**
- The trees must originate from a nursery and be disease-free.
- Applicant must be able to provide proof of purchase and/or receipts.
- Only one applicant, per household.
- Businesses are not eligible for the subsidy.
- Potted trees that can be easily relocated are not eligible.
- Applicants, and their corresponding households are not eligible for more than five (5) trees in a year.
- Only a total of fifteen (15) trees will be subsidized per household on the property they own within the borough. This rule shall apply for the entire duration that the initiative is enacted or renewed.
- Previously established trees or trees that have already garnered a compensation do not qualify for compensation, nor will newly planted trees that are replacing failed trees (that have already received previous compensation).
- If the applicant is not the owner of the property that the tree is intended for, they must provide written permission to plant the tree(s).
- The applicant must consent to have someone from the Borough or a Borough-appointed official to come inspect the newly planted tree(s).
- The applicant acknowledges and agrees that application does not guarantee any subsidy. The Municipality of Skagway may refuse any and all applications.
- **The applicant (and owner of property, if not the applicant) acknowledges and agrees that in consideration for participation in this Initiative, the applicant, on behalf of themselves and their executors, administrators and personal representatives, does waive, release and forever discharge**

the Municipality of Skagway, all assembly members, directors, volunteers, managers, agents, consultants, contractors, representatives, attorneys, insurers, and employees **from and against any and all liability** and all claims, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses, demands of any damage, loss, death or injury to their person or property arising out of or in connection with the application or participation with this Initiative.

- **The applicant (and owner of the property, if not the applicant) acknowledges and agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality of Skagway**, all assembly members, directors, volunteers, managers, agents, consultants, contractors, representatives, attorneys, insurers, and employees in any action, brought by any person, arising out of any injury or damage, death or other loss claimed to be caused in whole or in part, by the applicant's conduct in the course of participating in this Initiative.

How to apply:

- 1) Review the [Basic Tree Information and Early Care guide](#) to get an idea of what is necessary to grow healthy fruit or nut trees.
- 2) Investigate climate appropriate tree(s) (see guide above), and make a tree-layout plan for your property. Acquire your tree(s) from a nursery; be sure to keep a purchase receipt.
- 3) Fill out this application and submit it to the Borough Clerk before the May 31st application deadline.
- 4) Plant your tree(s) before June 7th.

Evaluation:

At some point after June 7th, during the year of application, a Borough-appointed representative will come to inspect the trees detailed in the application. You will be notified by email (or phone if no email is listed) before the inspection. Eligibility will be determined and a subsidy amount calculated from this inspection.

If approved:

- The subsidies will be distributed by late June/ early July.
- Continue to tend to your tree(s) and enjoy the harvest when the tree(s) reaches maturity.
- Once your tree(s) is producing a crop, consider participating in the annual fall Harvest Day activities including: removing fruit or nuts from the tree, cleaning up the ground below the tree, etc.
- Review the [Recommendations for Fruit Growers in Bear Country](#) handout.

TREES

Newly planted, climate appropriate, fruit or nut trees are eligible for a one (1) time subsidy.
Berries and brambles **do not** count as trees.

¹Name of Applicant:

²Phone:

³Physical location of property where trees are planted (**use detail**):

⁴Lot #:

⁵Mailing Address:

⁶Email:

⁷Have you applied for this program before? Yes No What year(s)? _____

⁸Are you the owner of the property where the trees are planted? Yes No
If "No," you **must** provide, with your application, proof of permission to plant the tree(s).

⁹How many new fruit or nut trees do you plan to plant **this** year as part of this Initiative? _____

¹⁰Please list the type(s) and variety of tree(s) you are planting this year (e.g Montmorency tart cherry):
*Please attach the receipt from the nursery.

¹¹Are there any existing fruit or nut trees on your lot? Yes No How many? _____

¹²Please list any existing fruit or nut trees on your lot (type, age, cultivar if known):

¹³Please draw a rough sketch of the lot, detailing, with an "X," where the new trees will be planted. Include major structures, approximate spacing, and type(s) of tree(s).

¹⁴Please read the following page, then sign and date it. Thanks!

I give my consent for someone from the Borough or Borough appointed official, to access the property that I have described in this application in order to inspect my trees and determine my eligibility for this program.

I agree that my qualifications for this program are at the sole discretion of the Borough and I may not seek reevaluation or recompense.

I acknowledge and agree that in consideration for participation in this Initiative, on behalf of myself and my executors, administrators and personal representatives, do waive, release and forever discharge the Municipality of Skagway, all assembly members, directors, volunteers, managers, agents, consultants, contractors, representatives, attorneys, insurers, and employees from and against any and all liability and all claims, actions, causes of action, costs, expenses, demands of any damage, loss, death or injury to their person or property arising out of or in connection with the application or participation with this Initiative.

I acknowledge and agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality of Skagway, all assembly members, directors, volunteers, managers, agents, consultants, contractors, representatives, attorneys, insurers, and employees in any action, brought by any person, arising out of any injury or damage, death or other loss claimed to be caused in whole or in part, by my participation in this Initiative.

My signature below signifies that I have fully read and understand the above statements.

Signature _____
Applicant or Applicant's Authorized Representative

Date _____

Signature _____
Property Owner

Date _____