



December 30, 2024

Darren Schibler, Senior Planner
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
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RE: Urban and Community Tree Planting Grant
SEP Planting Application

Dear Mr. Schibler,

The Village Board of Trustees enthusiastically supports the Swanton Beautification Committee's application to CCRPC for \$50,000 to plant more than 100 streetside trees in Swanton.

In the past two years this Board has proposed, and citizens have approved a \$5,000 expenditure in support of colorful gardens in the Village center. We are asking for a like amount for 2025. The non-profit Swanton Enhancement Project's Beautification Committee and its over 20 volunteers devote time and energy to make the Village Center a beautiful and welcoming locale. Trees lead significantly to the economic vitality of the community and their work is well received by both new and old businesses.

Our support for this application stems from the conviction that streetscapes make a place more enjoyable to visit and add to the economic vitality of the community. The Beautification Committee has done an exceptional job at making our Village more attractive and comfortable and we are happy to have their help. We support their work to bring trees to the Village for the shade they provide and the color they bring to the landscape and we respectfully request your funding to help them carry out their mission.

If the application is successful, we authorize Northwest Regional Planning Commission to act as your fiscal agent and grant administrator. They may bundle this project with other projects as our agent if they choose.

Sincerely,

David Winchester
Village President

Adam Paxman, Trustee

Suzie Kelleher, Trustee

Eugene LaBombard, Trustee