

**Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)**  
**2015 Urban Forestry Grant Application – City of Red Lodge**

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The City of Red Lodge was a proud partner in the Urban Forestry cost-share tree program for the third time in as many years and it has been successful endeavor for us. We have planted 25 trees a year in 2013, 2014 and 2015. The trees have been awarded at a faster rate every year that is likely the result of better familiarity of the program with Red Lodge residents. We would like to participate in the program again next year and we have discussed targeting specific streets that significantly lack trees. The program was advertised in the local paper (attached), by word of mouth and social media. The Red Lodge Parks Board and City staff administered the program.

All 25 of the trees planted this year are now residing in residential neighborhoods and placed in boulevards along City streets. The majority of trees were added to City blocks that had few, if any boulevard trees. The following trees were planted as part of the program this year: six (6) Harvest Gold Lindens, six (6) Skyline Honey locusts,



*(photo Sept 22, 2015 of the last trees to awarded)*

five (5) Oak Leaf Ash, three (3) Green Mountain Maples, two (2) Accolade Maples, two (2) Regal Petticoat Maples and one (1) Sugar Maple.

Contractor Mike Taylor planted the trees at a cost of \$130 per tree. The contractor was responsible for contacting landowners, utility locates, digging holes, tree placement, staking and fencing trees, and submitting a list of where every type of tree was placed.

Additionally, we fertilized 110 trees and purchased 25 steel tree guards for urban trees. A local tree expert stated that the fertilizer made a very noticeable difference in the trees this year and we would like to fertilize the trees again next year. Almost all of the trees planted near downtown in the past few years now have tree guards. The tree guards have protected trees as desired and we have received many positive comments about how aesthetically pleasing they are.