2013 UFPDG Summary – City of Red Lodge
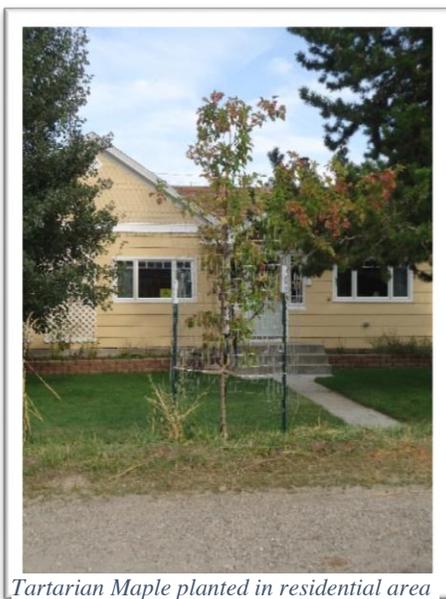
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The City of Red Lodge successfully implemented a cost-share tree program during the summer/fall of 2013.   Property owners within the City limits were able to apply for a "tree assistance" grant which was administered by the City's Parks and Trees Board. For $75 per tree, the City planted a tree on city-owned land adjacent to the landowner's property (the area typically between the sidewalk and the street).   Plantings included mulch and any necessary stakes or fencing.   See enclosed application and newspaper advertisement for details.

A total of 25 public trees were planted in the corporate City limits as part of this program. Most were planted in residential areas but some were also planted in the commercial district.   The following species were planted as part of this program: Ash, "Patmore"Green (3), Linden "Greenspire" Littleleaf (6), Linden, "Harvest Gold" (4), Maple "Green Mountain" (5), Maple, "Hotwings" Tartarian (5), Maple "Sienna Glenn" Freeman (2). See enclosed MS Excel print of recipients and tree species planted.

Linden Trees planted in front of Coffee Kiosk in commercial district

Tartarian Maple planted in residential area
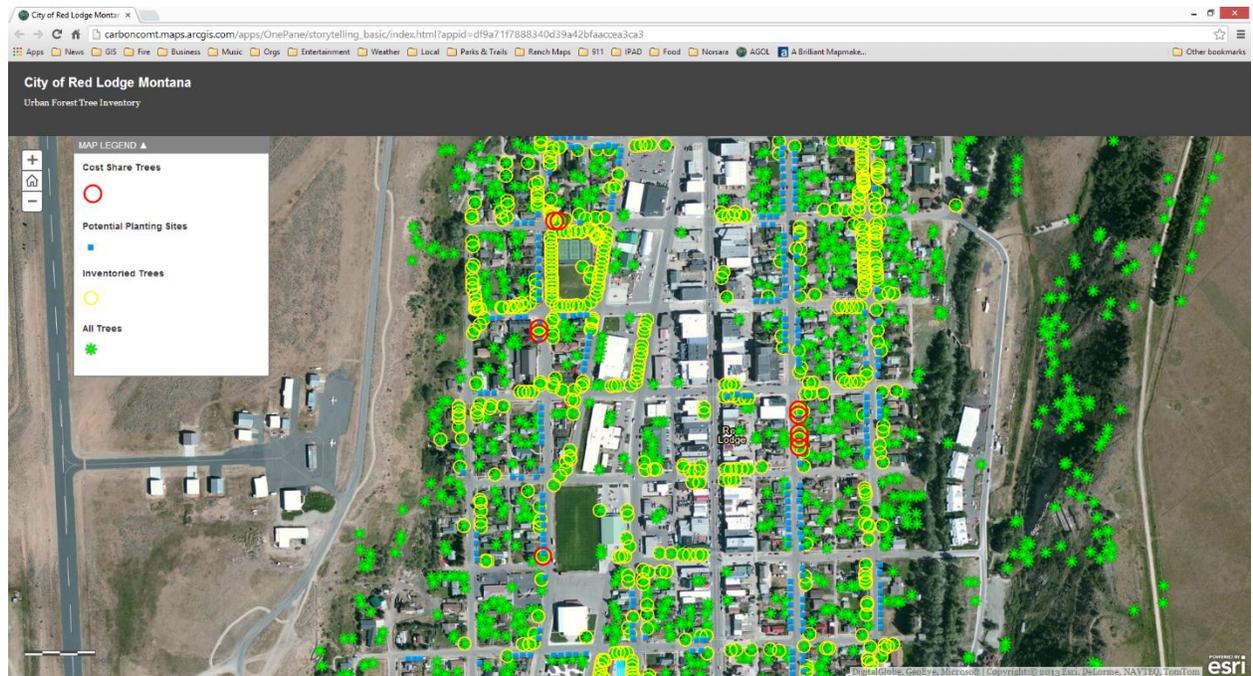
Trees were planted by a local contractor, Mike Taylor, on a per-tree fee basis of $100/tree. The contractor was responsible requesting utility locates, determining planting site, suggesting tree species and planting the tree (including mulch, T-posts, fencing and tie-straps). The property owner is required to maintain the tree from that point forward, including watering and pruning - as required by existing tree ordinance.

This grant also created a public Web map that shows the urban forest of Red Lodge. The map shows all mapped trees (2006), inventoried trees and potential planting sites (2008) and the "cost-share" trees planted in 2013.   The City of Red Lodge Urban Forestry Inventory Web Map can be found at the following Web address:

http://carboncomt.maps.arcgis.com/apps/OnePane/storytelling_basic/index.html?appid=df9a71f7888340d39a42bfaaccea3ca3

Cost-share tree planted in boulevard

Public Web map of the urban forest for the City of Red Lodge