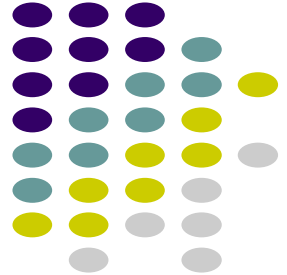


Madison Area Community Land Trust

200 N. Blount St.
Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-280-0131
Fax: 608-255-6793
E-mail: michael@affordablehome.org
Website: www.affordablehome.org



Dear,

Madison Area Community Land Trust is excited to announce to our homeowners that we secured funds from the Kailo Fund to provide technical support and financial assistance for the installation of food forests by MACLT homeowners and condo associations.

What is a Food Forest?

“Edible forest gardening [Food Forest] is the art and science of putting plants together in woodland like patterns that forge mutually beneficial relationships, creating a garden ecosystem that is more than the sum of its parts. You can grow fruits, nuts, vegetables, herbs, mushrooms, other useful plants, and animals in a way that mimics natural ecosystems. You can create a beautiful, diverse, high-yield garden. If designed with care and deep understanding of ecosystem function, you can also design a garden that is largely self-maintaining. In many of the world's temperate-climate regions, your garden would soon start reverting to forest if you were to stop managing it. We humans work hard to hold back succession—mowing, weeding, plowing, and spraying...By mimicking the structure and function of forest ecosystems we can gain a number of benefits.” --
-Dave Jacke, Author of *Edible Forest Gardens, the ecology and design of home scale food forests*

Who is eligible?

1. MACLT homeowners and condo associations are eligible for grants.
2. Food forests must be installed on Madison Area Community Land Trust property.
3. Homeowners applying for grants must be current on mortgage payments, MACLT land lease fees, condo association fees and property taxes.

What does the grant cover?

The food forest design and first two years of care are important to establish a productive, self-maintaining food forest. Kate Heiber-Cobb, certified Permaculture design consultant, will provide consultation services for the food forest design and plant specifications and a follow up assessment consultation after the first season. The consulting fees are covered by the grant. In addition, the grant will match 50% of the

recipients' costs for plants, seeds, compost, mulch, and other soil additives recommended by consultant Kate Heiber-Cobb up to \$150 for homeowner recipients and \$300 for condo association recipients. The grant does not cover labor. You may want to consider the Dane County Time Bank as an alternative to paying for labor. Information about the Dane County Time Bank is enclosed.

What are the grant guides?

1. The grant recipient is responsible for care and maintenance of the food forest.
2. Grants will be awarded in a manner that will distribute the funds across the maximize number of MACLT sites.
3. Preference will be given to applicants that attend the "Backyard Food Forest – Permaculture in Action" and "Food Forest Installation – A Hands-on Learning Opportunity" held on September 11, 2010 at 1921 Beld Street. (See enclosed flyer). A minimum of 2 adults from a condo association must attend to gain a preference.
4. The number of grants awarded will be based upon the available funds. We estimate 4-6 grants may be awarded.
5. Installation of the food forest must be completed in 2010.
6. Matching funds will be distributed upon completion of the food forest installation. Receipts for eligible expenses will be submitted along with a copy of the food forest design and plant list to the MACLT Food Forest Project.

How do I apply?

Applications will be accepted September 1 – 26. Grants will be awarded starting on September 15 and awards will continue weekly until all grant funds are committed.

By September 1 the grant application will be available at our website:

www.affordablehome.org

Please contact me with your questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Jo Kelley
Board of Directors, Vice President
608.445.5981
jokelley@tds.net