



News Release

November 24, 2008 – (Gallatin, TN) The Tennessee Department of Agriculture has awarded the City of Gallatin \$15,205 in grants for trees to be planted in the Downtown Streetscape Project and the new Farmer’s Market.

“We are very appreciative of Agriculture Commissioner Ken Givens and the tree grant program that allows us to add these elements to the downtown and the Farmer’s Market,” Mayor Jo Ann Graves said in announcing the grants. “The trees not only provide aesthetic value to the projects, but more importantly they provide positive environmental contributions.”

The Community Tree Planting Project Grants, offered through the Division of Forestry, are one of the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Programs (TAEP).

“The goal of TAEP community tree planting grants is to increase the tree resource base in cities and towns across the State of Tennessee. It is not to provide beautification,” the Department of Agriculture says. “Trees are work horses for our communities, providing energy savings through shading, storm water mitigation through rain interception, and air quality improvement through filtration and absorption. These are direct cost saving benefits to communities.”

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