



Application Submission

Email complete application in .doc, .pdf, or .jpg format to Jessica@KeepAustinBeautiful.org by the deadline, 5pm – July 9, 2010. Include your organization’s name in the subject line of the email.

Late submissions or additional supplemental material will not be accepted after the deadline.

Application Check List:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This Application Form (3 pages)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An itemized budget (1 page)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written Summary (2 singled sided pages maximum)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Materials – examples: before/after photos, site diagrams, letters of support, plant lists, sketches (3 double sided or 6 single sided pages maximum))

Application Form

Contact Information

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Project Information

Main Organization Involved: Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin

Size of Organization (# of members): 10

Does the organization have paid staff? Yes No

Project Location Description: Lamar Middle School, intersection of Burnet Rd and 2222 (NW corner)
6201 Wynona

Project's Address: Austin, TX 78757

Project's City/State/Zip Code:

This Project is: New Partially Complete Expansion of Existing Project

Did this project or associated organizations receive a 2009 KAB Grant? Yes No

Grant Amount Requested (\$500-\$2,500): \$1,329

Is funding being requested for (see guidelines at www.KeepAustinBeautiful.org/nbg)

- Work Already Completed: Yes No
- Trash Cans in a New Location: Yes No
- Project on private land: Yes No
- Prizes: Yes No
- Refreshment: Yes No
- Hiring a contractor: Yes No
- Project organized by an individual, public agency, or large non-profit : Y N
- Organization that does not represent a specific geographical area: Y N



The Project Includes (check all that apply)

- neighborhood involvement re-used/reclaimed materials
 native/adapted plants water conservation
 a realistic timeline support from the property's manager
 elements that represent the neighborhood or geographic area's unique identity

Project Category (please check all boxes that apply)

- Landscape Conservation Mural Restoration
 Community Garden Tree Planting Neighborhood Signage
 Other _____

If awarded a KAB Neighborhood Beautification Grant we will:

- use the donation within one year
- use the donation only for items outlined in the agreement between grantee and KAB (*After the judging process, KAB meets with each grant recipient to sign an agreement detailing what funds may be used for.*)
- supply KAB with all relevant project/installation specifications for approval prior to installation on any public property.
- honor the commitment of personnel, facilities, supplies/materials, and cash according to the timetable agreed upon by all participants.
- fulfill commitments along with ongoing maintenance of the project or the project may be discontinued.
- submit a final report with photos and financial accountability upon completion of the project.

I have read the above requirements and agree to honor those if awarded a KAB grant.

- Yes No

Background

This project would involve planting and maintaining up to 11 trees at the northwest corner of Burnet Rd and 2222, on the property of Lamar Middle School. The trees would be planted in October 2010, and maintained by community volunteers for up to three years until established.

Sustainable Neighborhoods of North Central Austin (SN) initiated the project. SN was founded in 2007 in response to the VMU rezoning of Burnet and N Lamar, which will allow future redevelopment to include multi-family housing. Thousands of people could be living in apartments along these pedestrian-hostile streets in the coming years. With that future in mind, SN is organizing initiatives that make these streets friendlier for families and children, seniors, pedestrians, bicyclists, persons with disabilities, and users of mass transit. SN has been an effective booster for area projects like Rails with Trails, the Anderson Urban Trail, and sidewalks on Burnet and Lamar. SN is organizing a feasibility study of planting street trees along Burnet and N Lamar. The submitted tree-planting project is the first of several that may emerge in the next few years.

SN is working closely with the Lamar Middle School Safe Routes to School committee to improve the safety and comfort of students walking or biking to school. A parent survey completed earlier this year identified the intersection of Burnet and 2222 as a key crossing point for students reaching the school. Many children jaywalk across Burnet Rd, or across 2222 to the HEB. Both streets exceed 30,000 car trips per day, so it is imperative that students be encouraged to take extra time to cross at the intersection.

While sidewalks are already available at the intersection, shading is not. The intersection is unpleasant, due to noise, exhaust, and heat.

Impact and Support for KAB Mission

The planting of trees near Burnet and 2222 will help to cool the intersection for people waiting to cross. It will beautify an intersection that is a public face of our neighborhood. Lamar MS staff told us that the trees would beautify the school grounds and buffer their students from the heavy traffic at the intersection.

Community Involvement

We only became aware of the KAB grant opportunity at the start of July, so our only endorsement letter is from the Lamar Safe Routes committee. However, we have the official support of the Lamar Middle School administration, and the personal support of

the new Lamar PTA president, Christiane Erwin. We have been assisted in defining the project by the Allandale Neighborhood Association beautification chair, Linnea Lemon, and by City of Austin Urban Forestry Commission member Peggy Maceo.

With the KAB grant opportunity in mind, we announced the project on the Allandale and Brentwood neighborhood listservs over the July 4th weekend and collected \$520 in pledges. Ten people have offered volunteer time to plant and maintain the trees. We feel certain that more money and volunteers can be obtained if necessary.

Implementation and Maintenance

A local landscape architect, Jody Jarrett, is planning the project. The Lamar Middle School administration has approved a planting area near the intersection, shown in the attached project sketch.

The trees would be planted in October 2010. All trees will be selected from the KAB approved list. The intent is to shape a wooded grove composed of different kinds of trees, thereby providing different growth rates and reduced disease risk. A live oak or a composite of bunched (multi-trunk) live oaks would be the centerpiece. Other species discussed include Texas Ash, Mexican plum and possibly Yaupon. School officials have asked that only non-bushy trees be planted, in order to maintain visibility of the school grounds from the street.

The cost section shows some larger container sizes. The intent here is to accelerate the timeline for the grove to provide value. If funds cannot be obtained for the larger sizes, we will use smaller sizes.

Water is a key constraint. The nearest faucet is 400 ft from where the trees would be planted. A blue print of the school's irrigation system shows a buried water pipe that comes to 300 ft from the planting area. We are looking into the cost of extending this line to the planting area, and then using soaker hoses or bubblers to maintain constant year-round moisture for the trees. This effort may involve a contractor component, so it is not included in the funding request to KAB.

Budget and Financing

We are seeking \$1,329 in KAB funding for non-contractor expenses. The contractor component would be funded from community sources. The scale of contractor costs could change depending upon details of the existing school irrigation system. If the cost came down, we would ask community donors to contribute to future tree plantings.

COSTS

Item	# of Units	Cost/Unit	Total
Irrigation improvements (may require contractor – NOT PART OF KAB REQUEST)			\$1200
Tree, 100g multi-trunk live oak	1	\$378	\$378
Trees, 30 g	2	\$100	\$200
Trees, 15 g	8	\$50	\$400
Soaker hoses or bubblers, kit per tree	11	\$20	\$220
Water timer and battery	1	\$50	\$50
Mulch, bag	15	\$3	\$45
Compost, bag	12	\$3	\$36
Project cost total			\$2529

FUNDING SOURCES

Community donations (pledged since 7/1/10)	\$520
Community donations (to be raised)	\$530
Lamar PTA donation (to be requested)	\$150
KAB funding for non-contractor expenses	\$1329
Total Funding	\$2529



A mural shot of the Lamar MS athletic field, looking south to the intersection of Burnet Rd and 2222. The HEB grocery store is directly across 2222. Visible below the HEB sign is a CapMetro bus stop. A new bus stop is planned for the Lamar side, so in the future one can expect riders to make the walk along the sidewalk past where the trees will be planted, to cross the intersection and make a transfer to another bus or to a MetroRapid rapid bus.

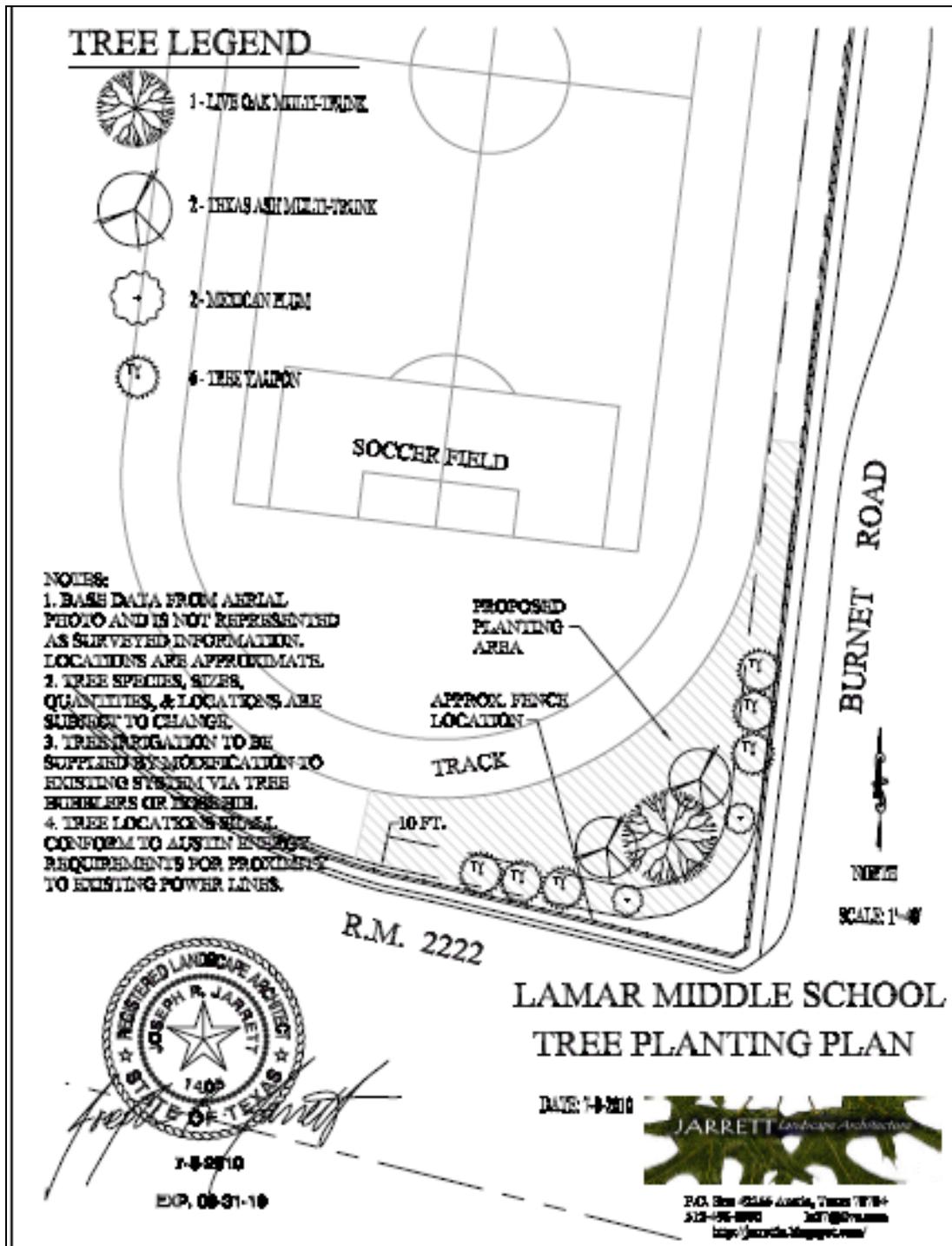


A close-up of the corner where the trees would go.

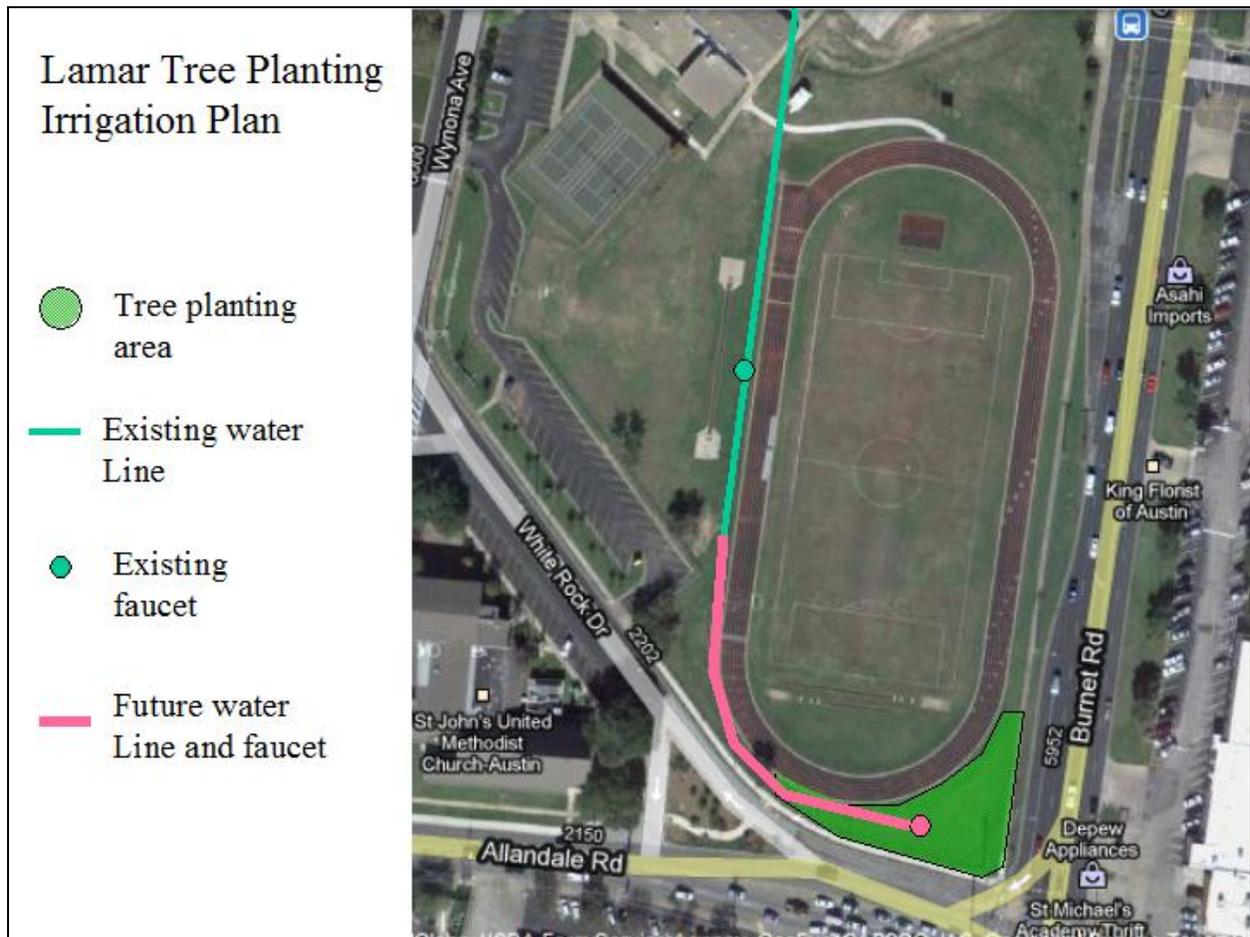
Proximity to the busy intersection is a strategic aspect of this project. Trees will cool pedestrians and calm drivers. The benefit to students using the track and field is self-evident.



A view of the corner from the intersection. The school grounds from this vantage have been called an "urban wasteland." Planting a grove of trees here would be transformative.



Site drawing by landscape architect Jody Jarrett.



Irrigation is key to a successful maintenance plan. We hope to extend an existing water line around the track and use bubblers on a timer to simplify watering. The cost of this component is not part of the KAB grant request since contractor work may be required.