



## Planting Project Application

Note to applicants: within six months of approval of your application, you must submit the following documents to City Forest Credits (the "Registry"):

- Project Design Document
- Declaration of Ownership of Land (where the Project Operator owns the land where project trees are planted).
- Or, Agreement to Transfer Potential Credits (signed by the property owner if Project Operator does not own the land upon which project trees are planted)
- Project Implementation Agreement with the Registry

**Short Name of Your Project** (include city, town, or county name, and whether this is a planting or preservation project. For example, Shoreline, WA Ballinger Open Space Planting Project)

Austin Independent School District Beautification Project

**Is this a planting project, preservation project, or both?**

Planting Project    Preservation Project    Both

**Name of City, Town, or County where project is located**

City of Austin

**Name of Project Operator (can be more than one)**

TreeFolks, Inc.

**Contact Information for Project Operator**

Name: Thais Perkins, ED

Address: P.O. Box 1395

City: Del Valle      State: TX      Zip: 78617-1395

**Describe your project. This will be visible to the public on your project page on the Registry.**

TreeFolks has partnered with Austin Independent School District to create a planting project to directly address loss of tree cover in the Highway 183 corridor. Through the efforts of our staff and our many volunteers, TreeFolks has made great strides in slowing the tide of deforestation in Austin, TX. Community members including AISD teachers and students have been engaged as volunteer planters in our project. Through the many benefits of tree plantings and community involvement, we expect this project to locally increase canopy cover and sequester carbon will be successful both in generating enough Carbon+ Credits to help meet Austin's 2020 Carbon Neutrality goals and creating a better city for current and future residents.

TreeFolks is submitting this application for the programmatic ability to use the Tree Planting Protocol developed by City Forest Credits in order to generate Carbon+ Credits. Proceeds from these Credits will go to fund project management and future expansion. This project will serve as a pilot for a larger carbon sequestration program in and around Austin, TX. Austin, TX is committed to the reforestation of the city and the surrounding areas through continued support of carbon sequestration projects with TreeFolks in order to generate local carbon credits and the myriad co-benefits available.

**Optional:** Describe or list the benefits of your project. These benefits could be equity for underserved or disadvantaged communities, flood control, open space preservation, watershed protection, human health, bird or wildlife habitat, etc. This will be visible to the public on your project page on the Registry website.

This planting project serves to increase canopy cover and enjoyment of the outdoor spaces of Norman Elementary School. These plantings will provide shade and habitat for local wildlife. Increased canopy cover increase students' ability to use and appreciate the school grounds along with providing the many other benefits associated with growing trees such as reducing heating and cooling costs and improving air quality. These plantings also serve to engage local community members with their environment by creating a lasting, impactful change for the better on the city landscape.

Through the proceeds from the sale of credits generated with this planting, TreeFolks will be able to develop future planting projects. This and other initial plantings are intended to serve as a pilot program for a massive reforestation effort in the City of Austin and surrounding area. We intend to bring the benefits of landscape scale reforestation efforts to the area in an effort to fight the loss of shade and greenery that is threatening nearly every major urban area in the United States.

**Total trees planted: 19**

**Does your project fall within an Urban Area mapped by the U.S. Census Bureau, or within the boundaries of a city or town? For the Census Bureau maps, see <https://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/maps/2010ua.html>.**

Within an Urban Area       Within a city or town

**Add any optional information you choose. This may include: What are the goals of the project? Will you be working with other stakeholders? This will be visible to the public.**

The City of Austin has pledged to become carbon-neutral by 2020. All credits generated by this program will be purchased by the City of Austin's Sustainability Office to attain carbon neutrality.