Greenville among winners of new TD forestry grant

Staff report

Greenville and Myrtle Beach are among the inaugural winners of TD Green Streets, a new grant program supporting innovation in urban forestry.

The announcement by TD and the Arbor Day Foundation says that each $20,000 grant will fund projects in underserved communities, including the purchase of trees, tree planting, maintenance costs, and educational activities.

Burlington, Vt., Casselberry, Fla., Cheltenham Township, Pa., Newark, N.J., Salem, Mass., Springfield, Mass., West Palm Beach, Fla., and Wilmington, Del. were also awarded TD Green Streets grants.

TD Green Streets is a component of TD Forests, a North American initiative that protects critical forest habitats equal to the amount of paper the bank uses each year.

As part of this program, TD has also committed to reducing its paper usage by 20 percent by 2015.

"TD is proud to award TD Green Streets grants to these very deserving municipalities for their urban forestry projects," said Diana Glassman, head of Environmental Affairs for TD Bank.

"This partnership with Arbor Day Foundation is a component of our TD Forests initiative and aligns with our goal to be a strong environmental partner in our communities."

"We're excited to join TD Bank in supporting 10 communities committed to effective tree care for the benefit of all residents," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

"TD Green Streets will help these worthy Tree City USA participants to remain on the cutting-edge of urban forestry."

To be eligible for a TD Green Streets grant, qualified municipalities were required to be current Arbor Day Foundation Tree City USA ®-designated communities within TD Bank's United States footprint.

Tree City USA ® is the nation's premier urban and community forestry program, providing a foundation for effective, well-organized community tree care.