

2017-2018 Montana Urban Community Forestry (MUCFA) Grant Summary

- **Media Grant:** The **Dillon** Tree Board received a \$250 media grant from MUCFA for the printing of 490 copies of the *Dillon Trail of Trees* brochure. The brochure is an educational tool that highlights 15 trees that grow and thrive in southwest Montana. The Dillon Tree Board held a *Trail of Trees* event in early June and again in September of 2018 to highlight some of the beautiful trees that are growing in the town. A group of interested citizens walked or biked the trail with Tree Board members. The brochures were made available to the public at City Hall, Chamber of Commerce, BLM, MT DNRC, and in the local nurseries. You can find a copy of the brochure at this web site on the right-hand side. <http://www.dillontrees.org/>
- **Planting Grant: Garfield County Conservation District (GCCD)** received a grant for \$455 to plant trees at the County Fairgrounds. This included placing fabric down as a weed barrier, planting trees, installing irrigation and an electric fence. The GCCD, along with fairgrounds personnel, County Commissioners, airport staff, and local grade schools planted an area of trees on the fairgrounds. See some pictures below from the planting.



Maintenance Grant: In 1998, a collaborative group of business in **Hamilton** called the Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement District (DHBID) was formed to revitalize downtown Hamilton. From 2002 -2004 many improvements to the downtown were completed. One of the improvements included the planting of 80 trees along with installation of decorative tree grates. At the time irrigation to the trees was not installed which became problematic. The trees and grates needed maintenance, including the painting of tree trunks to protect them from sunscald (Mountain Ash trees), metal grate maintenance from tree roots pushing on them, pruning of the planted young trees, and a better way of watering them. The City of Hamilton applied for a maintenance grant from MUCFA for the maintenance work mentioned above and was awarded \$393.63 to purchase a Walrus water pump to be used for watering of the down town trees.

Education and Tree Planting Grant: The **City of Harlowton** and Harlowton Tree Board working with Wheatland County Extension hosted an Urban Forestry workshop to highlight proper planting and tree selection techniques for Arbor Day in 2018. The workshop included education on common tree diseases and proper tree planting and pruning. The workshop was an opportunity to promote public awareness of urban and community forestry in Montana. MUCFA granted the City of Harlowton \$479 to help pay for the renting of the Kiwanis building for the day, and the purchase of a B&B Ohio Buckeye tree which was planted at the workshop.



Josh Stoychoff Tree Care Presentation – 2018 Workshop Harlowton



Site Preparation for the Ohio Buckeye Tree in Harlowton

Tree Nursery Grant: The City of **Sidney** Park Superintendent Stephanie Ridl applied to MUCFA for a grant to help with her Tree Farm nursery to Re-Tree Richland County. A recent tree inventory in Sidney revealed that the town had lost nearly 50% of its tree canopy since the 1970's. The goal of Stephanie's Tree Farm is to hold an annual tree workshop to educate residents on proper planting, pruning and tree care techniques. Once the workshop is completed, attendees are given a tree to take home and plant, and thus Re-Tree Richland County. MUCFA granted the City of Sidney \$1,000 for this worthwhile project to help get it off the ground.



Re – Tree Richland County, Sidney Tree Farm Pictures 2018