

# **25th Annual Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Rain, Tree, & Food Forest Planting**

Help green our streets and walkways with water- and mulch-harvesting rain gardens planted with native, food-bearing shade trees and understory vegetation which contribute to cooler shaded neighborhood temperatures in summer, attract native song birds, reduce downstream flooding, beautify our community, sequester carbon, and clean our air, water, and soil.

**Plant the Rain *before* you plant your plants!**

## **Water-Harvesting Basin-Creation & Curb-Coring Service:**

This year we are working with licensed contractors to:

- Dig the basin(s) [average size is 5 - 8 feet long x 5 feet wide x 1 foot deep] with a backhoe
  - Remove excavated soil with backhoe and dump truck
  - Deliver and hand-set local Catalina granite rock to stabilize the basin banks and planting terraces
  - Deliver and apply organic matter mulch to basin bottoms
  - Drill core holes in the street curb to direct street runoff into the street-side basin - *for a lifetime of free stormwater irrigation and flood control*
  - We handle the coordination of design, permitting, locating underground utilities, and inspection
  - You'll also get advice/consulting on ideal basin placement and plant selection, and get native wildflower seed
- Average price (*after* City Rainwater Harvesting Rebate) is expected to be \$450 - \$500 per basin. This is an amazing deal—the average basin can capture over 4,500 gallons per year! Trees and other plantings planted with such basins grow to be healthier and larger, and have faster growth rates, than those without such basins. If just getting a curb core drilled through street curb to an existing basin – avg cost is just \$75.

## **Tree, Basin, and Curb Coring Order Deadline is January 20, 2021!**

Email Brad at [NeighborhoodForesters@gmail.com](mailto:NeighborhoodForesters@gmail.com) to sign up and to get your Order Form, Maintenance Agreement, and requirements for the program and city permit. (You can also find them linked on the event's page at [www.DunbarSpringNeighborhoodForesters.org](http://www.DunbarSpringNeighborhoodForesters.org)).

## **Planting of Trees, Understory Vegetation, & Wildflowers:**

Date yet to be determined – aiming for a Saturday in February or March, after water-harvesting earthworks are completed.

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