

# **27th Annual Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood (and 4th Annual West University 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 & pollinators, 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 \$500 - \$800 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 \$80.

**Tree, Basin, and Curb Coring  
Order Deadline is December 30, 2022!**

Email Brad at [NeighborhoodForesters@gmail.com](mailto:NeighborhoodForesters@gmail.com) to sign up

More info on the Event's page at [www.NeighborhoodForesters.org](http://www.NeighborhoodForesters.org)

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

Date yet to be determined – aiming for a Saturday in February or March 2023, after water-harvesting earthworks are completed.

A program of [DunbarSpringNeighborhoodForesters.org](http://DunbarSpringNeighborhoodForesters.org)

Sign up to be a forester on our [Contact/Sign Up page](#)