

Sarasota residents have an impressive track record of appreciating the importance of trees in protecting the ecology and enhancing streetscape views. In the year 2000, city residents helped to fund planting locations for more than 1,000 trees installed through the City of Sarasota's street tree program.

Even with all that activity, there are still neighborhoods where tree-lined streets would be a benefit to residents and visitors. Through the Green Canopy Partnership, the City will buy trees and install them along streets

where neighbors commit to the simple task of watering young trees until they are established.



**The City pays for and plants the trees, but only if residents pledge to water them.**

## How does the Green Canopy Partnership work?

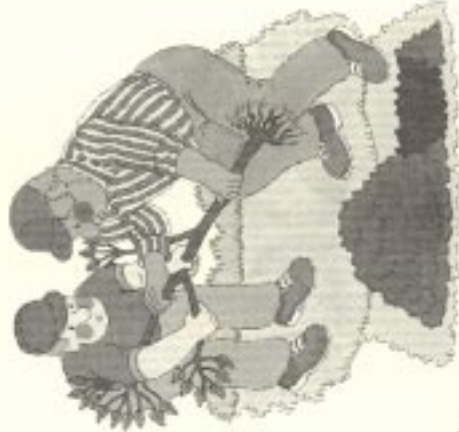
**1.** A volunteer from the neighborhood collects tree-watering commitments from at least two-thirds of all property owners along a street.

**2.** The volunteer provides the list of pledges to the City, and then City staff visits the streets to determine the best tree selections for the location.


**3.** The City installs the trees and provides watering instructions to property owners.

**4.** Property owners water the trees according to simple instructions for from three months to up to one year, depending on rainfall.


**5.** The City will replace trees that die from causes other than lack of watering.



## How can your neighborhood get involved in the Green Canopy Partnership?

 Use a Green Canopy Partnership Pledge Sheet to secure commitments from at least two-thirds of all property owners along a street.

Pledge sheets are available at the Neighborhood Development office in City Hall, 1565 1st St., second floor. To receive a pledge sheet via email, send a request to [greencanopy@sarasotagov.cc](mailto:greencanopy@sarasotagov.cc)

 Invite a City staff member to talk with your neighborhood association. Call 954-2612 or send email to [greencanopy@sarasotagov.cc](mailto:greencanopy@sarasotagov.cc)

