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The tree planted in your tree lawn today is provided to you free of cost thanks to a grant from the Cuyahoga County Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Program. Many thanks to our Cuyahoga County funding partners: the Department of Sustainability, Planning Commission, Soil & Water Conservation District and Board of Health.

Why are we “Greening Parma Heights”?

The entirety of the City of Parma Heights lies in the Secondary Central Ecosite of the Cleveland Metroparks Big Creek Reservation. Because of this, it is vitally important to the health of the Big Creek that we maintain a healthy Tree Canopy.

The planting of trees increases our Urban Tree Canopy and provides a multitude of benefits, including:

- the reduction of stormwater runoff (a major source of flooding),
- oxygen production,
- pollution removal
- and mitigation of climate change, among many others,
- in addition to providing beauty and shade – and increasing property values!

How you can help –

The green bag located at the base of your tree is called a gator bag. This bag provides a slow, steady stream of water to your tree. The gator bag professional watering system helps to reduce plant shock by eliminating evaporation and run-off and it also reduces watering frequency up to 50%.



This is where you, as residents of Parma Heights, can easily help in this important effort:

- 1.) Simply refill the gator bag once a week!
- 2.) Inspect your tree when you fill it. For any questions or concerns regarding your tree, contact the City of Parma Heights Tree Consultant Rich Sidoti for assistance at 440 884-9607.

We urge you to be a stakeholder in improving our neighborhoods by taking care of this gift nature provides us.

Thank You!