



National Garden Clubs, Inc.
NATURAL DISASTERS USA GRANTS
GUIDELINES

1. Restoration project is to be sponsored by State Garden Club or Member Club/s.
2. Upon review by the Natural Disasters USA Committee, a Member Club or State Garden Club may receive up to \$5000.00 per natural disaster project. However, applicants may not receive more than \$5000.00 per disaster within the NGC fiscal year.
3. Clean up and restoration will be provided by the garden club applicant and local service organizations unless exceptions are approved by the Natural Disasters Grants Committee.
4. Funds provided are for the restoration of trees and plant materials and not for professional landscaping fees.

APPLICATION FORM

Application date February 1, 2018 Disaster(s) date October 7-8, 2016

State Georgia State President Jane Hersey

Applicant Name Trustees' Garden Club

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Please use separate sheet and list the following:

1. Nature and severity of disaster
2. Location of area to be restored; please include a photo
3. Proposed restoration plan by garden club/s
4. Estimated itemized costs of your project
5. Other funds received toward restoration project
6. Other organizations that may be involved in the project

Email or mail completed application to:

Pat Smith, Natural Disasters, USA
1928 Val Verde Drive
Germantown, TN 38138-3747

Email: pasmith75@bellsouth.net
Cell: (901) 828-7371

JUDGING INFORMATION

1. All applications are reviewed by the Natural Disasters, USA Chairman and Committee.
2. Judging is based on the information contained in the application.
3. Judging is based on the following Scale of Points:

Emphasis on live plant material – not hardscaping and equipment	45
Impact and scope of project	40
Involvement and participation by club members	5
Collaboration with other community groups	5
Application form complete	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	100

FINAL REPORT

Within two months of project completion, please submit the following:

1. A short one-page report describing the project including photos
2. A copy of the final financial report including all income and expenses
3. A copy of any publicity

NOTE: Please indicate if permission has been given for use of photos by NGC in print or on the website. A release form for adults and minors can be found on the NGC website, www.gardenclub.org/about-us/minor-image-release.aspx

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Sheet in Support of Trustees' Garden Club Application for Grant Under Natural Disaster USA Fund

Trustees' Garden Club seeks grant approval under the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Natural Disaster USA Fund to help replant, restore and beautify its Forsyth Park, a public park owned by the City of Savannah and Chatham County and one devastated by Hurricane Matthew.

Trustees' Garden Club was founded in 1926 and has been a member of The Garden Club of Georgia, Oleander District since 1929 and the Garden Club of America since 1941. The Club counts 50 Active Members, 25 Sustaining Members, 4 Emeritus Members, and 5 non-Resident Members. The Club seeks Natural Disaster funding as an extension of its long-time mission that in part involves restoring, improving and protecting the environment through action in the fields of conservation and civic improvement.

On October 7 and 8, 2016, Hurricane Matthew hit Chatham County and Savannah, Georgia. Hurricane Matthew brought over 17.49 inches of rain, wind gusts ranging from approximately 96 to 71 mph, three deaths, the destruction of hundreds of homes, and the battering of countless businesses. A Major Disaster Declaration was issued for the area on October 8, 2016. Chatham County and its municipalities suffered more than \$60 million in damages, including the cost of clearing approximately 2.5 million cubic yards of debris. The incredible amount of debris was in large part the result of storm damage to our community's tree canopy and landscaping. Especially hard hit with this damage was Savannah's iconic and historic Forsyth Park.

Forsyth Park was created in 1841 as a logical extension of the remarkable urban planning ideals set forth in Savannah's earliest beginnings - its original City plan. Laid out in 1733 by General James Edward Oglethorpe, the City was developed around the idea of wards, a unique concept in urban planning comprised of open squares surrounded by eight residential and civic oriented blocks. This concept of a repeated pattern of connected neighborhoods, multiple squares, streets and designed expansion into city property - all of which allowed for more open space in a city than ever before - was truly revolutionary for colonial America. Forsyth Park is celebrated as a culmination of this plan and is one of the oldest urban parks in America.

Forsyth Park consists of approximately 30 tree-filled and landscaped acres with approximately 1.5 miles of interior pathways. The 1.2-mile perimeter of the park is also tree-lined and landscaped. Forsyth Park can be said to be the emotional heart of the city as it is a primary source of pride, community activity and events throughout the year.

The loss of tree canopy and surrounding landscape in Forsyth Park as a result of Hurricane Matthew was significant. It is difficult to quantify and can best be illustrated through selected photographs. (See, Attachment #1)

Attachment #2 from the Director of Savannah's Park and Tree Department, Gordon Denney, reflects the damage to trees alone in Forsyth Park as a result of the hurricane.

The orange “X” indicates those trees downed or to be removed as a result of the storm. The dark purple “X” indicates those trees that remain; however, many of these trees have been subsequently determined to be too damaged as a result of the storm and have been removed. (See, Attachment #3)

Trustees’ Garden Club is partnering with the City of Savannah, and working with nearby Neighborhood Associations, residents, businesses, and community leaders to develop a Stewardship Master Plan for Forsyth Park, to include among many other things thoughtful re-plantings for the park necessitated by storm damage. This process has taken a great deal of time due to the overwhelming demands place on the City as a result of the storm and the following storm of Hurricane Irma in 2017. The City has been thoughtfully working through a plan for re-plantings and has indicated its desire to diversify its plantings within the park and to create plantings that will promote healthy growth for existing and new plantings alike in a way that reflects and enhances the use of the park.

Through this partnership, the following list of plantings is being proposed for an area measuring approximately 6,200 square feet and one particularly ravaged by the storm. It is in an area close to a major entry point to the park and one of high visibility as it is adjacent to a café, band shell and playground located within the park. Because of the traffic this area receives, the loss of trees and plantings has had a particularly negative impact on the overall beauty and enjoyment of the park. (See, Attachment #4)

The plantings selected for re-planting an area devastated by the storm are as follows:

5- B&B trident maples (one trident maple already there) 4 in. +/-	
@200.00 - \$300.00 each	\$1000.00 – 1500.00
30 – 3 gallon Encore Azaleas @ 35.00 each	\$1050.00
60 -1- gallon agapanthus @ 21.00 each	\$1260.00
14- 3 gallon Hydrangeas @ 30.00 each	\$420.00
1800 sq. ft. of Zoysia grass @ .42 sq. ft.	\$900.00
	TOTAL \$4630.00 - \$5130

Members of Trustees’ Garden Club will assist the City of Savannah’s Park and Tree Department in the preparation of the beds and re- plantings and any additional care and maintenance requested of us by the City that is feasible for our Club. Trustees’ Garden Club has a proven track record of assisting the City in Forsyth Park and elsewhere through its restoration and continuing care of the Fragrant Garden within Forsyth Park, a garden where the plants are selected and are on display to specifically appeal to those with limited sight.

Trustees’ Garden Club respectfully requests a grant under the Natural Disaster USA Fund to pay for the cost of the above plantings. Trustees’ Garden Club has expended to date over \$15,000.00 towards its efforts to create a Stewardship Plan for Forsyth Park. It

has budgeted an additional amount of approximately \$15,000.00 towards these efforts. The funding for this project arises primarily out of the Club's Annual Greenery Sale in which all Club members participate to raise funds for the Club's numerous projects and efforts. Funding for re-plantings in Forsyth Park has not been possible for the Club in light of its other commitments. Because of the huge expenditures necessitated by the storm, the City of Savannah has little to spend on re-plantings. Therefore, a grant under the National Disaster USA Fund would be invaluable for our community to help us continue the recovery after Hurricane Matthew.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry Pindar
Trustees' Garden Club
Forsyth Park Project, Chair

Corinne Reeves
Trustees' Garden Club
President

Attachment #1- Photos reflecting storm damage to Forsyth Park

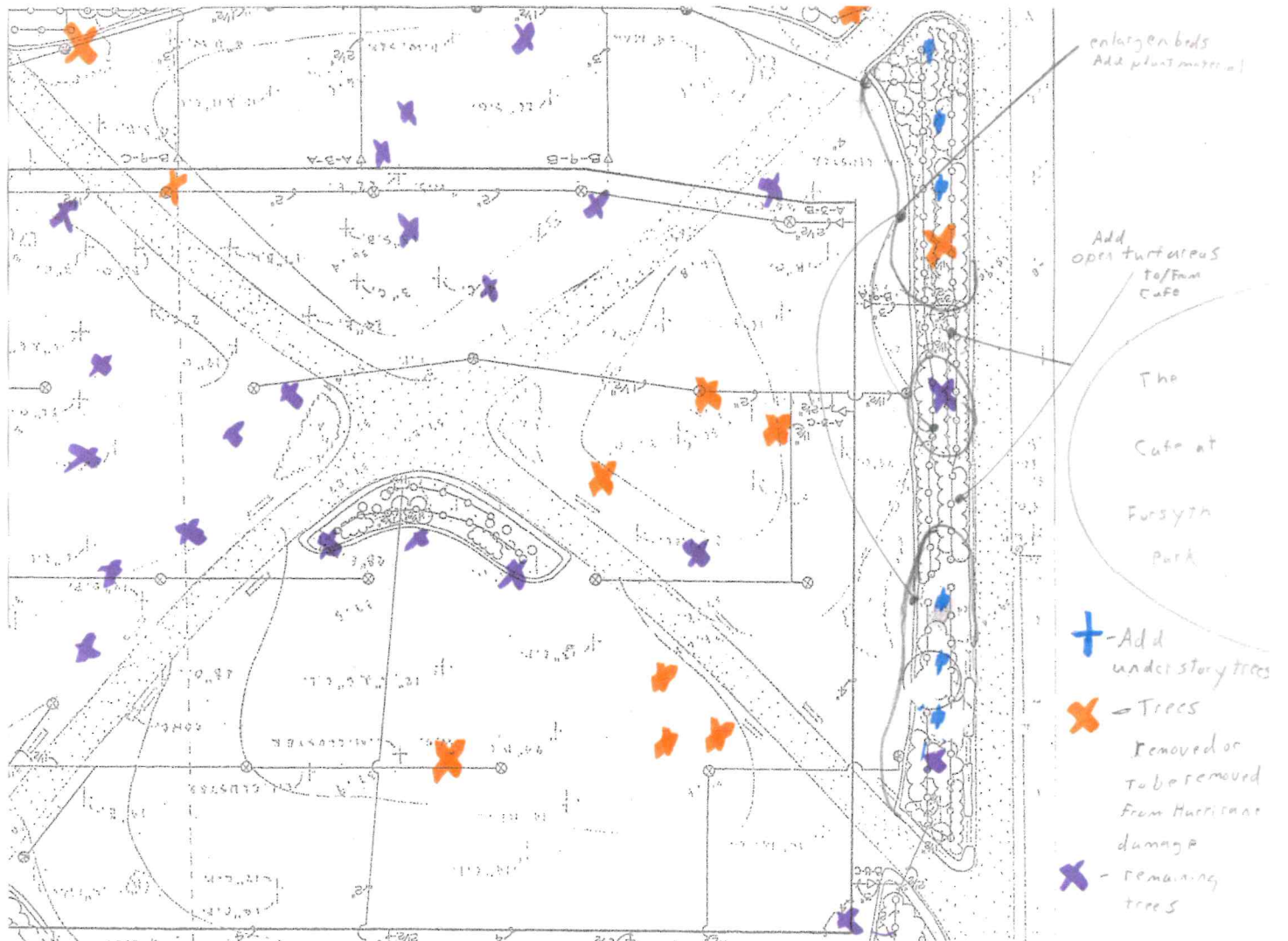




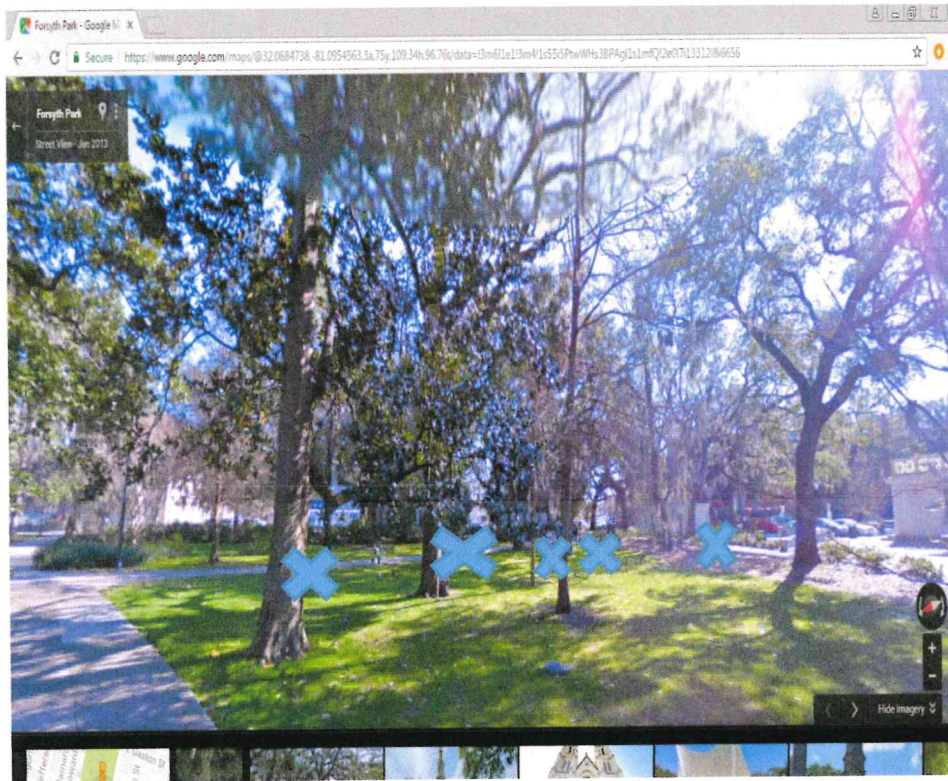




Attachment # 2 - Drawing Depicting Loss of Trees in Forsyth Park as a result of Hurricane Matthew Storm Damage



Attachment #3 - Photo reflecting example of additional trees determined to be in need of removal because of storm damage (Subsequent to drawing in Attachment #1)



Attachment #4 - Proposed Area For Re-plantings necessitated by substantial loss of trees and landscaping





