

2023 "PRETTY INVASIVE PEARS"

REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT CONTRACT

Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District
2903 Gary Drive, Plymouth, IN 46563
574-936-2024 x 3

The Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District is promoting the removal of the invasive non-native ornamental Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*) and its named cultivars. (Bradford, Aristocrat, Cleveland Select plus many others) These species have proven themselves to be detrimental to the woodlands of Marshall County and as part of our mission and business plan, the SWCD wants to offer incentive to landowners to replace these invasive trees with native species that encourage a healthy environment. The SWCD will cost share practice as follows:

- 75% cost share up to \$500 for the removal and replacement of Callery Pear (*Pyrus calleryana*), which have been deemed highly invasive by the state of Indiana.
- Removal of tree(s) must occur on property within Marshall County.
- Replacement trees must be on a list of acceptable native trees which will be provided to the property owner by the Marshall county SWCD. If not listed, it is acceptable to contact the office to request an exception.
- All up-front costs will be covered by property owner, reimbursement will be issued after proof is shown of removal (2 photographs, before and after removal, will suffice) and purchase of acceptable native is proven with a receipt. If it is necessary to have tree removed by a professional, removal costs up to \$300 can be included in cost share. (see page 2 for further explanation)
- Program will run through November 30, 2023, or until designated funds are disbursed.

Requirements and Limitations

- 1) Complete an application for participation and submit (phone call or email is acceptable) to the Marshall county SWCD office.
- 2) A member of the SWCD staff will contact you to verify tree planned for removal/replacement. Visitation to the site by an SWCD employee may be necessary and customer must agree to said visit.
- 3) Upon approval notification, you can remove the tree and purchase replacement native tree.
- 4) Once practice is complete, the applicant will inform the SWCD staff and submit required pictures and receipt for replacement tree and any removal that was paid for. Receipt will need to have price and species listed on it. If no species is on receipt, a picture of the label will suffice. These can be scanned and emailed or dropped off at the SWCD office drop box.
- 5) Reimbursement check will be mailed to applicant. Reimbursement will be up to \$500, one offer per household.

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| NAME _____ |
| ADDRESS _____ |
| CITY _____ |
| TOWNSHIP _____ |
| ZIP _____ PHONE _____ E-mail _____ |
| Applicant Signature _____ |
| Date _____ |

Explaining Cost Share-

The amount that will be paid out will be maxed out at \$500 per Marshall County homeowner. Since the cost share is 75%, you will be can spend up to \$666.67 to receive the full amount of reimbursement, of which only \$300 can be spent on removal. That would leave \$366.67 to spend on a new native tree to receive the full reimbursement of \$500. If you spend no money on removal (you take it down yourself), you could spend up to \$666.67 on a new native tree (or the number removed) and be reimbursed \$500. If you only spend \$400 on a new tree, you would receive $\$400 \times .75 = \300 . If you spend over \$300 on removal, you would still only be allowed to use \$300 toward the total of \$666.67. You can spend more or less on a new native tree, it is just a requirement that you put in a new one, thus Removal and Replacment. All removal costs, installation costs and new tree purchases need to be documented with receipts. No exceptions. Homeowner must agree to remove all pears on property eventually. Any questions, please call our office to speak with someone to clarify. Thank you for participating and helping us rid our county of these destructive invaders! Pretty Invasive Pears! Pretty, but pretty invasive!