The City of Daly City is one of 17 organizations statewide selected to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act administered by California ReLeaf. The City’s Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for management and upkeep of the City’s 4,000-tree urban forest, most of which was planted between 1950 and 1979.

The $100,000 grant provided the City of Daly City with funding to remove aging trees from its urban forest as well as plant 140 new trees. In addition, the project allowed city staff to work with volunteers to provide educational programs to local schools, continue with an established Arbor Day program, qualify for an additional year of Tree City USA status and share the Master Composter program with the Daly City community.

At the same time, the grant also allowed the department to continue to work with local schools to expand education and outreach programs in this densely-populated urban area. The program taught elementary and secondary school children about the urban forest and how to plant and care for trees.

### Fast Facts for the City of Daly City’s ARRA Grant

- Jobs created: 4
- Jobs Retained: 2
- Trees Planted: 140
- Trees Maintained: 535
- Job Hours Contributed to California Work Force: 6,878

**Lasting legacy:** this project restored and enhanced the City’s urban forest with trees that can survive the foggy, salt-laden cold air of the Bay Area while providing protection and shelter from the strong winds and beauty to the landscape.

> “Removing aging pine trees stricken with pitch canker is the project’s first priority. As fast as we can, we are taking them down before they fall down. We need something that we know will fight the weather here.” — Dennis Bray, Park Services Supervisor for the City of Daly City.