Corvallis Sustainability Coalition Action Review Form - *Please Attach Action Evaluation Grid*

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| Action Team:  | Date Submitted:  |
| Natural Areas Action Team and Community Inclusion Action Team | 2/23/2021 |
| Submitted by:  | Email:  |
| Lauren Merrill | Lmerrill27@gmail.com |
| Goal #  |  | Strategy #  |  | Action #  |  | Text of Action, as stated in the Action Plan:  |
| NAAT Goal 2, Strategy 3, Action 2 - Coordinatevolunteer conservation activities in the community.CIAT Goal 1, Strategy 3, Action 2 - Advocate for equitable access to resources. |
| Please describe your project. Specify the activities your group plans to pursue for this Action:  |
| The Natural Areas Action Team (NAAT) and Community Inclusion Action Team (CIAT) propose a project in conjunction with the Neighborhood Tree Stewards. The Neighborhood Tree Stewards is a program of the Urban Forestry Program of the City of Corvallis. Volunteers in the program plant trees in the green strip between the road and sidewalk. The two Action Teams suggest allotting a number of trees to be planted specifically in low income neighborhoods. Team members hope to address livability standards by decreasing the number of “tree deserts.” Benefits of trees include:* Energy savings
* Reduction of air pollutants
* Reduction in stormwater runoff
* Increase in property values
* Increase in livability

NAAT and CIAT Goals:* Promote healthier neighborhoods through cleaner air and fewer heat islands
* Engage in dialogue with low-income residents
* Encourage equality by creating pleasant urban environments for everyone
* Provide opportunities for civic engagement
* Continue improving neighborhood livability with access to “pocket parks”
* Address neighborhoods that don’t have sidewalks or meet criteria and find solutions

NAAT and CIAT Actions:* Locate areas that meet the criteria and residents who are interested in having a tree
* Plant trees
* Create education component (flyers, social media)
* Continue maintenance - watering, surveying

If applicable: X Quick Win ☐ Big Win ☐ Paid Employee/Contractor ☐ Seeking Grant Funding  |
| Overlapping Coalition Action Teams, Actions, or Programs or community organizations:  |
| Community Inclusion Action TeamNatural Areas Action TeamNeighborhood Tree StewardsUrban Forestry Program, City of Corvallis |
| Deliverables, Milestones, and estimated Time required to complete each:  |
| Deliverables:* Trees Planted
* Community Members Engaged
* Pocket Parks established

Milestones:* 20 trees planted
* 5 new volunteers from community
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| Who from your Action Team will be responsible for implementing this Action?  |
| Lauren Merrill will coordinate, and anyone on CIAT and NAAT who is interested will help implement it. |
| Immediate needs of the Action Team and from whom:  |
| Identify locations that fit criteria: low income neighborhood, public right-of-way needs to be larger than 4 feet and 10 feet from a utility line. Who: Team membersReach out to Neighborhood Associations and Tracy Oulman (City of Corvallis) to ensure residents are involved and feel like they can be part of the process. Who: Johannah Hamilton (CIAT), Lauren Merrill (NAAT), or other team member. |
| Financial needs and potential sources (grants, sponsor, fundraising, set aside, etc.):  |
| The funds for the trees themselves will be included in the Neighborhood Tree Steward funds. Other financial needs might be for pamphlets or educational materials. Sources can be from the Action Team funds. |
| What will success look like?  |
| People in neighborhoods who are happy with the outcome and decide to take on stewardship opportunities in their neighborhoods.Press in news sources such as Letters to the Editor or “Roses and Raspberries” in the Corvallis *Gazette-Times*. Measurable changes in air temperature, energy savings, stormwater runoff.  |
| Comments/Questions:  |
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| Steering Committee Response/Feedback: Date:  | **3/5/21** |
| **APPROVED** |

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