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To: Potential Local Business Sponsor
From: Alan Snow, Community Action Forester
DCR Urban & Community Forestry Program

Re: Sponsorship of local Tree Steward

Each year the Massachusetts Urban & Community Forestry Program, The Massachusetts Tree Wardens & Foresters Association and the USDA Forest Service offer a 2-day **Tree Steward Training** program for local tree committee members, tree wardens, tree activists and other individuals interested in learning more about urban and community forestry. Trained Tree Stewards then return to their communities where they put their knowledge into practice working to improve their city or town's community trees and forest.

The cost of registration for the two day event held at Harvard Forest in Petersham MA is \$55 per person this includes all meals. If participants choose to stay overnight at Harvard Forest an additional \$55 fee is charged. We encourage interested individuals to approach local businesses to act as a local sponsor of their registration fee. We are writing to ask if you would be willing to become a sponsor.

Community trees add so much to the vitality of our cities and towns; they bring beauty, shade and numerous environmental benefits. Recent research has even demonstrated that community trees contribute significantly to economic vitality of a business district that shoppers prefer to shop in tree lined districts and are often willing to pay more for what they buy.

If you are interested in sponsoring an individual from your community to participate in the Massachusetts Tree Steward Training program, you may make a tax-deductible donation by making a check out to: "**The Mass ReLeaf Trust Fund**" and mail to:

Eric Seaborn
DCR, U&CF Program
251 Causeway St., Suite 600
Boston, MA 02114

Please include your business name and contact information, as well as information about the person you are sponsoring.

With this sponsorship, your business will be recognized at the training and in the printed training materials. Your sponsorship will also be recognized in our monthly news letter the "Citizen Forester" sent to over 3,000 readers across the state. Thanks for your support of community trees!

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