

TOWN OF TERRY

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Town of Terry Receives Canadian Railroad Grant

The Town of Terry has received a \$25,000 grant for tree planting and beautification throughout the town. The projects include developing an arboretum at the local park, a community fruit orchard and the Business district landscaping. The Mississippi Urban Forest Council wrote the grant for the town and will help with all aspects of project implementation. Volunteer groups that will also participate in the projects are Byram-Terry Junior Auxiliary, Collis Hill Church Brotherhood, Friends of Terry, Terry Lion's Club, Terry Planning Committee, Terry Women's Club, and Terry High School Yellow Jackets Alumni Association.

"I am very excited that the Town has received this \$25,000 Railroad Grant for tree planting and beautification throughout the Town", said Mayor Joseph Kendrick, Jr. This will be good for our downtown area and something that our business owners in this area can be proud of and "I think this will draw more people to our downtown area and will make our citizens gratified to drive through downtown.

A press event with representatives from the CN, America In Bloom and the MS Urban Forest Council will be held at Terry City Hall, 315 West Cunningham Street, Terry Mississippi on Wednesday, February 13th at 4:00 PM.

" These types of activities are significant improvements to the community. The social impact of green space, trees and gardens can be particularly pronounced when public spaces are transformed into places of beauty that foster safe places for neighborhood interaction, economic and property value enhancement, and improves the lives of those that live in or visit the community." according to Donna Yowell, executive director of the MUFC.

CN is a true backbone of the economy, transporting approximately C\$250 billion worth of goods annually for the wide range of business sectors, ranging from resource products to manufactured products to consumer goods, across a rail network spanning Canada and mid-America. CN – Canadian National Railroad Company, along with its operating railway subsidiaries—serves the cities and ports of Vancouver, Montreal New Orleans, Mobile and Jackson, MS with connections to all points in North America. www.cnfromthegourd.ca.

America in Bloom envisions communities across the country as welcoming and vibrant places to live, work and play –benefitting from colorful plants and trees; enjoying clean environments; celebrating heritage; and planting pride through volunteerism. America In Bloom promotes nationwide beautification through education and community involvement by encouraging the use of flowers, plants, trees and other environmental and lifestyle enhancements. America in Bloom is an independent non-profit 501©3 organization and contributions to AIB are tax deductible. www.americainbloom.org.

For more details on the grant program, please check www.AmericaInBloom.org/CN. The Mississippi Urban Forest Council is Mississippi’s own statewide nonprofit that works with communities and local groups to improve quality of life and support strong communities for economic success on a local level. MUFC was recently recognized by the MS Business Journal as one of Mississippi’s best nonprofits. We are thrilled to work so very closely with the Town of Terry and to provide this opportunity for more enhancement to our state. These projects will begin a series of Arboretums in the state and these cities will become part of the **Mississippi Arboretum Trail**.

“Help Green Our Communities. Trees enhance property values, improve the look and feel of commercial areas, and even help reduce crime! The Mississippi Urban Forest Council and its’ volunteers, the Urban Forest Masters have planted over 379,000 trees and donated over 3 million flower bulbs in Mississippi since 2010. For more information on Mississippi programs visit our web site at www.msurbanforest.com.

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