

OPPORTUNITY #8—PRIVATE PROPERTY TREE ADOPTION PROGRAM

Five (5) largely residential east-west streets have been identified as priority streets. They are Summerland Ave., 9th St., 13th St., 17th St., and 22nd Ave. These streets, for most of their length between Western Ave. and Downtown San Pedro, do not have sufficient sidewalk width or existing parkways in which to plant trees or install rain gardens. However, there are two (2) Los Angeles City-Wide existing “urban greening programs” that can be utilized by residents to “green” their front yards in a more water conserving manner if they so wish. They are the City of Los Angeles “City Plants Tree Adoption Program, which is discussed below, and the LA DWP “Turf Replacement Rebate Program”, which is the subject of Opportunity #9. The photo shown on this page is just a typical view from one of the streets that has been identified as a RNPG (Residential No Parkway Green Streets) on the Regional Green Street Typology Plan.

LOS ANGELES “CITY PLANTS” PROGRAM - City Plants is a public-private partnership between the City of Los Angeles, local non-profit organizations, community groups, residents, and businesses. This is a continuation of the former Million Trees LA Program, though the program priorities have been changed to focus on getting trees planted in low canopy areas and to plant in a way that maximizes the benefits trees provide rather than on reaching a specific number of trees.

Trees Save Energy—Funded by LA DWP because “trees save energy”, City Plants is able to provide free shade trees for residents and property owners in the City of LA, along with important information on where to plant those trees to maximize energy efficiency in homes or businesses. If planted to the south and west of a building, trees will provide shade during the hottest parts of the day, cooling the building and lessening the need for air conditioning. Less a/c use saves energy and money on electricity bills, and using less energy also helps reduce the need to generate energy, which helps combat climate change.

Plant Trees in Your Yard— Residents are eligible to receive up to seven free trees to plant on their property if they agree to take proper care of them. Instructions on how to plant the trees and take care of them are provided as part of the tree “adoption” process. City Plants also has fruit tree adoption events, where residents can take home one fruit tree to plant on their property. It is recommended to plant them on the south or west side of the building to maximize tree shading and energy savings.



Residential Green Streets -

This happens to be a section of 13th St., but this could be any similar section of any of the many residential streets within San Pedro that have been identified as priority Green Streets. Property owners on these types of streets can take advantage of existing City-wide urban greening programs to plant trees or replace their turf at no cost to themselves.