



Tree Equity Working Group

March 11, 2025



Agenda

- Meeting norms
- Spotlight: Chicago Muslims Green Team
- Draft mission statement
- 2025 goals
- Earth/Arbor Day
- TEWG meeting schedule
- Partner updates

★ Meeting norms

- Be kind
- Share your perspective and allow others to do the same
- Use the chat, raise your hand to speak
- Stay on topic
- Send updates in advance



Member spotlight

Chicago Muslims Green Team

Caroline Williams



Chicago Muslims Green Team

A Brief Introduction

Presented at the Tree Equity Working Group Meeting
March 11, 2025
By Caroline Williams, Program Manager

Chicago Muslims Green Team

Founded in 2018, became a 501(c)(3) in 2020.

Mission:

To connect Chicago Muslims and the greater community to issues of environmental justice and spread awareness about an Eco-friendly lifestyle based on Islamic teachings.

Scope of Works:

- Building bridges
- Green Ramadan
- Green Mosque
- Capacity Building



 Tree Ambassadors Field Day - July 19, 2023



2022-2025 Tree Ambassador Program



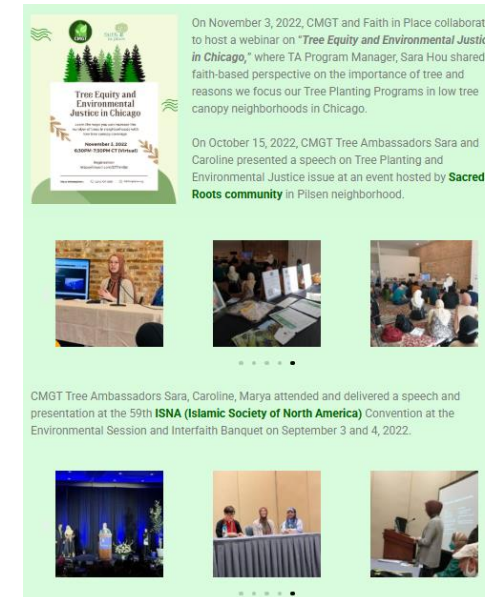
Eco-Fest at Welles Park 47th Ward
(June 18, 2022)

Our Roots Chicago: “Equitably Expanding Chicago's Tree Canopy”

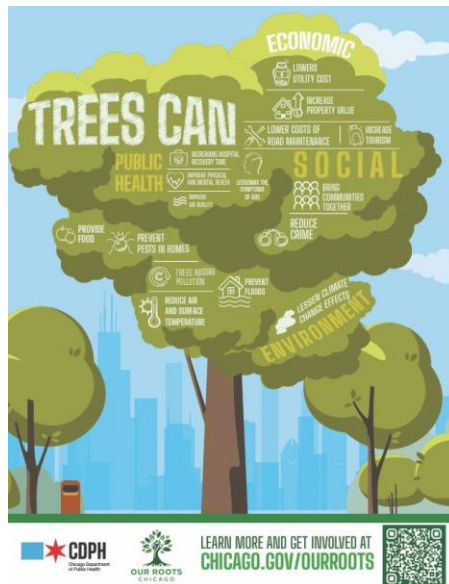
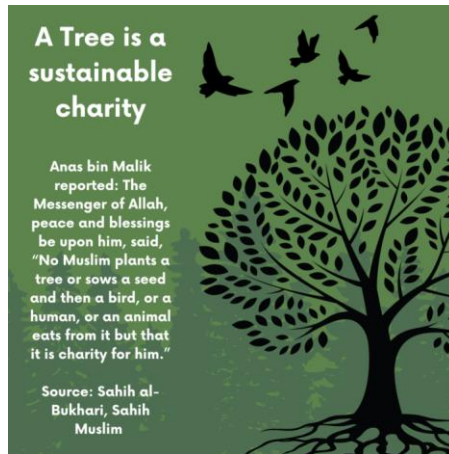
- **Community-based**
- **Environmental Justice**
- **Building Bridges**



Tree Ambassador Training at El Paseo Garden 25th Ward
(July 16, 2022)



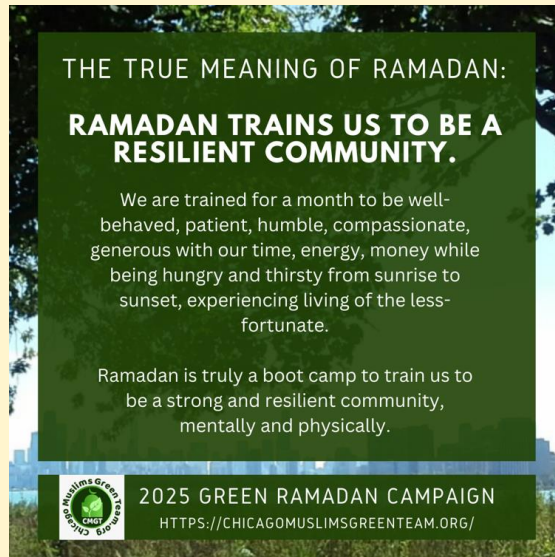
2022-2025 Tree Ambassador Program



<https://chicagomuslimsgreenteam.org/tree-ambassadors-program>

2025 CMGT Programs

Green Ramadan (March 1-30): to reduce waste, practice composting, and promote community resiliency.



2025-2027 Tree Equity Program: to build community resilience through Forestry.

Activities include: Tree planting, tree maintenance, and educational programs in priority neighborhoods in Southwest side of Chicago, South and North suburbs.

**2025 Outdoor activities:
Kayaking,
Hiking,
Camping, Rock
Climbing**



CMGT Camping at Camp Sullivan - Sept 21-22, 2024

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THANK YOU!



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★ 2025 goals (draft)

Planting

Tree health benefits flyer

Drone footage + research

Earth Day/Arbor Day

Social media posts

Others?

Earth Day / Arbor Day

Discussion

★ 2025 draft meeting schedule

Date	Time	Format
February 11	9:00am	Virtual
March 11	9:00am	Virtual
April 8	12:00pm	Virtual
May 13	9:00am	Virtual
June 10*	9:00am	Virtual
July 11	7:00pm	Virtual
August 12	9:00am	Virtual
September 10	10:00am	Hybrid
October 14*	9:00am	Virtual
November 11*	9:00am	Virtual
December 9*	9:00am	Virtual

*Jared on leave

★ Partner updates and events

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