

Tree Equity Working Group

March 11, 2025



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- -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



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



2022-2025 Tree Ambassador Program



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

<u>Our Roots Chicago</u>: "Equitably Expanding Chicago's Tree Canopy"

Community-based
Environmental Justice
Building Bridges



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



On November 3, 2022, CMGT and Faith in Place collaborated to host a webinar on "Tree Equity and Environmental Justice in Chicago," where TA Program Manager, Sara Hou shared faith-based perspective on the importance of tree and reasons we focus our Tree Planting Programs in low tree canopy neighborhoods in Chicago.

On October 15, 2022, CMGT Tree Ambassadors Sara and Caroline presented a speech on Tree Planting and Environmental Justice issue at an event hosted by **Sacred Roots community** in Pilsen neighborhood.



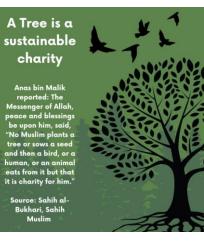


••••••• CMGT Tree Ambassadors Sara, Caroline, Marya attended and delivered a speech and presentation at the 59th ISNA (Islamic Society of North America) Convention at the



Environmental Session and Interfaith Banquet on September 3 and 4, 2022.

2022-2025 Tree Ambassador Program







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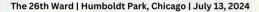
OUR ROOTS

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2024 Tree Ambassador Training Chicago Islamic Center | September 8, 2024



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2025 CMGT Programs

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

THE TRUE MEANING OF RAMADAN: RAMADAN TRAINS US TO BE A RESILIENT COMMUNITY.

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We are trained for a month to be wellbehaved, patient, humble, compassionate, generous with our time, energy, money while being hungry and thirsty from sunrise to sunset, experiencing living of the lessfortunate.

Ramadan is truly a boot camp to train us to be a strong and resilient community, mentally and physically.

2025 GREEN RAMADAN CAMPAIGN HTTPS://CHICAGOMUSLIMSGREENTEAM.ORG/ 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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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

X Partner updates and events

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