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forest our aging tree infrastructure. It is also another way to honor our designation as a Tree City USA member. Trees would be planted only on city-owned property and either have plaques on each tree planted or a plaque in city hall listing the names and location of each tree planted for the 100-year anniversary celebration.

We have seen just over the last several years - due to storms and aging - the tree population of Clifton has been significantly reduced. The benefit of trees in urban areas like Clifton are immense. Tree-lined streets increase property values by 15 percent; reduce violence (barren neighborhoods have a greater incidence of crime in and outside homes); combat climate change (by absorbing carbon dioxide); clear the air; provide oxygen; cool streets and the city (by up to 15 percent; conserve energy; save water; prevent soil erosion; and shield against ultra-violet rays).

The Clifton ASAP Group hopes the Clifton Beautification Committee endorses this idea and also encourages the members of the 100 Year Anniversary Committee to start a Plant-a-Tree program to honor this wonderful milestone in our history and proof that we all believe in the future of Clifton by planting a tree for the generations to come to see these trees in Clifton's 200 year celebration.

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Plant centennial trees

The Clifton A.S.A.P. (Advocating Solutions and Progress) Group would like the Council and members of the 100 Year Anniversary Committee to consider starting a Plant-a-Tree program to honor both Clifton's last 100 years and the next 100 years.

It would be a way for individuals, community groups, and businesses to contribute money to have a tree planted in honor of whomever they wish and help re-

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