

## **John Slifko Tree Fund Tree Care and Hold Harmless Agreement**

*(Please read carefully before signing)*

As a recipient of grant money from the John Slifko Tree Fund, **I agree to the following terms and conditions:**

- I have read, understood and agree to all items included in the John Slifko Tree Fund Guidelines and Grant Application Form.
- I will care for the tree(s) according to Chapter 555 of the City of Reading Codified Ordinance and in respect to the current ANSI A300 Standards of tree care, which includes watering, mulching, pruning, weed removal, etc. and by protecting the tree as much as possible from physical injury.
- I will inform the next property owner, if applicable, that the tree(s) will become their responsibility.
- I or my agent will keep the tree planting pit soil level with the surrounding sidewalk and properly dispose of all debris related to the planting of the tree(s), including excavated concrete and dirt for the creation of the tree pit.
- I or my agent will take all necessary precautions so that I will not injure myself, anyone else or damage property when planting the tree(s).
- I understand that, with time, large trees may uplift sidewalks and that I agree to keep the sidewalk area around my tree free of conditions that may cause someone to trip.
- I acknowledge that I am liable for any injuries which may incur and for the maintenance and security of the sidewalk.

Therefore I, \_\_\_\_\_ (property owner)  
hold myself bound to hold harmless and indemnify the Centre Park Historic District, Inc. and the City of Reading, its agents, servants, and employees from any and all claims and losses sustained by the Centre Park Historic District, Inc. and the City of Reading arising from my participation in the John Slifko Tree Fund and City of Reading Tree Planting Programs.

Intending to be legally bound, on behalf of myself/ourselves, my/our heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns and have set my hand to this indenture on

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(Property owners' signature and date)