

# 2014 ANNUAL REPORT

## Cazenovia Tree Commission

### 1.0 SUMMARY

The Village maintained its “Tree City USA” designation. A successful Arbor Day and spring seminar were conducted. The Village assumed the bulk of the planting activity, while Commission members participated in a simultaneous six-tree planting on the Town Green. Similar to last year, a significant number of removals occurred (28), particularly of declining Sugar Maples. With this year’s activity, the number of planting and removals since the Tree Commission began has reached equilibrium: 120 of each. An anonymous donation was made this year to the Tree Commission, significantly enhancing its ability to fund new inventory.

### 2.0 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### 2.1.0 Organization & Governance

The previously established teams continued in their roles, as required. Four meetings were held, predominantly focused on Arbor Day and the seminar.

#### 2.2.0 Tree Installations

As used below, “Replacements” are defined as trees planted to replace a dead/declining or recently removed tree. “New” is a tree planted where none had previously existed. A “Memorial” or “Gift” tree is a tree purchased by a community resident for the Village’s general use or to commemorate a person or event, and may be a replacement or new tree. “Replanting” occur when an installed tree fails within the first two years; these are not counted in either Trees Planted or Trees Removed.

#### 2.2.1 Trees Planted

The Arbor Day tree was generously donated by the Garden Club, as in previous years.

Trees planted include 1 Japanese Tree Lilac, 2 Paper bark Maples, 1 Redbud, 2 Sugar Maples, 1 Serviceberry, 1 Triumph Elm, 1 River Birch, 2 Honey Locust, 2 Red Oak, 1 Tulip Tree, 2 Coffee Trees, and 1 Linden, for a total of 17 new trees.

The latter 6 were installed at the Town Green by members of the Tree Commission and Cazenovia community, while the others were installed by the Village DPW staff.

**Total Trees Planted: 17**

**Replacements: 1    New: 0 Memorial Trees**

#### 2.2.2 Trees Removed

In total, 28 trees were taken down: 16 Sugar Maples, 3 Basswood/Linden, 5 Norway Maples, 3 Pine, and 1 Oak. National Grid contributed its services for eight of these, representing \$7,000 in cost avoidance.

**Total Trees Removed: 28**

#### 2.2.3 Year-to-Date Summary

Since the start of the Tree Commission, **77** New trees have been planted plus **43** Replacements for a total of **120** plantings. **120** trees have been removed.

Four of the trees planted last year on Nelson Street had failed and required re-planting (at no cost): a Serviceberry, Paper bark Maple, Hackberry, and Royal Frost Birch. These are excluded from the above.

Details on specific plantings can be found in the Tree Inventory.

### **2.3.0 Other Initiatives**

The fifth annual public seminar was held March 22nd consisting of a hands-on pruning class conducted by Jim Maloney of National Grid. It was well attended by over 40 residents and members of other communities' Tree Commissions, with many staying afterward for more questions and instruction. Press releases and press coverage of the event were well done.

A successful Arbor Day event was held in April. The Cazenovia Garden Club donated funds to purchase a Honey Locust tree for Albany St. Participation by Burton School students contributed to strong attendance by the community.

A walking inspection of installed trees was conducted by Tree Commission members in June.

### **2.4.0 Community Outreach & Press**

Press releases and photos were prepared and published in the *Cazenovia Republican* highlighting the seminar and Arbor Day.

### **3.0.0 OTHER COMMENTS/ISSUES/CONCERNS**

There are no open issues. The Tree Commission members look forward to an equally satisfying year in 2015.

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