

2015 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 year was heavily focused on removals, however Commission members undertook a simultaneous re-planting for the failed trees on Nelson Street.

2.0 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2.1.0 Organization & Governance

Two formal meetings were held. The previously established teams continued in their roles, as required.

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 trees were donated partially by four sixth graders, winners of the local CBCG grant.

Trees planted include 4 Honey Locust, 2 Katsura, 1 Japanese Lilac Tree, 2 Crab, 2 Redwood, 3 Norway Spruce (on Town Green), 2 Oak, 1 Paperbark Maple, 1 Gingko, and 1 Beech for a total of 19 trees.

Total Trees Planted: 19

New: 13 Replacements: 1 Re-plantings: 5 Memorial Trees: 1

Five of the trees planted last year on Nelson Street had failed and required re-planting (at no cost). These are as follows, with replacement species in parentheses: 2 Katsura (Honey Locust, Gingko), Rubber Tree (Swamp White Oak), Paper Bark Maple (Paper Bark Maple), and Black Gum (Shingle Oak). These are excluded from the “New” total, above, and the Removals, below.

2.2.2 Trees Removed

In total, 20 trees were taken down: 10 Sugar Maples, 4 Norway Maples, 2 Locust, 1 Catalpa, 1 Walnut, and 2 Ash.

Total Trees Removed: 20

2.2.3 Year-to-Date Summary

Since the start of the Tree Commission, 90 New trees have been planted plus 44 Replacements for a total of 134 plantings. 140 trees have been removed.

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

2.3.0 Other Initiatives

The sixth annual public seminar was held March 21. Dr. Eric Greenfield presented *The Future of American Forests*, their current health, and impact on the world's environments. It was well attended by over 30 residents and members of other communities' Tree Commissions. Press releases and press coverage of the event were well done.

A successful Arbor Day event was held April 18 at Lakeland Park. Participation by the sixth graders who raised \$600 toward the trees, and Burton Stree School students contributed to strong attendance by the community. Due to the ground temperatures, the actual planting was delayed but ultimately included four new trees.

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.

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