

Municipal Tree Board Goals- January 2018 Update

1. Provide information to City Parks Department on selection and maintenance of trees in the City parks and open spaces.
 - Through PARC and direct communication with members of the Parks Dept., give current information to City on urban tree conditions, soils, pests and their controls, and plant selection information so that it can be placed on City's website. Plant information includes photos and specific characteristics of each tree to promote appropriate selection.
 - Recommend to the Parks Department that inventory information be used by City for updated tree condition and maintenance needs.
 - Make a recommendation through PARC that the City prioritizes storm water usage for tree maintenance watering.
2. Relay to PARC the benefits of having trained urban forestry staff within the Parks Division.
3. Understand City Parks Department structure. Identify key personnel and their functions . Understand how to use the City's website.
4. Continue working with the Master Gardener Association and other community organizations in inventorying trees in City parks and public spaces.
 - Create a tree identification guide for use in inventories
 - Identify and train tree identifiers
 - Promote community organization participation in inventories
 - Coordinate graphic display of inventory dates with City's GIS.
5. Provide arboriculture expertise to the Master Gardeners Association and to the City's Parks Department as possible and practical. Example: train Master Gardeners in structural pruning.
6. Examine the role of the tree board in the City's Arbor Day celebration, a requirement of Tree City USA.