

# The Village of Williamsville Tree Board Program for Management of the Urban Forest & Street Trees

This program is an ongoing twenty year plan using as a basis the 2004 inventory of Village trees completed by the Cornell University Urban Horticultural Institute. It seeks input and assistance from residents, business people and professionals, in an orderly and consistent manner that will lead to the attainment of three basic goals.

**Goal One:** To beautify our streets by restoring and maintaining the tree canopy.

**Goal Two:** To provide a healthy environment that allows attractive places to relax and enjoy the area and the wildlife that treed areas attract.

**Goal Three:** To educate our citizens about the value of trees for their environment including such things as soil retention, air quality, protection from wind, sun and rain.



## Village of Williamsville Tree Board

... is an advisory arm of the Williamsville Trustee Board. Its charge is to plan for the prevention of, and upgrading of, the tree canopy of the Village. All trees located in the right-of-way and on park land are the direct concern of the Tree Board.



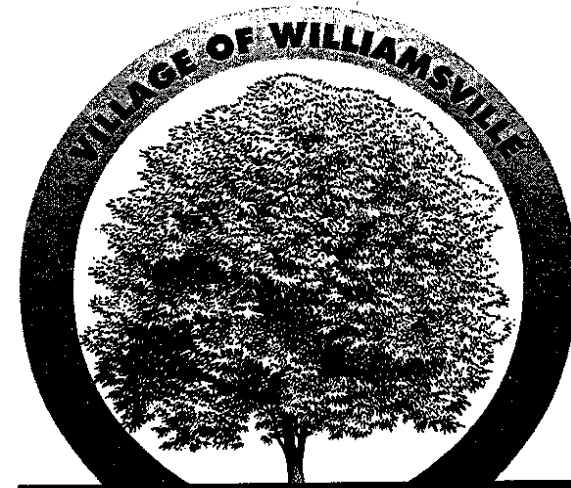
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Street and Park Trees Contact:

Department of Public Works  
**716-632-5009**

Village Hall  
**716-632-4120**

[www.village.williamsville.ny.us](http://www.village.williamsville.ny.us)

**5565 Main Street  
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**Urban Forest/Street  
Tree Management  
Program**

*An Opportunity  
To Enhance  
Your Community*





## What does the Village Do?

**V**illage commitment is to support the long term management of the Village tree canopy. Use of a variety of funding sources include government monies, private grants and donations. Volunteer efforts are strongly encouraged.

In February of 2004, a Tree Board was appointed to study and advise the Village concerning the tree canopy. It is composed of resident volunteers who are actively concerned with and involved in developing a plan to preserve and enhance the trees of the Village of Williamsville.

The Village of Williamsville has invested the Department of Public Works with the responsibility for:

### Tree Inventory:

- A survey of the health of our trees on the streets and parks.
- Provision of a yearly roster of our trees for maintenance purposes on a prioritized listing.

### Tree Maintenance:

- Pruning and mulching of the trees in the Spring.

### Tree Removal:

- Removal of dead trees and limbs
- Removal of hazardous trees.

### Tree Planting:

- Planting of trees during the dormant season in Spring and Fall.



## What can You Do?

**T**he Village community can assist in maintaining our street and park trees in the following ways.

- Contact the Village to report dangerous, diseased or dead trees.
- Water and fertilize newly planted trees.
- Allow tree pruning to be done only by Village DPW employees. Improper pruning can kill trees.
- Report pruning needs to the Village Hall.
- Properly mulch the trees to provide for their growth and survival.
- Protect trees from lawn mowers and weed whackers that can cause permanent tree damage leading to disease.

## Did You Know?

- In one year, a single tree can absorb as much carbon as is produced by a car driven 26,000 miles.
- Tree roots stabilize soil and prevent erosion.
- Trees are the longest living organisms on Earth.



## What can We Do Together?

**E**ducating the public to the importance of trees is essential. Raising the awareness of how trees contribute to the health and enjoyment of everyone's daily life is accomplished in the following ways.

- Arbor Day activities
- Annual tree care and maintenance clinic
- Bill inserts
- Bumper stickers
- Informative literature
- Sharing what we know about trees with neighbors

## Everyone...

Organizations, businesses, churches and individuals are encouraged to contribute to the Village replacement Tree Program and to support the Village maintenance Program.

