

2/26/24

PRESENT: Danielle Bagley, Thomas Mudd, Ryan Taylor

Meeting came to order at 6:30 PM

The committee had a presentation by Dr. Kathleen Contrino regarding the importance of native trees in our community. Dr. Contrino holds the following degrees: AA in Criminal Justice from NCCC, BS in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University, MS in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University, JD from SUNY Buffalo, PhD in Sociology from SUNY Buffalo. She is an Associate Professor in Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Environmental Studies at Canisius College. She is the owner/operator of CW Native Plant Farm and CW Native Botanika in Akron, NY. We thank her for her time and appreciate having someone to ask questions to and receive advice from.

The Tree Subcommittee would like to offer their recommendation to the Town of West Seneca to include the following species of trees to be added to the list of approved trees that residents may plant on town easements/right of ways, that developers can choose from, and to be included in Town Parks as necessary. The development of this list is from our time spent with Dr. Cotrino, and a review of the NYC Parks approved street tree list, and the City of Buffalo approved street tree list. Please see attached list.

**We are asking for a motion to update the approved Street Tree List for the Town of West Seneca with the listed tree species. This would affect the following town codes: 103-19.1 sec. A, 110-13 sec. D.**

We discussed a trash clean up and tree planting event at Ridge and Seneca. We would like to plant the following natives in this area:

Swamp White Oak, Black Willow, Birch spp., Black Cherry

In regards to the Tree Inventory Grant we have the following questions:

Where does the town get the trees from?

Who do we use for the grant?

## RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS TO THE TOWN OF WEST SENECA STREET TREE LIST

### Small Trees (<30)

<u>Scientific Names</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Amelanchier arborea</i>	Common Serviceberry
<i>Amelanchier laevis</i>	Allegheny Serviceberry
<i>Alnus alnobetula</i>	Green Alder
<i>Alnus incana</i>	Speckled Alder
<i>Aronia melanocarpa</i>	Black Chokeberry
<i>Carpinus caroliniana</i>	American Hornbeam
<i>Cercis canadensis</i>	Eastern Redbud
<i>Crataegus spp.</i>	Hawthorn
<i>Malus sylvestris</i>	Crabapple
<i>Prunus virginiana</i>	Chokecherry

### Large Trees (>30)

<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
<i>Acer x freemanii</i>	Freeman Maple
<i>Acer rubrum</i>	Red Maple
<i>Acer saccharum</i>	Sugar Maple
<i>Betula alleghaniensis</i>	Yellow Birch
<i>Betula lenta</i>	Black Birch
<i>Betula nigra</i>	River Birch
<i>Betula papyrifera</i>	Canoe (White, Paper) Birch
<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>	Northern Hackberry
<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>	Kentucky Coffee
<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i>	Tulip Poplar Tree
<i>Ostrya virginiana</i>	American Hop-Hornbeam
<i>Prunus serotina</i>	Black Cherry
<i>Quercus bicolor</i>	Swamp White Oak
<i>Quercus coccinea</i>	Scarlet Oak
<i>Quercus macrocarpa</i>	Bur Oak
<i>Quercus palustris</i>	Pin Oak
<i>Quercus prinus</i>	Chestnut Oak
<i>Quercus velutina</i>	Black Oak
<i>Salix nigra</i>	Black Willow
<i>Tilia americana</i>	American Basswood