



Village of Perry Board of Trustees

Village Board Meeting • Agenda • Tuesday, July 11, 2022 • 8:15AM

Village Board Room • 46 N Main Street, Perry, NY 14530

1. Open Meeting and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Presentations & Board Actions
 - a. Resolution Approving Submission of the Tree City USA Reward Grant Application



RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF THE TREE CITY USA REWARD GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Village of Perry Tree Board wishes to apply for a grant application to plant a number of trees throughout the Village of Perry; and

WHEREAS, the grant application is requesting \$1,000.00 and the cost of the trees is \$1,009.00; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Perry Board of Trustees hereby approves the submission of the Tree City USA Reward Grant Application and authorizes the Village Board representative, Trustee Lawrence, to sign the grant application.

Tree City USA Reward Grant Application

Funding is available for qualified Tree City communities to plant large specimen trees or a grove of trees in a prominent location within the community.

Name of Municipality: Perry, NY

Project Contact: Daniel Zerbe, Village of Perry Tree Board Chair (Tree City USA recipient since 2017)

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Name and Title of municipal official: Village Board

Signature of municipal official: _____

PLEASE PROVIDE:

- Date of Planting Event:

November 12, 2022, and April 28, 2023. While we acknowledge that the goal of the grant is to enable plantings this fall, and the bare root portion of our project will be planted in the fall, some of the trees we hope to plant are only available ball and burlap for which we greatly reduce shipping costs on by joining other local municipalities with delivery the last week of April in the spring. Since our order for both shipments will be placed in August of this year, we are hopeful to still be eligible for this grant. Our planned outdoor community event will be much better served by being held next spring rather than during winter dormancy when fall shipments from Schichtel's Nursery are made. We will be able to submit a report by December 31, 2022, showing our care of the bare root portion of the project which will be flagged, planted, staked, and mulched at a work day event when shipped in November. We can include photos of this in December. Our photos and description of the tree identification event below will need to be submitted when we hold our tree walk event after leaves are out.

- Participants: List potential participants and how you will involve the public in your event and/or how you will share news of the event.

For our 2023 Arbor Day we plan our first Tree Identification Walk through the village of Perry with Don Gasiewicz, our Horticulture/Natural Resources Community Educator who has lead our last 3 Arbor Day events. We will incorporate the newly planted grant trees in our tour. We will publish this event as we have our other Arbor Day events in the Perry Shopper, on the Village of Perry Website, on our Tree Board facebook page, and in a press release to the Perry Herald. Participants will include the Tree Board and the public.

- Description of Project: Include a brief description of your proposed project and why you should receive this grant. Include genus, species, and size of tree(s) to be planted. You are encouraged to contact a Grant Committee member, NYS DEC forester or ISA Certified Arborist for assistance. Let us know in your application if you do this. Points are given for it.

Perry is proud to have not only met but exceeded Tree City USA standards for the last 5 years, having planted more than 50 trees a year through the generosity of both donors and especially the Village Board which has often allowed us to exceed our budget. Our tree inventory 2 years ago revealed a number of trees that required removal adding more financial strain than anticipated, so the opportunity of a grant like this to allow us to continue our planting momentum is appreciated. 2021 was our fifth year as a Tree City USA and this will be our first time applying for and receiving this grant.

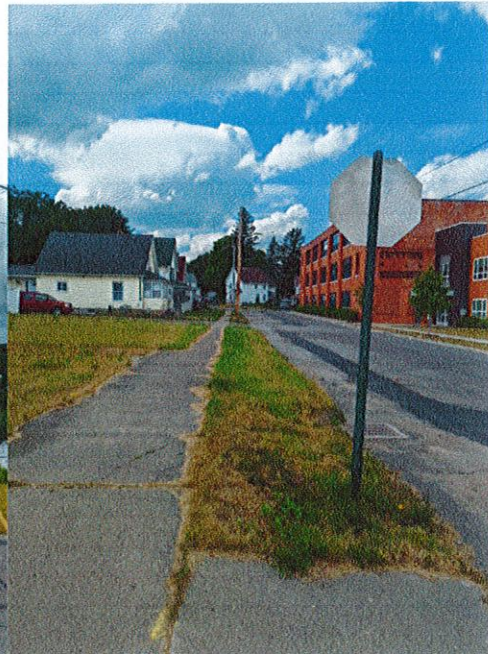
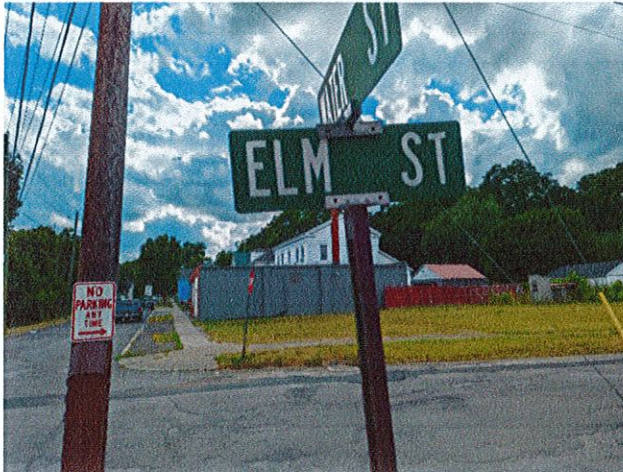
Our project is aimed at increasing the diversity of the village "forest" by plantings at three locations as follows:

1. *Memorial Park Fir Tree. We are not aware of any fir trees planted in the Village of Perry. Based on last year's availability list from Schichtel Nursery's B&B list, we are able to purchase an Abies balsamea var. phanerolepis Canaan Fir at 4' for \$71, which should be more resistant to spring frost injury than Fraser or Balsam firs (<https://extension.psu.edu/species-canaan-fir-abies-balsamea-var-phanerolepis>). The proposed location will help hide a pole and power lines located behind the newly renovated Memorial Park on Main Street of the Village of Perry. It will not be under the power line.*

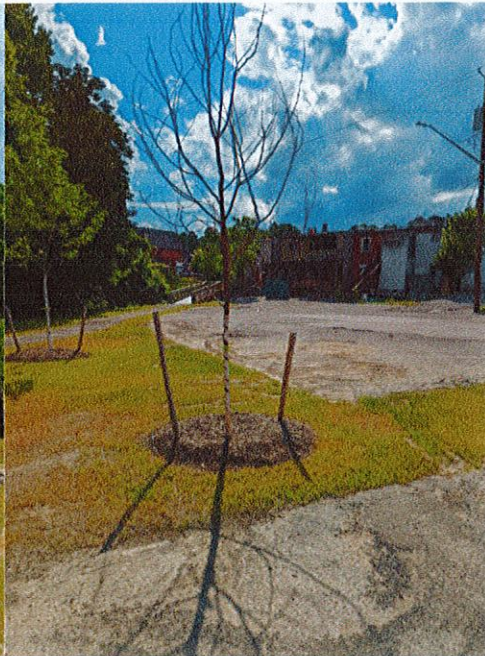
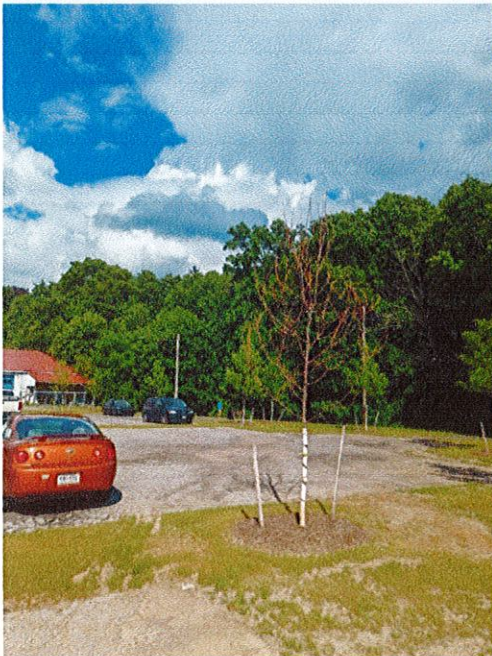


2. *Elm Street Theme Planting.* Elm Street is being updated this summer with a new water line and paving. There are no Elms on Elm Street. Our plan is to reintroduce a selection of Dutch Elm resistant cultivars along the lower part of Elm Street. Based on last year's availability list from Schichtel Nursery, we can purchase the following: *Ulmus americana* 'Jefferson' B 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " = \$103, *Ulmus* x 'Accolade' B&B 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " = \$103, *Ulmus americana* 'New Harmony' B&B 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " = \$85, *Ulmus* x 'Frontier' (Chinese cross) BR 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " = \$147, *Ulmus*

dauriana 'Northern Empress' BR 3" = \$288, Zelkova serrata 'Kiwi Sunset' BR 1 1/2" = \$127. The large varieties will not be under power lines.



3. Silver Lake Outlet Trail parking area Locust grove tree replacement. One of the newly planted trees in a grove of Locust trees at the end of our new trail along the Silver Lake outlet must be replaced. Based on last year's availability list from Schichtel Nursery, a Honey Locust tree (*Gleditsia Triacanthos 'Sunburst'*) 1 1/2" = \$85. This cultivar will add spring yellow color.



The total for this list of trees is \$1009. The village tree budget will cover the overage and shipping costs.

We have consulted DEC urban forester Nate Morey, NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation Forester, Region 9, Division of Lands and Forests who has reviewed the above proposal and provided advice, suggesting we be sure we arrange the larger elms in the larger planting strip portions of Elm Street (the "Right Tree Right Place").

- Photos: Please include 1-4 pictures representative of the site(s) where you will be planting and describe the location. *(see above)*

- Budget: Describe how you will spend the grant funds by listing estimated costs (purchase of tree, necessary supplies, etc.)

The grant funds will cover most of the cost of tree purchase (\$1009). The other expenses (mulch, weed cloth, stakes, watering bags) will be covered by the village tree budget.

- Establishment Plan: THIS IS CRITICAL! Include a detailed plan for successful establishment of the tree(s) indicating who will be responsible for watering, weeding, mulching, and any other measures that will lead to successful establishment and a thriving tree(s).

When the trees are delivered, the DPW will plant and stake the trees promptly along with the other trees we order in the fall and spring. The tree board workday volunteers will apply weed cloth and mulch and weed the trees. The tree board with volunteers have been gathering for these street tree care workdays monthly for the last 3 years. The DPW hired summer intern will water the trees weekly using 25-gallon tree bags the first year. The tree board will monitor, weed, and prune the trees as needed for the first 3 years. We have divided the village into sectors for each of the tree board members to monitor and care for their section of the village. We are pleased to say cooperation between the DPW and the Tree Board for these roles has become well coordinated in recent years.