

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: OCTOBER 11, 2022

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Most of the committee members met at Rose Park to plant two trees in celebration of Arbor Day. Forestry staff and committee members planted a red oak tree and flowering dogwood tree.





ITEMS OF NOTE

- **Forestry Maintenance Supervisor.** Public Works will be cross training their supervisors. Matt will temporarily be reassigned. During this time, Nick Jacob will step into the role of Temporary Forestry Maintenance Supervisor. Nick is a Level 5 Public Works Technician. He coordinates the field portion of our tree planting and triages service requests. He is an ISA Certified Arborist, Oak Wilt Qualified Arborist and a Tree Risk Assessment Qualified Arborist.
- **Urban Forest Management Plan Update.** Staff have received the first draft of Recommendations from our consultant, Davey Resource Group (DRG). Staff will review the list of recommendations

and provide comments back to DRG. We will take the list of draft recommendations to the next Steering Committee meeting, scheduled for October 27.

- **Urban Wood Utilization.** Forestry and OSI staff have been working with Paul Hickman, Urban Ashes, on development of a feasibility study on creating and implementing an urban wood utilization program here in Ann Arbor. We and educational event at Lumberjacks on Sunday, October 9. The very first city tree was diverted from the waste stream into reuse.

The diversion of a single urban black locust tree from the business-as-usual process, creating the opportunity to sequester the release of ~3000lbs of carbon or ~5 metric tons of CO2 equivalent emissions. This also equals the offset of ~5,520lbs of coal burning emissions, ~11.6 barrels of oil consumed, or the emissions from the electricity use of one average home for about a year. This single diversion also equals about what ~82.5 tree seedlings sequester in 10 years.