

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: JANUARY 11, 2022

PROJECTS UPDATE

1. **Arbor Day Tree Plantings.** All 40 trees were planted. CTN created a short video about the event. All the residents were very pleased with the trees that were planted.

ITEMS OF NOTE

1. **Urban and Community Forest Management Plan update.** We held several project team meetings with Davey Resource Group (DRG). Kerry Gray is project lead for their team. We are building the Steering Committee (SC) roster currently. Invitations have been sent to representatives of key groups we want to have represented on the SC, including Chair Wortman. We hope to have our first SC meeting in mid-February. We also plan to have our first focus group, consisting of various city staff work areas, at the end of January or early February.
2. **Citizen Pruner.** The Citizen Pruner program was suspended for 2021 due to COVID-19. We plan to move forward with this program this year. The training will be at the end of January, with work days in February and March.
3. **Street Tree Planting.** The fall tree planting season is done. We planted 628 trees in city ROWs. We were targeting 650 but ran out of planting time. We also started a month late due to contract insurance issues. We plan to plant at least 650 trees this spring.
4. **Tree City USA.** The city's 41st Tree City USA recertification application was submitted in December. We also applied for a Growth Award. The Growth Award is awarded to communities who go above and beyond Tree City USA program requirements. We were awarded a Growth Award in 2021 and hope to be awarded it again for this year.