

# Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

## STAFF REPORT: MARCH 12, 2024

### TREE CITIES OF THE WORLD

Ann Arbor received the Tree Cities of the World designation. The standards are significantly higher than that of Tree City USA recognition. The program began in 2018 and in 2022 there were 39 Tree Cities of the World cities in the US (they haven't announced the total number of communities for 2023 yet). We are the first in Michigan to receive this designation. To be approved for Tree Cities of the World, there are five standards to be met:

 <p><b>STANDARD 1:</b> <b>Establish Responsibility</b></p> <p>The city has a written statement by city leaders delegating responsibility for the care of trees within the municipal boundary to a staff member, a city department, or a group of citizens—called a Tree Board.</p>	 <p><b>STANDARD 2:</b> <b>Set the Rules</b></p> <p>The city has in place a law or an official policy that governs the management of forests and trees. These rules describe how work must be performed—often citing best practices or industry standards for tree care and worker safety—where and when they apply, and penalties for noncompliance.</p>	 <p><b>STANDARD 3:</b> <b>Know What You Have</b></p> <p>The city has an updated inventory or assessment of the local tree resource so that an effective long-term plan for planting, care, and removal of city trees can be established.</p>
 <p><b>STANDARD 4:</b> <b>Allocate the Resources</b></p> <p>The city has a dedicated annual budget for the routine implementation of the tree management plan.</p>	 <p><b>STANDARD 5:</b> <b>Celebrate Achievements</b></p> <p>The city holds an annual celebration of trees to raise awareness among residents and to acknowledge citizens and staff members who carry out the city tree programme.</p>	

## **LESLIE PARK TREE PRUNING**

Give365 Staff will prune these trees within the next few weeks. No other maintenance will be needed here.

## **PUBLIC WORKS MANAGER**

Molly Maciejewski is the permanent director of the Water Treatment Plant. Paul Matthews has been Interim Public Works Manager since her departure. The final interviews for the Public Works Manager are on March 12. I'll bring the new Manager for introductions once they're in place.

## **CERTIFIED ARBORIST MUNICIPAL SPECIALIST**

In February, I sat for the ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist exam. I passed and am now an ISA Arborist Municipal Specialist – MW-4907AM.