

Arbor Day Tree Planting

Option 1: 40 Trees in the ROW

- Symbolic number: 40 trees for 40 years as a Tree City
- These will be street trees
- They will be native species
- Residents can request a tree in a vacant space in front of their property by contacting Forestry customer service or Kellee Byard
 - A press release would go out to alert residents
 - Need 40 spaces, and no more than 1 tree planted at each residence
- All trees but approximately 2 would be planted by contractors
 - The remaining would be planting by Forestry and the EDFC
 - Hopefully in the same residential area
- Needs longer planning time for gathering quotes, choosing planting sites, potentially going to City Council

Option 2: Planting at Pioneer High School with the Ecology Club

- Likely that less trees are planted
 - More flexible
- Need time to contact Pioneer and see if the high school will allow an in-person event for planting this fall
 - If it's a yes then need to coordinate with the Ecology Club

Project Overview:

The Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee in partnership with the City of Ann Arbor Forestry department is seeking participants in this year's Arbor Day tree planting celebration. The year 2021 marks 40 years that Ann Arbor has been a certified Tree City—therefore, we plan to plant 40 trees in the right-of-way. Arbor Day will be celebrated Friday, October 1st.

If you are an Ann Arbor resident who has a vacant site in front of their home available for a tree planting, consider signing up for this event. The city will choose 40 homes to plant trees in front of, and 2 homes will have members of the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee installing the trees themselves.

If you are interested in having a street tree in front of your home, please call 734.794.6320 or email KByard@A2gov.org. The site will need to be reviewed ahead of time, and if there is plenty of interest a drawing will be conducted in order to choose the sites for Arbor Day plantings.

Prior to Arbor Day a poster contest will be held for K-12 students to submit artwork. The Arbor Day website details entry, rules, and the deadline. A winner will be chosen a week prior to Arbor Day; then, they will be invited to the planting event with the EDFC and given a certificate of achievement.