



About the Elizabeth R. Dean Fund

In 1964, Elizabeth R. Dean willed nearly \$2,000,000 to a trust fund to support the public trees of Ann Arbor, the interest from which would be used to “repair, maintain, and replace trees on City property, perpetually.”

The inaugural project funded by the trust was in 1965 when 44 trees were planted along the Main St. promenade from E. Huron St. to William St.

Formally established in 1975, the Dean Fund Committee takes on the responsibility of recommending tree planting and maintenance projects to the Ann Arbor City Council, using the annual interest income generated by the Elizabeth Dean Fund Trust.

In 1981, a memorial grove was planted in Gallup Park in honor of Elizabeth R. Dean.



1966: Elizabeth R. Dean Promenade, Downtown Ann Arbor.
Source: Ann Arbor District Library



2023: Elizabeth R. Dean Promenade, Downtown Ann Arbor.



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