During the month of July the Forestry website was updated to include a tab for Arbor Day 2021. This webpage included details for residents to request a tree to planted in the right of way in front of their home. The webpage also has information on where residents can donate to support Arbor Day and other tree-planting organizations. Further, the webpage includes links several podcasts, videos, and other media about forestry and tree science for residents to enjoy. Our communications specialist Robert Keller put the webpage together as well as released a press release, which was further reported by MLive to garner more interest from residents.

As a result of these efforts we have gotten nearly 50 requests for a tree to be planted in a resident's right of way the first week of October. We are still compiling requests for tree planting and will need to begin evaluating sites to choose what sites will go on our final list. Once final sites are selected, we can begin planning which sites the Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee members will be planting at. We will also need to decide which company we will work with for planting the other trees on our Arbor Day on October 1st, and the following days afterwards (not all trees will be planted on our Arbor Day itself).

September 3rd is the deadline for residents to submit a request for tree planting.