

FINDLAY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

2016 Annual Report

January 2017

To Mayor Lydia Mihalik, Findlay City Council, and Area Residents.....

Thanks to all of you for your continuing support to make Findlay's Tree Program a success. This Annual Report gives an overview of progress in 2016.



Volunteers planting Howard St. NeighborWoods trees

30+ years... a Tree City USA Community!

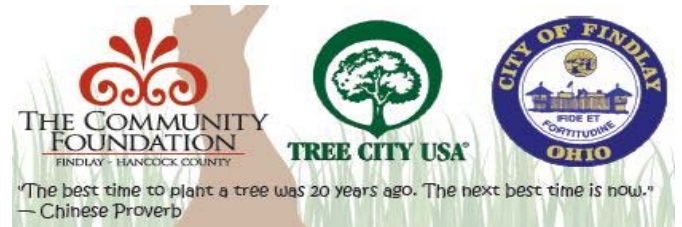
Findlay was recognized as a Tree City USA Community on April 20, 2016 in the Northwest Ohio awards ceremony hosted by West Unity and their Tree Commission. This is the 34th time our community has been accredited by the National Arbor Day Foundation for a successful program. Awards were presented to various Tree City USA communities by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry. The title of "Tree City USA" was bestowed on Findlay for its ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life through a comprehensive street tree management program. The program is guided by the Tree Commission and various City Departments.

The featured speaker was film maker Andrea Torrice with the northwest Ohio premier of her newest film Trees in Trouble which was filmed in Cincinnati, Ohio.



2016 Arbor Day Celebration Millstream Career Center

Pictured: Mayor Lydia Mihalik and Millstream Career Center Students



2016 Tree Commission Highlights:

- **Trees Planted** – 80 trees were planted as a result of the various planting programs and the efforts of our city staff.
- **"NeighborWoods"** - This special program was held along two fronts in 2016. The program started on Howard St. in conjunction with our 2016 Arbor Day program. There were 6 trees planted on Friday, April 29. It continued on Greystone Dr. where 18 trees were planted.
- **Findlay's 2016 Arbor Day Program** - Arbor Day was held at the Millstream Career Academy on Friday, April 29.
- **Maple Grove Cemetery** – In 2016 8 new trees were added in the cemetery through city staff efforts.
- **City Parks** – In 2016 27 new trees were planted in various city parks through city staff efforts.
- **Volunteer Hours** - 535 volunteer hours were logged in 2016. Over 25 volunteers assisted various tree projects and programs city-wide with an in-kind donated value of \$11,802.10 to Findlay.
- **Young Tree Training** – A Young Tree Training workshop was held to help residents in Findlay and the surrounding area to train young trees through proper pruning. Trained trees are better able to withstand storms.
- **Community Forestry Expenditure** – In 2016 \$4.23 per capita was spent on trees and tree related items.
- **Updated Shade Tree Ordinance** – A major overhaul of Findlay's Shade Tree Ordinance was done in 2016. This updated ordinance may be found on the city web site at www.findlayohio.com, under "Residents" section, "Shade Tree Commission".
- **Tree Maintenance** – 137 trees were pruned and 147 trees were removed by the city staff in Findlay in 2016.



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2017 Events Planned:

- **February** – Young Tree Training Workshop
- **April 28** - Arbor Day Program
- **April 29** – Tree planting and tree care workshop in conjunction with NeighborWoods in the West Park and Southridge Estates neighborhoods
- **October** – Potential Fall Planting projects
- **November TBA** – Young Tree Training Workshop.



Findlay Tree Commission members and City Staff with ODNR Urban Forester Stephanie Miller at Tree Commission Academy (TCA) being held in Findlay at ODNR Wildlife Building – Final Classes & Graduation were held January 2016. This is the largest class of Findlay participants and ALL Tree Commission members will be TCA graduates. The picture includes left to right Randy Greeno, Karl Farwig, John Krywock, Chris Scherger, Lynn Farwig, Glen Springer, Stephanie Miller, and Elliot Tyzzer.

Thanks to Tree Commission Members:

We had a great year! The Findlay Shade Tree Commission including: Randy Greeno, Lynn and Karl Farwig, Jim Niemeyer, Deb Seng, Tom Mills, Tim Brugeman, Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Jeremy Kalb, and Paul Schmelzer provided yeomen service on behalf of Findlay's urban forest. **Special THANKS** to Kathy Launder for coordinating Tree Commission activities and records at the Mayor's Office.



Training at South Main St. NeighborWoods - 2015

"NeighborWoods" encourages larger tree planting projects in areas of town where neighbors can join together to plant and care for trees as a group. The Community Foundation is offering up to \$2500 for 2017 to the Tree Commission, matched by neighbors' funds and in-kind help, to encourage more neighborhoods to organize to plant more trees. In 2016 two neighborhoods participated in NeighborWoods. The program started on Friday, April 29 on Howard St. where six trees were planted and continued on Saturday, April 30 on Greystone Dr. where eighteen trees were planted.

This project is the fourth of its kind assisted by a Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation Grant of \$2,500 matching the resident's efforts to re-store trees destroyed by windstorms and disease in recent years. Other Findlay neighborhoods are invited to participate in the program by contacting the Tree Commission.

