

The Community Forest In.....

Findlay, Ohio
“A Tree City USA
Community”



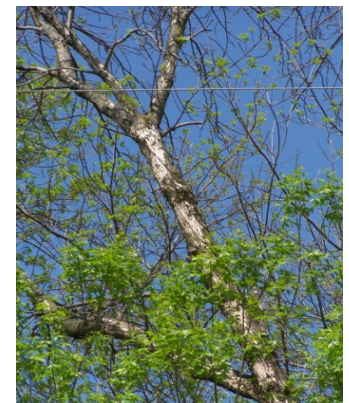
Findlay's History

Growing with Trees.....

- Shade Tree Commission formed 1978
- Started with a Master Plan
- Concentrations of time & budget
 - Hazardous Tree Removal
 - New Tree Planting / Replacements
 - Adopt – A – Tree Program
 - Public Information
- Nominal City Tree Budget
- Annual Arbor Day Celebration
- Had a city forester for a few years; cut due to budget issues
- Started a tree inventory – didn't maintain
- Findlay - a Tree City USA community for 31 years

[Current Status]

- Varying Tree Conditions
- EAB/Ash Management
- Through new partnerships, secured grants from the Hancock Park District, Elks Foundation and the Rotary Club for the Bicentennial Trees & Adopt-A-Tree Planting Programs & Arbor Day Celebration.
- Major Storm Damage June 2012
- Failed income tax levy Nov 2012
- City staff reductions add to challenge



Our Future With Trees In.....

Findlay, Ohio
“Keep Going Green
& Growing”



[Management Plan]

- Continue development started during TCA, work with Shade Tree Commission to finalize and accept.
- Work with city officials and staff to implement.
- Part of this process, start some major self-help initiatives as discussed at TCA with training, education, promotion and building partnerships.
- Launch in April 2013 a new Neighborhood Adopt-A-Tree program to organize interested areas of town to work together with the Tree Commission to get the right trees in right places.

Focus: Care of Existing Trees

- Prioritize Needs
 - Hazard Mitigation
 - 6 Year Pruning Cycle
 - Young Tree Training
- Protection



Responsible Tree Selection, Planting & Care

- Master Planting Design
- Improved Site Preparation
- Diversity
 - Age & Species



Celebrate Findlay's Trees



Thank You



- The Honorable Lydia Mihalik
- Findlay City Council
 - James Slough - President, Randy Ward, Jerry Murray, Anne Spence, J. Michael Slough, Randy Van Dyne, K.C. Collette, Ronald Monday, Robert Nichols, and Bill Schedel
- Paul E. Schmelzer – Safety-Service Director
- Matt Stoffel & Dave Honse - Public Works
- Tree Commission
 - Tim Brugeman (Chair,) Ed Crawford, Deb Seng, Michael Jurkiewicz, David Gasior, Tom Mills

Findlay Recognized by Ohio Tree Commission Academy

First Findlay Shade Tree Commission members complete TCA.

Mayor Mihalik and ODNR Urban Forester Stephanie Miller present recognitions to Tim Brugeman & Tom Mills

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TCA
TREE COMMISSION
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