

FINDLAY SHADE TREE COMMISSION

2019 Annual Report

January 2020



To Mayor Christina Muyrn, 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 2019.



Pictured: Tom Mills, Mayor Christina Muyrn, David Lane, Assistant Chief, ODNR – Div. of Forestry, Ben Dolan Receiving Tree City USA Award for 2019

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

Findlay was recognized as a Tree City USA Community on April 17, 2019, in the Northwest Ohio awards ceremony hosted by Crestline and their Tree Commission. This is the 37th time Findlay 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 Dr. David W. Kramer, retired faculty member, Dean and Director of The Ohio State University – Mansfield Campus. He spoke on the History of the Ohio Buckeye as the Ohio State Tree.

2019 Tree Commission Highlights:

- **Trees Planted** – 12 trees were planted as a result of the various planting programs and the efforts of City staff.
- **Municipal Staff Dollars Spent** – Findlay City staff spent \$240,067.48 on tree related work including planting, pruning and removing trees. Wood and leaf residual processing is included in these figures. Staff support of the Shade Tree Commission efforts is also an expense.
- **"NeighborWoods"** – This program was held in two areas on Saturday, September 28, 2019. The program was held in the Shinkle Street and Sandusky Street neighborhoods. There were 4 trees planted.
- **Findlay's 2019 Arbor Day Program** – Arbor Day was held at St. Michael the Archangel School on Thursday, April 25, 2019.
- **Volunteer Hours** – 192 volunteer hours were logged in 2019. Over 7 volunteers assisted various tree projects and programs city-wide with an in-kind value of \$4,740.48.
- **Ohio Urban Forestry 40th Anniversary Forum** – The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was represented at the Division of Forestry's Ohio Urban Forestry 40th Anniversary Forum held June 21, 2019, in Columbus, Ohio.
- **Community Forestry Expenditure** – In 2019, \$5.81 per capita was spent on trees and tree related items.
- **Tree Maintenance** – 651 trees were pruned at a cost of \$13,183 and 177 trees were removed at a cost of \$55,445 by City staff in 2019.



2019 Arbor Day Celebration St. Michael the Archangel School
Pictured: Seminarian Deacon Zac Brown, Alexis Leslie, Isabella Nigro, Paul Klein, Matt Ricker, Josh Baker

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2020 Events Planned:

- **March 5** – Young Tree Structural Pruning Workshop – Defiance, Ohio
- **April 17** – Arbor Day Program
- **April 18** – Tree Care Workshop w/NeighborWoods
- **April 18** – NeighborWoods Tree Planting in the Vincent Street neighborhood
- **May 6** – Tree City USA Recognition Program – Bowling Green, Ohio
- **Tree Survival School** – TBA
- **Fall** – Annual Urban Forestry Conference – Bluffton University
- **September/October TBA** – Tree Care Workshop
- **September 19** – Fall Planting Day
- **November TBA** – Young Tree Training Workshop

Ohio Urban Forestry 40th Anniversary Forum

The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was represented at the Division of Forestry's Ohio Urban Forestry 40th Anniversary Forum held in Columbus, Ohio. There were recognitions of past Ohio Urban Forestry leaders. Dr. Jason Grabosky of Rutgers University gave a presentation entitled Urban Forestry 2059 and Alan Siewert, Regional Urban Forester, NE Ohio, spoke of Urban Forestry – Setting our Priorities. Following lunch, a Future of Urban Forestry Tour was held which included stops about Silva Cells, Tree Decay Detection Technologies, Tree Biomechanics Research, Tree Diagnostics, Soil Restoration with the Ohio Recipe, Air Tools, Root Care, and Tree Climbing.

Thanks to Tree Commission Members

We had a great year! The Findlay Shade Tree Commission including: Ed Crawford, Brian Bauman, Barb Sherman, Ben Dolan, Tom Mills, Jim Niemeyer, Dave Honse, AJ Copus, Jeremy Kalb, and Brian Thomas 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, Denise DeVore for general support, and to Robin Schey for coordinating the Tree Commission budget at the Public Works Office.

"Neighbor Woods"

Neighborhood Adopt-A-Tree Program



Pictured: Cody Mullahy, Anna Cupp, Don Essex

NeighborWoods - 2019

"NeighborWoods" encourages larger tree planting projects in areas of town where neighbors can join together to plant and care for trees as a group.

In 2019, two neighborhoods participated in NeighborWoods. The program occurred on Saturday, September 28, 2019, in the Shinkle Street and Sandusky Street neighborhoods where four trees were planted.

This project is the seventh of its kind in Findlay. Other Findlay neighborhoods are invited to participate in the program by contacting the Shade Tree Commission.



Pictured: Sell Family-Elliot, Jeff, Noah, Emily, and Judah
Brian Bauman