

# **Mayville Tree Planting Program**

Trees in our community will benefit our urban community in which we live, work, and play. They will reduce storm water runoff, enhance property values, provide wildlife habitat, provide aesthetic benefits, and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide.

**Residential Tree Planting:** A city property owner may get a tree planted on their personal property through the City's cost share planting program. This program is a 50/50 cost share between the City and the property owner. The city has a list of trees that will be planted by the city's contractor. The costs to the property owner can range between \$50-\$200 depending on species. Contact the City Forester for more details about the program at 920-583-5816 or email [JWild@Mayvillecity.com](mailto:JWild@Mayvillecity.com). All tree planting requests have to be presented to the Park Board or City Council for final approval. THE PROPERTY OWNER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MAINTENANCE OF THE NEWLY PLANTED TREE AFTER THE TREE HAS BEEN PLANTED. ALL TREES PLANTED IN THIS PROGRAM MUST BE PLANTED IN A SPOT WHERE EVERYONE CAN ENJOY THE TREE. THIS MEANS THAT IN MOST CIRCUMSTANCES THE TREE WILL BE PLANTED IN THE FRONT YARD.

**Tree Standards:** All trees planted must be of sufficient size to absorb the abuse and conditions common to trees planted in urban areas. The minimum size for shade and ornamental trees is 1.5" caliper. Tree caliper shall be measured 6 inches above the ground to the nearest quarter inch.

**Planting Locations:** To allow for maintenance, minimize infrastructure damage and promote safety, trees shall be planted using the following guidelines.

1. 50' from an approach corner
2. 35' from a non-approach corner

3. 20' from a street light
4. 10' from a driveway, utility pole, or fire hydrant
5. 10' from a gas valve or water valve
6. 3' or 4' from a curb, depending on the size of the tree

Please check City ordinances for any other spacing requirements before selecting a tree species.

**Vision Triangle:** No tree shall be planted in the Vision Triangle. The Vision Triangle is determined by measuring 20' along each sidewalk from the inside corner and connecting the points to form a triangle. See Appendix A for a diagram of the Vision Diagram.

**Maintenance of Newly Planted Trees:** Newly planted trees will require special maintenance for 1 to 2 growing seasons with the property owner being responsible for this maintenance. Regular watering is important to aid in the development of a strong root system. Trees need equivalent of about 1" of rain every week. The tree will have 3-4" of mulch around the tree as to retain soil moisture and prevent damage caused by mowers or trimmers. No pruning shall occur at the time of planting except to remove dead or broken branches. A pruning schedule may be started 3-4 years after planting. Trees will be staked at the time of planting. These stakes can be removed within 2 years when the tree is stable.

**Utilities Contacted:** Diggers Hotline (800-242-8511 or 811) and all appropriate local utility companies will be notified prior to planting a tree. Property marking of excavation sites ensures safety of the excavation site. Private utilities (irrigation, pet fences, private lighting etc.) located within the excavation site right-of-way shall be marked by the property owner at their expense. The City does not assume responsibility for any damage as a result of unmarked private utilities in the right-of-way.