

VILLAGE OF MASSENA, NY

Outline of Tree-Related Work since 1998

Since the ice storm of 1998, the Village has seen an increase in tree related work. The following is an outline, which summarizes our progress.

The Village contracted with St. Lawrence County in 1999 to complete an Urban and Community Forest Strategic Plan for the Village of Massena. This plan consisted of an existing tree inventory, categorizing and identifying trees, and also outlined a plan for management of the urban forest of the Village, including proposed planting, pruning, and identification of hazardous trees.

In 1999, the Village applied for, and received a Phase I Ice Storm Grant which amounted to \$30,000.00 (80% Federally Funded). With these funds the Village completed the following:

- 60 trees were planted throughout various locations of the Village, including parks and street rights-of-way
- 24 hazardous trees were removed

In 2000, the Village applied for, and received a Phase II Ice Storm Grant which also amounted to \$30,000.00 (80% Federally Funded). By the end of 2001, the Village completed the following:

- 65 trees were planted; 52 were part of an Adopt a Tree Program for residents, and 13 trees were planted in Village Parks. This work was completed with help from inmates of the Riverview Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg.
- ALCOA donated 10 trees to the Village in conjunction with their "One Million Trees" Program; these were planted around the perimeter of ALCOA Field.
- 6 Village Parks were hazard pruned
- 16 hazardous trees were removed

Also in 2001, the Village adopted a Tree Ordinance to the Village of Massena Code. As a part of this Ordinance, the Village appointed 7 members of the community to an Arbor Committee. This Committee assists the Department of Public Works with the administration of the Village of Massena Urban and Community Forest Strategic Plan, and in the development, improvement, implementation, and propagation of the Urban Forest of the Village of Massena.

The Committee organized the first Arbor Day Celebration for Massena on April 26, 2002. A ceremony was held in Forest Street Park. This consisted of an Arbor Day Proclamation by Mayor Ken MacDonnell, and the planting of a hybrid disease-resistant elm tree. The ceremony was attended by representatives of ALCOA, the Village Board, Village Arbor Committee, and local residents.

Also in 2002, the Arbor Committee was responsible for the planting of 37 flowering trees along Main Street and North Main. This work was completed with the help of Arbor Committee Members, the Youth Conservation Corps, volunteers from Time Warner Cable, and Village Employees.

Additionally, there were 27 hazardous trees removed in 2002.

In 2003, the Village of Massena was awarded Tree City USA status by the National Arbor Day Foundation. In order to receive this award the Village of Massena met the following requirements:

- Adopted a Tree Ordinance
- Appointed an Arbor Committee
- Held an Arbor Day Proclamation/Ceremony
- Budgeted \$2/capita for tree related work, which will be requested annually