

## URBAN FORESTRY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of Carmel, through its Department of Community Services, maintains all the trees within the public right-of-way and public service easement. Although, the majority of the program is directed through the Department of Community Services, the Carmel/Clay Parks and Recreation Department, the Carmel Street Department, and the City Utilities Department also have responsibility for trees in many areas of the city. These various responsibilities and the means by which they are carried out are specified in a series of ordinances, standards, and planning documents adopted by the City Council.

## COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Each meeting starts at 4:30pm at City Hall, normally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month. Please call 317-571-2417 for more details.

## URBAN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

The Urban Forestry Committee is a board composed of seven members who are appointed by the mayor. The Committee's responsibilities are to assist the city in the development and administration of a comprehensive community tree management program.

### **Our Vision:**

The city of Carmel Urban Forestry Committee envisions a future of the Urban Forest as a healthy, diverse, colorful, display of canopy trees lining the streets and throughout the city, which provides an environment which sustains wildlife and is accessible to every resident.

### **Our Mission:**

The purpose of the Urban Forestry Committee is to assist, advise, and develop urban forestry programs for the city of Carmel; while also helping direct a well funded, cost- effective program and to attract different sources of funding. Through their efforts, they will continually update and modify the urban forestry program as well as participate in activities that emphasize education and maintenance of the urban forest.

## GOALS

### **1. Assure sustained funding and continue to increase funding of the community forestry program.**

- Raising per capita funding each year.
- Provide necessary funding for enforcement of the City tree ordinances and regulations. Utilize

multiple sources of funding (budget, grants, non-profit organizations, sales, corporate donations, trust fund, in kind labor, partnerships).

**2. To create public involvement in Urban Forestry.**

- Develop a participatory street tree program, and promoting off-street planting for neighborhoods.
- Promote community forest curriculum elements within the public schools. Undertake an active program of community outreach and education, including development of a Carmel Urban Forestry web page.
- Use all cost effective means to promote programs (press releases, brochures, banners, website, displays, etc.)
- Acknowledge citizens who volunteer in helping the urban forestry program.

**3. To establish and promote the highest standards of maintenance for the Carmel/Clay Township urban forest.**

**4. To advocate continuing development of a healthy urban forest in Carmel/Clay Township.**

- Achieve a minimum 50% canopy coverage of all streets
- Replace every tree removed from a street with at least one new tree.
- Use and promoting species well adapted to local environmental and design objectives.
- Achieve a diverse forest with no one introduced species comprising more than 10% of the whole or 25% of any one neighborhood.
- Develop diverse and distinctive plantings along major streets and neighborhoods.

**5. To continue to help Carmel/ Clay Township be a desirable location for business and home by strengthening its successful and recognized urban forestry program.**

- Achievement of the Tree City USA award annually
- Achievement of the Tree City USA Growth award annually
- Improvement of the Carmel Urban Forestry Manual by focusing on improvements in plant science, technology, and long range planning
- Involvement of committee members and Carmel/Clay staff in State and National Urban Forestry organizations

## Carmel Urban Forestry Awards and Planting/Pruning Projects

Year	Excellence in Urban Forestry Award Recipient	
1997	Citizens for Greenspace	
1998	IPALCO	
1999	Beau Wilfong	
2000	none	
2001	Sue Dillon	
2002	Mark Boyce	
2003	Carmel Street Department	
2004	Donna Manlove	
	<b>Donna Manlove Award and Commercial Beautification Award Recipient</b>	
2005	Kristi Clark	Clay Terrace Lifestyle Center
2006	Cheryl Gettelfinger	The Carmax Superstore, Inc
2007	Pam Louks	J. C. Sipe Jewelers, Inc
2008	George Ohmer	Red Robin International, Inc
2009	Rebecca Schmiesing	Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church/Becker Landscape
2010	Sue Engledow	Wabash & Tippecanoe IND Campus buildings – The Capital Group Companies, Opus North Corporation HGOR Planners & Landscape Architects and The Brickman Group
2011	Northview Church	Legacy Towns and Flats – JC Hart Company, Inc and HempDesign
2012	Grace Community Church	The Regions Corporation and The Robert Group
2013	Gary Doxtater	One.One.Six. Apartments On College – JC Hart Company, Inc HempDesign
2014	Leigh Bangs	The Bridges – Commercial Block, Phase 1
2015	Lauren Gibson/ Recognition to the Carmel Green Teen Micro-Grant Program	None
2016	Carmel Boy Scout Troop 132	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
2017	Waterwood Sub	St Peters United Church of Christ Carmel
2018	Brandy Yost	
2019	Carmel Green Initiative	
2020	None	
2021	None	Riverview Health Emergency Room and Urgent Care
2022	None	
2023	Ashlyn Walker	
2024	None	

<b>Year</b>	<b>Neighborhood Fall Planting Projects</b>
1996	Johnson Acres subdivision
1997	Lake Forest subdivision
1998	High Drive (Carmel Dr. N to 126 <sup>th</sup> St.)
1999	Plum Creek North and Parkside Village subdivision
2000	None
2001	None
2002	Woodland Springs (north point to 116 <sup>th</sup> St.)
2003	Carmel Knoll (Meadow Lane median)
2004	Kingswood subdivision
2005	Carmel Drive (126 <sup>th</sup> Street to Crestwood Drive)
2006	Stone Haven at Haverstick
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2008	Fairgreen Trace
2009	Eden Village
2010	Settlers Ridge at Haverstick
2011	Trails at Hayden Run
2012	N. Rangeline Rd/Carmel Police Dept.
2013	Lakes at Hazel Dell Summerbrook Court
2014	Pruning: Lakeside Subdivision
2015	Pruning: Brookshire Pines, Brookshire North and Autumn Lake Subdivisions
2016	Pruning: Emerald Crest Subdivision
2017	Pruning: Shelbourne Estates
2018	Pruning: Delaware Commons
2019	Pruning: The Meadows at the Legacy
2020	None
2021	None
2022	Pruning: Clay Corner Subdivision
2023	116th St/Gray Rd SE corner
2024	

<b>Year</b>	<b>Arbor Day Tree Planting Site</b>
1989	Main Street and UMC (68 Trees)
1990	Carmel Drive (71 Trees)
1991	Medical Drive and Carmel Drive (73 Trees)
1992	C/C County Park (275 Trees)
1993	Carey Grove Park (85 Trees and 198 shrubs)
1994	PSI Wetland (197 Trees and shrubs)
1995	West Carmel Drive at Meijer Store (53 Trees)
1996	Range Line Road at Smokey Row to 4 <sup>th</sup> St (100 Trees)
1997	Gray Road at 126 <sup>th</sup> to 131 <sup>st</sup> St.
1998	Guilford Road at Adam St. to College Wood (102 Trees)
1999	River Heritage Trail Park (175 Trees)
2000	West Side Park (211 Trees and shrubs)

2001	Inlow Park (214 Trees)
2002	City Center Drive/Gray Rd at 116 <sup>th</sup> to 131 <sup>st</sup> St. (175 Trees)
2003	West Park (210 Trees)
2004	Central Park and Hazel Landing Park (300 Trees)
2005	Hazel Landing Park (300 Trees)
2006	Central Park (300 Trees)
2007	Central Park (200 Trees)
2008	West Park (200 Trees)
2009	Founders Park (205 Trees)
2010	Inlow Park (50 Trees) and Creekside Middle School (11 Trees)
2011	Carmel Utilities Wastewater Treatment Plant (4 trees)
2012	Founders Park (600 seedlings)
2013	Monon Center (1 tree at Founders Park and 100 seedlings)
2014	One Center Green (200 seedlings)
2015	One Center Green (250 seedlings)
2016	One Center Green (300 seedlings)
2017	One Center Green (300 seedlings)
2018	One Center Green (300 seedlings)
2019	One Center Green (300 seedlings)
2020	(300 seedlings)
2021	Central Park (100 Trees)
2022	Center Green Farmers Market handed out 300 seedlings and 100 at Inlow for Parks event
2023	Center Green Farmers Market handed out 300 seedlings and 100 at West Park for Parks event
2024	Center Green Farmers Market handed out 300 seedlings and 100 at West Park for Parks event