

# *What is The Shade Tree Commission and what does it do?*

The Shade Tree Commission of Oil City, Pennsylvania was established in 1977 to oversee the City's shade trees. For over twenty years, we have achieved Tree City USA status by meeting four core standards of sound urban forestry management. To attain this recognition from the Arbor Day Foundation, we work closely with both the Community Development and Public Works Departments to plant, remove, maintain, and protect shade trees on the streets in the City.

More specifically, we supply permits to remove and/or plant shade trees and assist residents in choosing the correct tree species for the desired planting location. We strive to maintain an inventory of shade trees in the City, including specific tree locations, species, and care needs. Each year, we organize a tree planting in celebration of Arbor Day and plan various other community workshops and educational opportunities.

## *Who makes up The Shade Tree Commission?*

We are comprised of five residents of Oil City appointed by the City Manager for a period of five years. We hold public meetings on the fourth Tuesday of every month at City Hall. To see the list of current volunteer committee members, visit the Oil City website at [www.oil-city.org/city-administration/boards-and-commissions](http://www.oil-city.org/city-administration/boards-and-commissions)







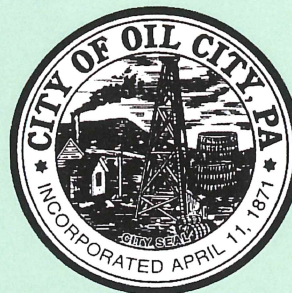
## *Planting trees is a long-term investment in our community*

Besides being beautiful, healthy trees increase property values and marketability, promote the stability of desirable neighborhoods, enhance the economic vitality of business districts, and help prevent the emergence of blighted areas and slum conditions.

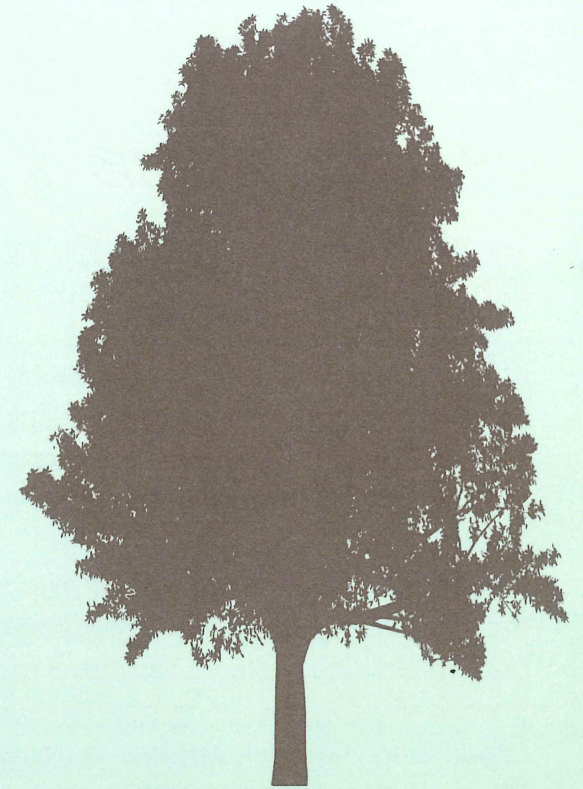


## *Recent Shade Tree Enhancement and Safety Projects:*

-  Tree removal, planting, and ground improvement on Central Avenue and First Street intersection (2018)
-  Tree plantings along Seneca Street business district (2016 - 2018)
-  Selective pruning of honey locust trees lining Central Avenue public space near Christ Episcopal Church (2017)
-  Selective pruning of restrictive branches around park lights in Justus Park



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