

Village Of Belgium
Street Tree
Policy

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1.) Location

A.) Intended Locations.

- 1.) All newly constructed subdivisions & streets.
 - A.) Empowerment is located in Section 15-1-82 "Street Trees".
- 2.) Both sides of Main Street.
- 3.) Other streets will be periodically reviewed as to the feasibility of adding street trees.

2.) Street Tree Types

A.) The street tree types are as per Tree Board "Street Tree List".

B.) Tree Varieties.

- 1.) There will be a variety provided for each project. A single type of tree or family of tree is unacceptable due to potential tree disease or weather condition problems. The Tree Board "Street Tree Diversity Procedure" provides for this.

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C.) Review Of Street Tree List 2.) A.).

- 1.) The type of trees in 2.) A.) Will be reviewed every several years for suitability & general changes. Requirements for selecting street trees must include the following conditions: soil, weather conditions, ease in maintenance, longevity, appearance, growth rate, potential road salt tolerant, & ability to withstand street side abuse.

3.) Planting & Upkeep

A.) Authorization:

- 1.) Planting by others requires authorization per Section 6-3-5 "Private Removal".
- 2.) In new development, the Plan Commission & developer will decide on the tree types. Approval Will be made by the Village Board per Land Division Ordinance Section 15-1-82 & subdividers agreement.
- 3.) The Village always has the right to plant in its' right of way, but it is recommended that the Village notify the adjacent property owners.

B.) The Planting & Upkeep Of New Plantings Will Be Done By The Following:

- 1.) If the Village initiates the project then the Village should acquire a guarantee for a minimum Of 1 year after planting.
- 2.) In a new subdivision, the developers agreement will define these terms.
- 3.) If the abutting property owner plants the tree Then he will be responsible for the upkeep.
- 4.) If a group or organization other than the above mentioned initiates the project the Village Board & that group or organization will then mutually decide who does what portion of the project.

C.) Upkeep Of New Plantings.

- 1.) The upkeep of the new planting is considered to Be necessary watering, mulching, wrapping, staking, necessary pruning, & any other special care, & replacement if the tree dies.
- 2.) See 3.) A.) For responsibility.

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D.) Street Tree Upkeep.

- 1.) As stated in Section 6-3-4 the abutting property owner is ultimately responsible for the upkeep & removal of the street trees. This is all to be done by permission of the Village.
- 2.) The right of way between the street & abutting property is the maintenance responsibility of that abutting property owner as per Section 6-2-6 "Parkway Areas".

4.) Cost - New or Replacement

A.) Note 3.) A.) Planting.

The groups mentioned in 3.) A.) Of this policy will be the groups that will bear the costs of new or replacement plants.

5.) Other References

A.) Village Of Belgium's Ordinances.

- 1.) Section 6-2-6 "Parkway Areas".
- 2.) Section 6-3 "Trees & Shrubs".
- 3.) Section 15-1-82 "Street Trees".
- 4.) Section 15-1-94 "Existing Flora".
- 5.) Section 15 Appendix A1 "Required Street Cross Sections".

B.) Village Of Belgium's Long Term Plans.

- 1.) Village Of Belgium Master Plan.
The 10 Year Comprehensive Plan does not make mention of street trees.
- 2.) Park Plan.
The Park Plan does not make mention of street trees.
- 3.) Street Tree Policy.
This Street Tree Policy is intended to be the long term plan for the Village's street trees.

C.) Consultants.

The following groups are intended to be the village's Landscape / tree consultants.

- 1.) Ozaukee County Resources Agent.
- 2.) Landscape Architect - Treetops Landscape Design Inc. Of Grafton Wis.
- 3.) Landscape Contractor - Race's Nursery Inc. Of Saukville Wis.

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6.) Tree Placement

A.) See "Site Selection Criteria For Boulevard Planting" (written by Cynthia Casey Widstrand & provided by the DNR in 1993). This sheet is provide as an addendum to this policy.

B.) Tree set back from the curb should match with already existing tree set backs. A transition may occur if it is gradual spanning over several lots. The greatest setback should be no further than 10 feet from the curb unless greater deviation is granted by the Tree Board.

7.) Tree Size - New & Replacement.

A.) New Trees.

- 1.) As per Ordinance 15-1-82, a 6 foot height is the minimum size for street trees. A preferred tree size is to be approximately 2 - 3" diameter as specified in the Park Plan.

B.) Replacement Trees.

- 1.) Replacement trees should be the same size, type, & in the same location as the original tree unless the Village Board allows a change.

8.) Planting Specs

A.) Planting specs will be the same as in the Park Plan.

9.) Inspection.

A.) Inspection of new & existing trees will be provided
By the DPW or the Village's Consultant.

10.) Deviations

A.) Any & all requests for deviating from policies or plans must be submitted to the Tree Board in the form of marked-up drawings & a written explanation of why the deviation should be granted. Submittal must occur no later than five working days in advance of the Tree Board meeting.

Tree Board
Street Tree List

Intent

This list was developed for the purpose of providing the Village of Belgium with a defined guide line as to what trees are acceptable in street tree application.

Application

This list will be used in conjunction with the Street Tree Policy.

Updates

This list will be reviewed every several years for suitability & general changes. Requirements for selecting street trees must include the following conditions: soil, weather conditions, ease in maintenance, longevity, appearance, growth rate, potential road salt tolerance, & ability to withstand street side abuse.

Tree Types:

Ash Family (Fraxinus):

Autumn Purple, Bergeson, Johnson, Marshall, Patmore, Rosehill, Summit

Crab (Malus):

Candied Apple, Indian Magic, Japanese Flowering, Pink Spire, Prairefire, Profusion, Red Jade, Sargent, Van Eseltine, Zumi Calocarpa (Redbud)

Dogwood (Cornus):

White Flower

Hackberry (Celtis):

Prairie Pride

Hawthorn (Crataegus):

Crimson Cloud, Thornless Cockspur

Ginkgo (Ginkgo):

Autumn Gold, Maidenhair

Honeylocust (Gleditsia):

Imperial, Moraine, Shade Master, Skyline

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Kentucky Coffeetree (Gymnocladus):
Kentucky Coffeetree

Lilac Tree (Syringa):
Japanese Ivory Silk, Japanese Summer Snow

Linden Family (Tilia):
Chancellor, Glenleven, Greenspire, Redmond

Maple Family (Acer):
Cleveland, Columnar, Crimson King, Emerald Queen,
Ginnala Flame, Hedge, Olsted, Paper Bark, Parkway,
Schwedler, Tatarian

Oak (Quercus):
Bur, Northern Red

Plum (Prunus):
Flowering Thundercloud, Newport

Redbud (Cercis):
Redbud - Eastern

Tree Board
Street Tree Diversity
Procedure

Intent

The intent of this procedure is to provide for a variety of street trees for the Village of Belgium. This tree diversification is required in order to provide for the general plant health, survivability, & to be aesthetically pleasing. All with the purpose of striving for a better quality of life in Belgium.

Application

This list will be used in conjunction with the Street Tree Policy.

Plans

All plans should include the species of plant, size, & location, & actual planting date if possible.

Diversity recommendation

For a street tree development area of -

4 trees	1 variety is minimum [1] (100% one type - 0% diversity)
6 trees	2 varieties is minimum [1] (50% one type - 50% diversity)
9 trees	3 varieties is minimum [1] (30% one type - 70% diversity)
12 trees	4 varieties is minimum [1] (25% one type - 75% diversity)
15 trees	5 varieties is minimum (20% one type - 80% diversity)
18 trees	6 varieties is minimum (15% one type - 85% diversity)
21 trees	7 varieties is minimum (15% one type - 85% diversity)
24 trees	8 varieties is minimum (12% one type - 88% diversity)
27 trees	9 varieties is minimum (10% one type - 90% diversity)
Greater than 27 trees	Only 10 to 12% of one variety [2]

[1] Must be different from other neighboring street trees.

[2] To upper limits is the maximum variety of Street Tree List.

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In-order to prevent gaudy contrasts, please be aware of the adjacent street trees & possibly provide a fade to other tree appearances.

Subdivision -

Pre-plan recommendation

The Village Clerk will provide the subdivider with the Street Tree Policy, this procedure, & the Street Tree List.

If desired a meeting with the Tree Board can be arranged.

Subdivision Plan

When a subdivision review is in process the Plan Commission will forward the tree selection portions of the plan with a planting schedule, & maintenance plan to the Tree Board. At that time, the Tree Board will review & make comments on the plan. This will be sent back to the Plan Commission for their approval per Land Division Ordinance 15 Article C.

After Approval

The Tree Board requires at least two tree planting plans(1 in house & 1 for map update), planting schedule, & maintenance plan.