Grosse Pointe is a designated Tree City USA

To qualify as a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards established by the Arbor Day Foundation and the National Association of State Foresters.

Standard 1: Establishment of a Tree board or Department. Someone must be legally responsible for the care of all trees on city-owned property. By delegating tree care decisions to a professional forester, arborist, city department, citizen-lead tree board or some combination, city leaders determine who will perform necessary tree work. Often, both professional staff and an advisory board are established.

Standard 2: Establishment of a Tree Care Ordinance. A basic public tree care ordinance forms the foundation of a city’s tree care program. The ordinance provides clear guidance for planting, maintaining and removing trees from streets, parks and other public spaces as well as activities that are required or prohibited.

Standard 3: Establishment of a community forestry program with an annual budget of at least $2 per capita. Funds go toward planting, care and removal of city trees—and the planning efforts to make those things happen.

Standard 4: Arbor Day observance and proclamation. As effective program for community trees would not be complete without an annual Arbor Day ceremony. Citizens join together to celebrate the benefits of community trees and the work accomplished to plant and maintain them.

The City of Grosse Pointe is historically known for its beautiful tree canopy. Over the past several decades, numerous diseases have significantly reduced the canopy across our streets. Available City funds have been insufficient to keep up with these huge losses. The recently established Urban Forestry Commission is seeking donations to the “ReLeaf Grosse Pointe” initiative.

Please Help Restore the Canopy

Make your 501 (c) (3) donations to the City of Grosse Pointe Foundation c/o ReLeaf Grosse Pointe

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The City of Grosse Pointe Urban Forestry Commission, established in January 2017, has made increased tree planting its highest priority. More trees will restore our tree canopy, enhance our quality of life through biodiversity, and increase property values.

City of Grosse Pointe
Urban Forestry Commission
Mission Statement

The Commission shall be responsible for making recommendations regarding City policies related to urban forestry and arboriculture. It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to study, investigate, counsel, and develop and/or update a written urban forestry master plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The Commission, when requested by the City Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and make recommendations upon any matter coming within its scope of work.
President’s Award
Awarded in 2019
From Keep Michigan Beautiful

Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, annually recognizes programs and activities that substantially contribute to environmental improvement, clean up, beautification, site restoration and historical preservation. Awards are:
- The President’s Plaque (highest award);
- The Michigan Plaque;
- The Distinguished Service Plaque;
- The Award of Merit.

2019

- 2019 Annual budget for tree planting increased to $4,000.
- $3,000 grant from DTE awarded to UFC.
- UFC received The President’s Plaque from Keep Michigan Beautiful.
- 18 replacement trees were added to city property.
- Tree City USA designation awarded.

2020

- 9 replacement trees were added to city property.
- 5750 grant from the Michigan DNR awarded to the UFC.
- This included the UFC’s tree planting project.
- All non-essential activities were halted in the year.
- The COVID-19 pandemic placed a hold on all non-essential activities.

2021

- Tree City USA designation awarded (34th year).
- The City was given the Growth Award (10th year).
- The City was given the Growth Award (3rd year).
- tree City USA designation awarded.

Urban Forestry Commission Accomplishments

2017

- Volunteer commissioners appointed by the Mayor of Grosse Pointe.
- Inventory of city trees started.
- 100 tree gaps identified.
- Diverse list of 18 trees selected for planting.
- Annual city budget for tree planting was $3,000.

2018

- Six replacement trees were added to city property.
- Tree City USA designation (32nd year) awarded to the City of Grosse Pointe.
- Growth Award from the National Arbor Day Foundation given.
- Tree inventory completed. 2,802 mostly immature city trees were identified.
- 31 replacement trees were added to city property.

2019

- Tree City USA designation (33rd year) awarded to the City of Grosse Pointe.
- The President’s Plaque was awarded to the City of Grosse Pointe.
- 31 replacement trees were added to city property.
- Inventories of city trees started.
- Master Plan created to achieve goal of reforesting the canopy.
- $2,500 grant from DTE awarded to UFC.
- $329,000 grant from DTE awarded to UFC.
- Annual city budget for tree planting increased to $4,000.
- 100 tree gaps identified.
- Inventory of city trees started.
- Project of Trees for Home Awarded.

2020

- 18 replacement trees were added to city property.
- Replanting the canopy.
- Tree City USA designation (34th year) awarded to the City of Grosse Pointe.
- $100,000 grant from DTE awarded to UFC.
- Master Plan created to achieve goal of reforesting the canopy.
- 31 replacement trees were added to city property.
- Inventories of city trees started.
- Volunteer commissioners appointed by the Mayor of Grosse Pointe.