

Tree Bank Activities

Projects Subject to Contributing to the Tree Bank Ordinance

The contribution to the tree bank is due at the time of the final execution of the development agreement with the Township. This normally occurs a short time before construction begins.

The replacement tree fee was increased from \$347 to \$373 in 2023. This increase is not yet reflected in the current ordinance 178-85.H(4)(d)[2].

Projects Recently Approved

1101 Big Oak Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Plan approved by BOS May 31, 2023. Approx. 215 replacement trees required. [per J.M. 12/6/23 email, \$74,800 owed by developer, ~ 200 trees]

1566 LCC – Preliminary Plan approved by BOS on July 20, 2022. Final Plan approved by BOS Oct. 4, 2023. 921 replacement trees required. 167 will be planted on-site, maybe more. 754 tree payment (\$261,638) to the Tree Bank currently required in escrow per Aug. 4, 2023 BOS meeting. Additional trees planted on-site will reduce escrow. [J.M. 12/6/23 email, payment estimated to be \$150,000 for approx. 432 trees]

1273 Lindenhurst Subdivision - Preliminary/Final Plan approved by BOS April 19, 2023. 69 replacement trees; 39 will be planted on-site, 30 trees into Tree Bank. [per J.M. 12/6/23 email, developer owes \$10,328, ~27 trees].

Dogwood Drive – per court settlement, \$25,000 to Tree Bank when development agreement signed.

Jorge Gomez 1442 Oxford Valley Rd. – per EAC 2/11/2021 comment letter, 632 ft of woodlands to be removed. Pre/final plan approved April 21, 2021. Tree Bank?

Sandy Run Road 934/936 - \$5,670 in escrow (~16 trees), probably will go to Tree Bank [J.M. 12/6/23 email]

The Point at Edgewood Village – Preliminary/Plan approved 12/6/2023. 98 replacement trees required (\$36,554)

Projects Under Construction

Prickett Preserve – Developer stated it longer requests a waiver from Tree Replacement Ordinance at the March 17, 2021 BOS meeting. Preliminary/Final Plans approved by BOS April 7, 2021.

Plans approved calculated 1,667 replacement trees needed. 839 trees were to be planted on-site: 816 trees @ \$347 per tree into bank, \$283,315 [J.M. 12/6/2024 email, \$283,315 was paid into Tree Bank, not \$183,315 as in 2024 Preliminary Budget].

1181 Oxford Valley LLC – Preconstruction meeting Sept. 19, 2023. Tree removal started. Approx. 7 tree greater than 10”. From Nov. 3, 2021 BOS meeting: “He stated they will document which trees are dead; and if replacement trees are required under the Ordinance, they will put in replacement trees on the property.”

Tree Bank Money Spent in 2023

1. Sept. 20, 2023 BOS approval of LMT 2023 Tree Planting Project Bid from Parkyn Landscape and Hardscape LLC in the Amount of \$65,909 – Memorial Park, Caiola Fields, and Fred Allen Fields.
2. Patterson Farm/Mirror Lake Road – Ram-T Corp. installed 30 sugar maples 2” cal., deer protection, and gator bags for \$14,670. Bid dated Feb. 15, 2023
3. Contract with Thomas Comitta Asso. to develop a new multi-year tree planting program for LMT - \$18,000, bid accepted by BOS at Sept. 6, 2023 meeting.

Tree Bank Revenues and Expenditures in 2017 thru 2024 Budgets

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 projected
Developer Contribution	\$12,500	\$9,375	\$10,055	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,315 \$283,315	\$235,128
Expenditures	\$93,335	\$25,862	\$4,969	\$4,756	\$26,460	\$8,407	\$99,500	\$65,000
End of Year Fund Balance	\$119,551	\$103,270	\$108,671	\$104,306	\$78,246	\$70,292	\$155,142 \$255,142	\$327,270 \$427,270

Note: the tree bank account also receives \$400 to \$1,000 in interest payments per year.

Expected Tree Bank Fee Contributions in 2024

- \$150,000 #685-1566 LLC Subdivision
- \$10,328 #688-1273 Lindenhurst
- \$74,800 #689-1101 Big Oak Subdivision

Pre-2023 Tree Plantings

Kids Kingdom, Oct. 2022 - \$4,940 24 trees, 5 maples, 7 yellowwoods, 12 fringe trees

Revere Road Tennis Courts, Oct. 2021 – \$9,835, 31 trees

Twig Lane Tot Lot, Oct. 2021 - \$3,215, (30 trees, 3 ft/6 ft tall)

Patterson Farm Volunteer, Fall 2021 - \$8,561 (108 trees and shrubs)

Patterson Farm Volunteer, Nov 2020 - \$3,400 (59 trees, 195 shrubs)

Caiola Fields Volunteer, Oct. 2019 - 73 trees, 50 shrubs

2017 and 2018 tree bank expenditures principally at Memorial Park arboretum