

## What Is the Findlay Shade Tree Commission?

The Findlay Shade Tree Commission was appointed in 1978 as a group of community volunteers and City of Findlay representatives in order to address the need to care for Findlay's aging urban forest.

Today the Shade Tree Commission's "Mission" is to *provide technical guidance for the establishment and maintenance of city trees and to educate all city residents on the importance of proper tree care.*

The commission's responsibilities are to provide leadership in the selection and establishment of trees planted in areas of public street rights-of-way. It is also a liaison to city residents in the proper planting, care, maintenance and removal of trees within city rights-of-way through a variety of avenues:

- **The Adopt-A-Tree Program**
- **Public educational programs on planting, pruning and general tree care**

**The City of Findlay also has the distinction of being a Tree City USA community.**



### 2010 Commission Members

Bill Malloy                      Ed Crawford  
Rick Kidwell                    Deb Seng  
Brooks Bosse                  Michael Jurkiewicz

### 2010 Support Members

Bob Nichols, City Council  
Matt Stoffel, Public Works Dept.  
Mark Steward, City Engineering  
Bruce Hardy, Service Director

### Benefits of Trees

#### TREES:

- Produce oxygen while cleaning our air and water
- Are natural air-conditioners, reducing cooling costs 25-50%
- Increase property values 10-20%
- Attract customers to local businesses
- Provide wildlife habitat
- Reduce human stress and decrease incidence of domestic violence
- Produce a sense of rootedness and community
- **Trees are beautiful!**

### Shade Tree Commission Meetings

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 5:00 pm in the third floor conference room in the Municipal Building. Guests welcome.  
**Subject to change, contact Mayors office.**



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2010

## City of Findlay, Ohio

### Information and Services Provided to Residents

## 2010 Tree Species

### Small Trees (15-25 feet at maturity)

**Harvest Gold Crabapple:** Grown for its showy white flowers and attractive, brightly-colored yellow fruit. Symmetrical canopy with a regular (or smooth) outline, and individuals have more or less identical crown forms. Well suited as an ornamental street tree.

Foliage is glossy green. Fruit is yellow, less than 1". Spring flowering color is white. Disease resistance is good to excellent.

### Medium Trees (30-50 feet)

**Hedge Maple:** Usually low-branched with a rounded form, but there is considerable variability from one tree to the next. Excellent street tree for residential areas, or perhaps in downtown urban sites. Grows too tall for planting beneath some power lines. Suitable as a patio or yard shade tree as it stays small and creates dense shade.

Foliage of green leaves in summer. Showy yellow fall color. Spring flowering is not showy. Disease and pest resistance is good to excellent.

## Adopt-a-Tree

This program is designed to help keep Findlay streets beautiful and shaded. The Findlay Shade Tree Commission will select the most appropriate species for the location.

### Who Qualifies?

All residents within the City of Findlay are eligible to participate in Adopt-A-Tree for the minimal price of \$25. The trees are designated for public tree lawns (the area between the road and sidewalk) and public road rights-of-way.

### Tree Spacing Guidelines

**All Trees:** 10 feet from fire hydrants and streetlights  
8 feet from curb cuts and street signs  
4 feet from underground utility lines  
35 feet from the corner curb of street intersections

**Small:** 5-foot tree lawn and at least 15 feet from the nearest tree. Great for under overhead electric lines.

**Medium:** 6-foot tree lawn and at least 25 feet from the nearest tree.

**Large:** 8-foot tree lawn and at least 40 feet from the nearest tree.

All trees are property of the City of Findlay. Planting, watering, mulching and on-going care including pruning are the responsibility of the homeowner. For additional assistance call the Public Works Department at:

**419-424-7181**

## 2010 Adopt-A-Tree Application

(Species selection may change due to availability of stock)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Planting Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of trees \_\_\_\_\_ (maximum of 2 trees per application)

Sketch your proposed planting site on a separate sheet of paper showing existing trees, power poles, water meters and location of new trees.

**Adopt-A-Trees to be distributed April 17, 2010, from 9:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M. at The Cube lot.**

**Return this application by April 2, 2010 to:**

**Mayor's Office  
318 Dorney Plaza, Room 310  
Findlay, Ohio 45840**