

Tree Bank Update

Projects Subject to Contributing to the Tree Bank Ordinance

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

The replacement tree fee was increased from \$347 to \$374 in ordinance 178-85.H(4)(d)[2] at the July 17, 2024 BOS meeting.

Projects Owing Tree Bank

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."

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]. Not under construction.

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]. Not under construction.

Dogwood Drive – per Oct. 18, 2022 court settlement, \$25,000 to Tree Bank when development agreement signed. Not under construction.

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. Not under construction. Tree Bank?

The Point – 0.76 acres, 13 housing units in five separate buildings. Preliminary/Final Plan approved by BOS Dec. 6th, 2023. 92 replacement trees required plus 4 street trees. \$33,312 is owed the tree bank.

Projects Contributing to Tree Bank in 2024

1101 Big Oak Subdivision – Preliminary/Final Plan approved by BOS May 31, 2023. Approx. 215 replacement trees required. \$78,166 paid by developer June 14, 2024

Tree Bank Money Spent in 2023-24

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. Approx. 162 trees
2. Patterson Farm/Mirror Lake Road – Ram-T Corp. installed 30 sugar maples 2” cal., deer protection, a 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 - bid accepted by BOS at Sept. 6, 2023 meeting. Paid \$19,663
4. 2023 fall tree planting at Caiola and Fred Allen Fields. 162 trees, \$62,503
5. Regency at Yardley Tree Planting. \$3,376

Tree Bank Revenues and Expenditures in 2017 thru 2024 Budgets

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Developer Contribution	\$12,500	\$9,375	\$10,055	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$183,315 \$294,458 ^b
Expenditures	\$93,335	\$25,862	\$4,969	\$4,756	\$26,460	\$8,407	\$97,430
End of Year Balance ^a	\$119,551	\$103,270	\$108,671	\$104,306	\$78,246	\$70,292	\$268,805

Tree Bank Revenues and Expenditures in 2017 thru 2024 Budgets (cont.)

	2024 projected	2024 actual	2025
Developer Contribution	\$235,128	\$78,166	
Expenditures	\$65,000	\$3,233	
End of Year Balance ^a	\$368,805	\$343,738 (Aug. 1 balance)	

Note:

- (a) the tree bank account received \$1,488 in interest payments in 2023.
- (b) Prickett Preserve – 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]. Also \$11,143 contribution from Regency at Yardley

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