



Village of Homewood
T.R.E.E. Committee
2021 Annual Report

Landscape & Maintenance Building
18355 Pierce Avenue
Homewood, IL 60430

1. **Purpose:**

The Tree Committee provides educational outreach to residents and surrounding communities, develops stronger public relations, establishes award programs, expands and reinforces reforestation, helps develop viable resource management tools and makes recommendations on urban forest issues affecting the Village that requires action by the Village Board.

2. **Membership:**

Jason Baldauf
Deborah Baldauf
Maureen Guger
Carolyn Bury
Janet Hernandez
Paul Kramer
Karl Persons
Regina Zohfeld
Tony Greep

3. **Accomplishments:**

Saplings – Fifty free sapling trees were given to the Village from the IDNR. They were planted in the Carpenter and Merchants basins, on 175th Street and Governors Highway, in an attempt to reforest areas to increase canopy.

Farmers Market - A table and tent were set up at the Saturday Farmers Markets in order to reach out to the public to help inform them of Maple decline, tree planting grants and volunteer working days.

Trees Forever Grant – A grant was secured through Trees Forever in an amount of \$5,000 with the Village matching of \$5,000 which resulted in 98 trees planted mostly on Maple and Cedar, west of Dixie Highway. Volunteers planted 55 of these trees on a Saturday.

Tree Sale – After a few years of wanting TreeShare numbers, something new was tried. The first annual Tree Sale was held at the September Farmers Market. The Landscape & Maintenance Division brought 50 trees for purchase to Village residents. Trees are bought whole sale and then discounted for residents. During the first 2 hours of the sale, 45 trees were purchased.