

# German Village Vision

We will be a celebrated, vibrant downtown neighborhood with historic integrity and a charming, pedestrian-friendly streetscape.

**Street Trees** enhance the quality of our life in a variety of ways. Not only are they aesthetically pleasing and beautify our surroundings, but they also clean our air, act as sound barriers, and help us reduce energy costs by providing shade in the summer and block the wind in the winter.

Trees in German Village, that line our streets, play a vital role in our community from a public architectural and engineering standpoint. They provide privacy, screen objectionable views, reduce glare, direct pedestrian traffic, and enhance our architectural surroundings.



With repetition, **Street Trees** specifically enhance the public area by reinforcing the street edge because of their scale and size while maintaining visibility at intersections. Shorter, denser plantings such as shrubs are unsafe, less successful, and may block vision.

Therefore, it is vital for us to select appropriate trees with our neighbors in mind. A basic principle when selecting a tree is "form follows function." Keep in mind what shape of tree is going to complement what you desire the tree to do. Being cognizant of this will significantly reduce your maintenance costs and increase the value of the tree in the long term.

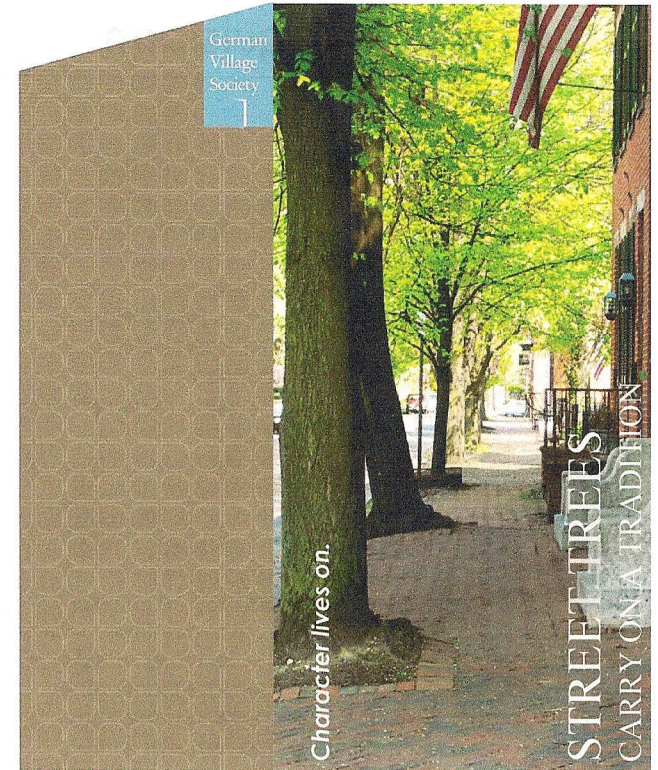


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For nearly 200 years, our German Village neighborhood has been a pedestrian-friendly community, where residents and visitors alike have safely explored and enjoyed their favorite Village destinations on foot.

# Tree Types & Acquisition

## GETTING A TREE

With the narrow tree lawns in the public way and existing close parking situations, only trees that meet compatible characteristics are listed below as recommendations. They are Columbus Recreation and Parks Department's "Recommended Street Tree List" sourced and are approved by the City Forester to be planted **FREE** for the homeowner, though the choice may be limited based on availability. This list is not exclusive and

other species, varieties or cultivars may be planted at the homeowner's expense. To expedite the process the homeowner may also elect to contract a third party resource. However, all tree plantings on public property **REQUIRE** a no-cost permit from the City Forester and are subject to removal if not duly approved. Phone 645-6648

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

### DOES

- have upright growth habit
- have pest and disease resistance
- have nice foliage, including those with seasonal color

### DOES NOT

- have surface growing roots that disturb sidewalks
- require acidic soil (ours is alkaline)
- have nuts, fruits, thorns, or readily shed small branches that create hazards for cars and pedestrians

## TREES NOT RECOMMENDED

Box Elder, Silver Maple, Horse Chestnut, Tree-of-Heaven, Catalpa, Cottonwood, Poplar, Black Locust, Willow, & Siberian Elm

## RECOMMENDED TREE TYPES

Small size (30-40 ft between trees) (These are the ones to consider most if overhead wires exist)



*Acer ginnala* Amur maple cultivars Mozart, Beethoven - tree form only 20' - small maple, quite hardy. Fall color outstanding, ranges from yellow to bright scarlet. Tan fruit holds, giving winter interest.



*Amelanchier laevis*, Serviceberry cultivar Cumulus 20' Habit is upright oval to vase-shaped. White flowers in early spring. Smooth gray bark. Will grow in full sun or shade.



*Carpinus betulus* European hornbeam cultivar Columnaris, 30'-40' Spirelike, slow-growing, usually maintains central leader; columnar.



*Prunus incise* x *P.campanulata*; Hybrid flowering cherry cultivar Okame 25' Early flowering, carmine-pink flower petals, rose-red calyx. Offers good bronze to orange-red fall color.



*Prunus* x *subhirtella*; Higan cherry cultivars Autumnalis, Rosy Cloud 20'-40' Large, double, deep pink flowers. Once established these cultivars are long-lived. Cold, heat and stress tolerant.



*Acer Palmatum*; Japanese maple cultivars Bloodgood, Twombly 15'-25' Reddish-purple leaf color, slow growing, round-headed, excellent fall color, beautiful red fruits. (Not a FREE selection)

Medium sized trees (40-50ft between trees)  
(Some of these also work with overhead wires)



*Acer buergeranum*; trident maple 30' Distinctly oval outline, lovely small tree, slow grower



*Acer campestre* English (hedge) maple cultivars Evelyn (Queen Elizabeth), Corky 35' Small to medium sized tree, rounded with a flat top. One of the best maples for dry, alkaline soils. Yellowish fall color.



*Acer truncatum* x *A.platinoides*; hybrid maple cultivar Norwegian Sunset 35' Upright oval outline, uniform canopy structure, dark green foliage turns orange-red to red in fall.

Medium sized trees cont'd



*Acer truncatum* x *A.platinoides* hybrid maple cultivar Pacific Sunset 30'. Upright spreading, rounded crown form. Very dark green summer foliage, bright red in fall and a little earlier than 'Norwegian Sunset'



*Betula nigra*; river birch cultivar Heritage 50' Bark starts to exfoliate on young trunks, opens white to salmon eventually darkening to salmon-brown as tree ages



*Prunus sargentii*; Sargent cherry species Columnaris 35'-45' Considered handsomest of the larger cherries, upright columnar to vase-shape. Rich pink flowers



*Ulmus parvifolia*; lacebark elm cultivar King's Choice 50' Upright spreading almost American Elm-like. Tough, durable tree, easily adaptable to various soils

Large size trees 50' - 70' (Only appropriate where NO overhead wires exist)



*Acer* x *freemanii*; Freeman maple cultivars Autumn Blaze, Scarlet Sentinel 60' More urban-tolerant and more tolerant of alkaline soils than red maple. Stunning scarlet fall color.



*Acer nigrum*; black maple cultivar Greencolumn 40' Supposed greater heat and drought tolerance compared to Sugar maple. Yellow fall color.



*Ginkgo biloba*; Ginkgo (specify male) cultivars Autumn Gold, Princeton Sentry 50'-70' Handsome broad conical form, very regular in shape, excellent golden yellow fall color.



*Ginkgo biloba*; Ginkgo (specify male) cultivar Lakeview 45' Compact conical form