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November 4, 1992

To: Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

From: David A. Haley, Commissioner  
Public Works Department

Subject: Council Order #14, Dated 10/19/92

Re: **Report by neighborhood outlining  
the number of trees planted.**

The planting of Public Shade Trees throughout the City of Cambridge is carried out by several City Departments and/or committees. Large institutions and businesses are encouraged to plant public shade trees in and around their respective areas. All planting is approved by the City Arborist. The City Arborist reviews all plantings to ensure proper species selection and locations.

The Department of Public Works Urban Forestry Division is currently in the process of computerizing the public shade trees throughout Cambridge. The software is being purchased and is expected to be on line by January 1, 1993. The main objective of the shade tree inventory is to assess the health of the urban forest. Each tree will be identified by genus, species, size, health, location and past work history. This management tool will enable staff to identify locations that are in need of shade trees and also where shade trees will be removed due to hazardous conditions. The inventory of the 20,000 City of Cambridge public shade trees will begin on January 1, 1993.

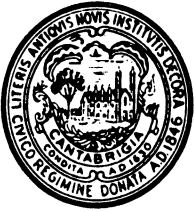


Shade tree planting is carried out by the Committee on Public Planting. The Committee sponsors a unique program called, "The Client Street Tree Purchase Program." The Committee on Public Planting created the Client Street Tree Program eleven years ago when the funding for planting shade trees was removed from the budget.

The highly successful Client Street Tree Purchase Program has resulted in the planting of 1400 public shade trees throughout the City of Cambridge.

Additional planting of public shade trees takes place within newly constructed sidewalks throughout the City. Tree wells are installed when new sidewalks are constructed or repaired. Often times, staff are unable to plant as soon as the sidewalks are completed, however, the tree well is left in until trees become available, usually in the fall or spring. By leaving the tree wells, there is a savings on the amount of material used and also on the amount of saw cutting of the sidewalk.

It is a Department goal to have the shade tree inventory completed in the next year. As stated earlier, when the inventory is complete staff will be able to show where shade tree deficiencies exist and outline the tree planting by neighborhood and street.



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November 16, 1992

To The Honorable, The City Council:

Please find attached a response to Awaiting Report Item No. 21, regarding a report by neighborhood outlining the number of trees planted, where deficiencies exist and why and what corrective action will be taken, received from David A. Haley, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to this issue.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Healy  
City Manager

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Consent Agenda # 1 S *gld*

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In City Council,

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