



Village of Downers Grove

Official Village Policy Approved by Village Council

Description: Forestry

Res. or Ord. #: Res. 2004-60

Effective

Date: September 21, 2004

Category:

New Council Policy

Amends Previous Policy Dated: August 9, 1991, July 8, 1996

Description of Previous Policy (if different from above):

Forestry Policies

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING CERTAIN AMENDED FORESTRY POLICIES OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Council of the Village of Downers Grove has determined that it is necessary to establish certain policies concerning the value, preservation, and function of the parkway trees of the urban forest in Downers Grove; and

WHEREAS, the development of a comprehensive urban forestry program for the Village is important in acknowledging the ongoing value of trees as a capital asset, and protecting and maximizing the benefit of the assets to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the systematic care and maintenance of the parkway trees of the urban forest is recognized as a primary element in a comprehensive urban forestry program; and

WHEREAS, long range planning efforts designed to increase the capital and aesthetic values of the urban forest is encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has, on July 29, 1991, previously adopted Resolution 91-31 entitled "A Resolution Establishing Certain Forestry Policies of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois" and on July 8, 1996, previously adopted Resolution 96-41 entitled "A Resolution Establishing Certain Amended Forestry Policies of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to amend the

policy as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. Develop and maintain a street corridor where tree foliage lines and overhangs streets through proper maintenance and care practices of the parkway trees.
2. Sustain and perpetuate the parkway tree population by planting quality trees that are tolerant of urban conditions, that develop strong forms and branching patterns, and that have long life spans.
3. Prune parkway trees on a regular interval to improve tree health and appearance, provide adequate street and sidewalk clearance, increase tree longevity, reduce storm damage potential, reduce disease infestations, and reduce potential injury to human life.
4. Remove trees and stumps when trees are dead or declining, have lost structural stability, or are affected with infectious disease in order to maintain public safety and keep adjacent parkway trees healthy.
5. Promote health care management practices to monitor tree health, disease levels, insect and other pest populations, environmental stresses, and implement any control measures or apply treatments when appropriate to maintain healthy parkway trees.
6. Maintain and update a parkway tree inventory in order to further improve parkway tree maintenance.
7. Continue to obtain Tree City USA certification and celebrate Arbor Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village of Downers Grove will provide technical assistance of an advisory nature to Village residents desiring guidance in areas including, but not limited to the previous mentioned areas.

The validity of any action otherwise taken by the Council in accordance with applicable law shall not be invalidated, impaired, or otherwise affected by noncompliance with any part of procedures or policy set forth herein.

All resolutions or part of resolutions in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

Brian J. Krajewski, Mayor

Passed: September 21, 2004

Attest: April Holden, Village Clerk