



Tree Planting Proposal For Lincoln Elementary School

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Original Proposal Background (9/18/24)

- Last week as Ms. Bonnie (Lincoln crossing guard) guided us safely across Albion Street in the hot sun, Ani remarked that there should be a tree on the corner to provide her some shade. Inspired by her thoughtful idea, I chatted with other parents (who all agreed it would be a wonderful addition), and was reminded that there used to be a tree on that corner at Albion & Merline. We would like to look into having a tree donated and request your guidance/approval.
- I emailed with Dennis Cooper, Building and Grounds Co-Supervisor, who advised we should present a proposal to you, the Board of Education. He kindly provided advice about what info to include, which are shared in the following slides.

Thank you for your consideration,
Amy & Ani

Updated Proposal Status (9/30/24)

- School Board was supportive but suggested we connect with the Mayor to loop in the Village due to the proposed location. I connected with Mayer Bucciferro, who looped in Superintendent of Public Works, Ryan Kedzior for his thoughts. Mr Kedzior reported, "I have no issues as it is out of the Village ROW."
- The School Board then looped in Superintendent Swartz and Business Manager Giaquinto. Mr. Giaquinto will prepare a gift and donation resolution for the Superintendent to review for October 7th Board of Education meeting.
- A request for donation has been sent to Scotia Rotary and is pending.
- I have also been in contact with some helpful people at Cornell Cooperative Extension who then connected with Nick Klemczak, ED of Schenectady Soil and Water. They provided guidance about what type of tree to choose, and Nick offered to support getting us a tree to plant by early November (their recommendation of when to plant; late Fall with enough time before the ground freezes is best time of year to plant a tree).

Map with proposed tree location



Northern Red Oak

Shape: Round

Mature Height: 60-75'

Mature Spread: 50-75'

The northern red oak has been called “one of the handsomest, cleanest, and stateliest trees in North America” and it is widely considered a national treasure. It is valued for its versatility and hardiness in urban settings. This medium to large tree is also known for its brilliant fall color and great value to wildlife. Is a fast-growing tree that offers great shade and works well as a street tree. Tolerates pollution and compacted soil.

Source: Arbor Day Foundation



Timeline & Logistics

Time to plant:

- Ideal: Late fall, before the ground freezes
- Backup plan: Early spring before the buds open

Materials to be Donated

- Requesting \$300 for tree, mulch, fertilizer (anything else needed?)

TBD

- Who do we need to coordinate with to get the tree planted?
- Who will provide aftercare so the tree grows/thrives after planting?

Thank you!

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