

Community Forest Working Group / LACFB

Summary of 2022 Accomplishments

- Maine Arbor Week
 - o Received recognition for 19th year of Tree City USA certification
 - o Attended State event at Viles Arboretum in Augusta, with Auburn poster
 - o Proclamation by City Council
 - o Volunteer work at Tree Nursery on North Auburn Road. Planted seedlings and experiment with deer fencing
- Developed and passed new Street Tree Sustainability Ordinance
- Participated in TD Bank planting of 36 street trees in New Auburn
- Hosted Webinar by Allison Kanoti, MFS on Brown Tail Moth and other invasive species
- Worked with Bates students on Notable Trees of L-A project
- Worked with Bates students to collect information on various invasive plants at Pettengill Park and the River Walk
- Worked with Bates students to map invasive Oriental Bittersweet in several neighborhoods and develop a workshop to present in spring 2023, targeted to homeowners.
- Cooperated with Maine Forest Service to hang and monitor 2 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) traps. No EAB found.
- Hosted discussion by guest Wes Davis, Hallowell Conservation Commission, about Hallowell's efforts to control Japanese knotweed in Granite City Park.
- Reviewed Maine Forest Service model EAB management plan
- Discussion of American Chestnut Foundation Maine Chapter meeting
- Discussion of proposed changes to AGRP income requirement and strip zones to help develop SNRB position concerning those issues
- Identified new member, Jeremy Lavertu, to be appointed 1 12 23