

Lewiston Auburn Community Forest Board Accomplishments

On Going Activities

Sponsor Arbor Week Celebrations the third full week in May.

- Display large banners in both cities with Arbor Week dates and tree quotes.
- Make educational displays at city halls and libraries.
- Publish articles and pictures about Trees and Arbor Week in newspaper.
- Plant trees as part of Arbor Week activities.
- Maintain "Tree City" Status for Lewiston and Auburn(14 years).
- Send a representative to Tree City/Project Canopy Arbor Day activities sponsored by Maine Forest Service.

Promote and support planting of street trees in the Twin Cities

- Participated in TD Bank's planting of about several hundred trees during the last few years.
- Apply for and receive Urban Forestry Grants.
- Update and expand tree inventory beyond the initial number of tree.

Maintain Tree Nursery in Auburn

- Maintain(water, weed, and mow) the three hundred saplings.
- Made regular visits to check for vandalism, animal damage and replacement of stock. (\$40,000 of tree assets when fully grown.)
- Organize volunteer groups (school and business)to work at nursery.

Goals That Have Been Fulfilled

Created Street Tree Inventories and Forest Management Plans

- Helped write grants with the Conservation Committee and city employees to create the inventory.
- Created harvesting plans in both cities to help the school committees and city councilors understand what forest resources that are available.
- Studied the completed inventory of 2,700 trees using the GIS (Geographic Information System) to inform decisions for the future of the urban forest.

Established Lewiston and Auburn Community Forest Ordinances

- These provides the framework for the running the Tree Board.
- Established tree Board as the citizens' appeals panel in Lewiston when disputes arise.

Provide Advice to City Staff, Community Groups, and the Conservation Committee Regarding the Management of the Urban Forest

- Conducted tree harvests in Lewiston and Auburn.
- Established trails around schools and public parks to teach about nature and the environment.
- Consulted with LAWPAC about their management plan that is required by the State of Maine.
- Lead tree identification walk at Sherwood Heights School in conjunction with Androscoggin Land Trust.
- Helped with Central Maine Hospital's "Story Walk" along the Androscoggin River.
- Worked with the Conservation Committee and city employees of Auburn to create the a "Woodlot Management Ordinance".
- Wrote several grants to buy saplings, irrigation equipment, and other materials for tree nursery.
- Sponsored 50-50 tree programs for home owners.