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Fall 2025/Spring 2026 Tree Planting Program - Tree Description

1. **Ironwood** (*Ostrya virginiana*) - Height: 25-40 feet, Spread: 15-30 feet, Form: Pyramidal to round. Prefers moist, well-drained soil. Tolerant of dry and rocky soils. Grows well in full sun to shade in the forest understory. Fruit looks similar to hops. This medium size tree has attractive yellow fall color.



2. **Wafer Ash** (*Ptelea trifoliata*) - Height: 10-15 feet, Spread: 10-15 feet, Form: round, single-stemmed or multi-stemmed. Tolerant of dry sites and wide range of soils. Adaptable to sun and shade. Small yellow-green fragrant flowers appear in May. Fall color is yellow. The wafer ash is not a true ash tree and is unaffected by the emerald ash borer. Excellent tree to plant under utility lines or locations with limited space.



3. **Pecan** (*Carya illinoensis*) - Height: 70-100 feet, Spread: 40-75 feet, Form: oval. Prefers full sun in moist to wet soils. Fast growing and very adaptable to parkway locations. This tree is native to Illinois, found in wet bottomland forests. Fall color is yellow. Nuts provide a food source for wildlife.



4. **Northern Catalpa** (*Catalpa speciosa*) - Height: 40-70 feet, Spread: 20-50 feet, Form: Rounded to narrow oval crown. Tolerant of a wide range of soils. Prefers moist, fertile soils in full-sun to part-shade. Showy white flowers in spring. Seedpods are 12-24" long. The large 12" long leaves turn yellow to brown in the fall.



5. **Kentucky Coffee Tree** (*Gymnocladus dioica*) - Height: 60-80 feet, Spread: 40-55 feet, Form: attractive vertical ascending branches, bold winter outline with stout branches and furrowed bark. Prefers moist, well-drained soils. This tree is very adaptable and can tolerate poor soils and drought. Almost tropical appearance in summer. Medium growth rate. Excellent yellow fall color.



6. **Aspen** (*Populus tremuloides*) - Height: 40-50 feet, Spread: 20-30 feet, Form: oval, upright. This fast-growing tree is adaptable to many soil types and conditions and prefers full sun. The tree develops attractive grayish white bark. Leaves turn bright yellow in the fall. Aspen trees can be found in northern parts of Illinois.



7. **Black Cherry** (*Prunus serotina*) - Height: 50-60 feet, Spread: 20-30 feet, Form: pyramidal with a fast growth rate. Requires moist, well-drained sites in full to part shade. Tolerant of dry sites. Showy clusters of white flowers in the spring with yellow to orange fall color. Black Cherry is found in dry highland sites in the Chicago region.



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8. **Early Glow Ohio Buckeye** (*Aesculus glabra* 'J.N. Select) - Height: 35-40 feet, Spread: 20-30 feet, Form: Round. Prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. Adaptable to wet and dry locations. Attractive yellow-green flowers in early spring and bright red fall color. Buckeye trees are native to Illinois and are very rare on Village parkways.



9. **Oak species** (*Quercus* species) - Height: 50-80 feet, Spread: 50-80 feet, Form: Round, pyramidal. Full sun to shade. Species planted will include red oak, chinquapin oak, Shumard oak, white oak, swamp white oak, swamp chestnut oak, white oak, and bur oak. The IL native oaks grow into large and attractive shade trees. In addition, the oaks provide habitat for numerous insects and wildlife. The village will select an oak tree that will grow well in the parkway location and promote species diversity.



10. **Sassafras** (*Sassafras albidum*) - Height: 20-30 feet, Spread: 25-40 feet, Form: upright, Round. Excellent yellow, orange, and red fall color. Prefers moist soil, but tolerant of dry conditions. Best suited for large parkways and rights-of-ways in older neighborhoods containing soil with a high content of organic material.



11. **Yellowwood** (*Cladrastis kentukea*) - Height: 30-50 feet Spread: 40-55 feet, Form: Rounded, medium sized tree. Prefers full sun and is tolerant of dry and wet conditions. White clusters of flowers hang from the tree in the spring. The yellowwood is native to North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana, and a few locations in southern Illinois. This rare Illinois native tree adapts well to parkways.



12. **Bald Cypress** (*Taxodium distichum*) - Height: 50-70 feet, Spread: 20-45 feet, Form: Pyramidal cone bearing tree. Tolerates a wide range of soils and conditions. Excellent choice for wet areas, but adaptable to drier upland areas. Native to Southern Illinois and Southern United States swamps. Feather-like leaves turn orange in the fall.



13. **Sour Gum** (*Nyssa sylvatica*) - Height: 30-50 feet, Spread: 20-30 feet, Form: oval, upright. Prefers well-drained soils in full sun. Moderately tolerant of drought and poor drainage. Parkway locations high in organic matter is a requirement for tree health. This slow growing, Illinois native tree has excellent red fall color.



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