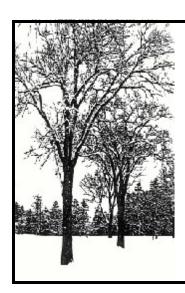
Rural Route Patron Or Boxholder

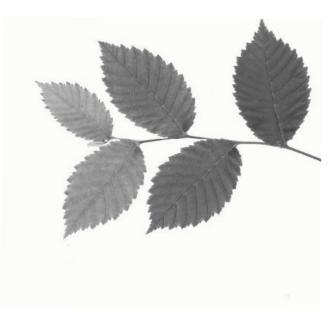


Harvard Tree Fund

This is the thirteenth year of the Tree Fund's collaboration with the Harvard Elm Commission to plant, protect and nourish the town's shade trees.

It is a special opportunity for you to help Harvard's living history.

Our interest in legacy specimens and new plantings spans over 40 years. Although named the "Elm Commission," planting efforts in recent years have focused more on species diversity. Trees planted in 2017 and 2018 include a Tulip tree, a white oak, a scarlet oak and one disease resistant elm. A National Grid matching grant has us planting up to 19 trees at Ryan Field and the Library and Bromfield parking lots.





Forty years ago, an elm treatment program was established for the care of Harvard's historic elm trees. Every three years, seventeen elm trees are injected with fungicide. In cooperation with the Garden Club, the Tree Warden and the Parks & Recreation Commission, the Elm Commission manages the Tree Fund and cares for shade and elm trees in your town. Your donation to support these efforts is appreciated.



The 1st Grade Tree Planting annually celebrates Arbor Day. In 2017 and 2018 a white oak and a scarlet oak were planted next to the Bromfield driveway. First graders participate in establishing their own "Class Tree" and receive seedlings to take home and plant.



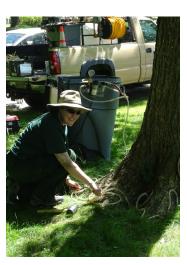
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Do your part by preventing invasive species from spreading. Examples are: Norway Maple, Black Locust, Garlic Mustard and Bittersweet. Learn about, remove and destroy invasive species in your local community. A list of common invasive trees and plants can be found at: https://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=25





The **Harvard Tree Fund** (HTF), whose purpose is the planting and care of shade trees in town, is supported by your tax deductible contributions. The town budget does not cover all the costs associated with tree care. Volunteers plant, water, mulch and prune trees. Tree experts are hired to inject fungicide into the old elms, prune elderly trees and provide expert advice.

Your contributions will go directly toward tree planting and general care of existing trees in Harvard.

PLEASE SUPPORT HARVARD'S TREES BY CONTRIBUTING TO THIS PROGRAM. YOUR HELP SUPPLEMENTS THE WORK WE CAN DO EACH YEAR.

- \Diamond In addition to my tree fund donation, I am willing to volunteer my time to help with tree care and/or planting.
- ◊ I am enclosing a matching gift from my employer.
 Please make checks payable to the Town of Harvard with HTF in the memo line and mail to:

Harvard Tree Fund PO Box 74 Still River, MA 01467