Getting Involved

If you are interested in volunteering with the Denver Shade Tree Commission or helping with tree planting and education programs in the community, please submit the following information:

Name_____
Address_____
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Telephone Number _____
Email Address_____

Denver Shade Tree Commission
501 Main Street
Denver, PA 17517

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If you are interested in additional information concerning how to request a shade tree to be planted on your property, please submit the following information:

Name_____
Address_____
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Telephone Number _____
Email Address_____

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TREE CITY USA.

2016 Shade Tree Commission Members

Douglas Musselman, Chairperson
Stephen Binkley
Michael Cohick
Danny Rabold
William Walters

2016 Shade Tree Commission Projects

Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting Project, Saturday, April 23, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

North 4th Street Playground Planting Project

Shober Family Scout House Planting project

2016 Tree Inventory Project

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Borough of Denver
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History

The Denver Shade Tree Commission is responsible for the exclusive custody and control of shade trees in the Borough and is authorized to plant, remove, maintain, and protect shade trees on the streets and highways in the Borough. Shade trees are defined as any tree, shrub, or other woody plant in or upon any public right-of-way within the Borough or that part of any tree, shrub, or other woody plant which extends within the lines of any right-of-way within the Borough.

On March 6, 1989, the Borough Council of the Borough of Denver established a Shade Tree Commission of the Borough of Denver which was composed of three (3) residents of the Borough of Denver who served without any compensation. On October 27, 2003, Borough Council expanded the membership of the Commission from three (3) members to the current five (5) member structure.

The Commission meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Denver Borough Municipal Building.

Tree City USA

In 1999, the Denver Shade Tree Commission celebrated a significant milestone by being designated as a Tree City USA community. Through the efforts of the Shade Tree Commission, the Borough of Denver has maintained its designation as a Tree City USA for 15 consecutive years. During that period, the Shade Tree Commission also has been awarded various Growth Awards for special projects that have a significant impact on the community.

The Tree City USA® program, sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. To qualify as a Tree City USA community, the Borough is required to meet the following four (4) standards:

1. A Tree Board or Department.
2. A Tree Care Ordinance.
3. A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least $2.00 Per Capita.
4. An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

These standards were established to ensure that every qualifying community would have a viable tree management plan and program.

Benefits

Trees provide many benefits in the urban environment. They are deeply ingrained in our history, our legends, and our lives. Trees in the Borough soften the hard edges of our urban world. They add color and shade to our streets and provide homes for birds and animals.

Also, research suggests that a vital, healthy urban forest can boost revenues in retail settings. A recent survey in which participants were asked a series of questions regarding their opinions and attitudes about trees in retail settings verified that trees do make a difference. Here are some results:

· Consumers consistently preferred shopping areas that have trees.

· A well maintained, district-wide urban forest provides perceptual cues to customers, not only about the visual quality of a place, but also about the merchants.

· Consumers are willing to travel farther to visit as well as spend more time and money in a district that has trees. Trees and green spaces provide many benefits to our Borough. These include environmental, economic and social benefits.

<u>Environmental / Economic / Social Benefits</u>

· Moderate climate.
· Conserve water.
· Provide habitat for wildlife.
· Improve air quality.
· Provide noise and dust barrier.
· Reduce energy costs.
· Increase real estate value.
· Attract new residents and businesses.
· Attract shoppers and visitors.
· Reduce stress.
· Provide restorative experiences.
· Create community pride.