

Rochester City Tree Board

Trees are a critical part of any urban landscape. They provide a cooling effect, reduce noise, and improve air quality. Trees have also been found to play a roll in increasing urban biodiversity, improving resident's physical and mental health, and increasing property values.

The Tree Board's mission is to promote and direct a program of responsible cooperation between City government, public utilities and individual owners to effectively preserve, protect, plant, prune and positively influence the urban forest of our city.

The Board meets at the Rochester City Building at 5:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month. Additional meetings on the first Thursday are conducted on an as-needed basis. The public is always welcome and people with an interest in our urban forests are encouraged to attend.

Board Members

John Bowers, Chair	574-835-8174
Jim Mulligan	574-767-0924
Matt Frank	574-835-8512
Eric Biddinger, Secretary	574-835-5722

Tree Removal and New Tree Requests

By ordinance, the Tree Board is responsible for the area between the sidewalk and the street, more commonly know as the “tree lawn”. All trees and shrubs planted between the street and sidewalk or in a street right-of-way fall under the jurisdiction of the Tree Board.

Pruning and Removal Requests - The Board will evaluate the tree and determine if the tree is “at risk”. Only “at risk” trees will be removed at the city's expense. Homeowners may also propose pruning or removal of these trees at their own expense. **This form must be completed by the property owner before authorization is given to remove any tree in the above mentioned area.**

Replacement Trees - Replacement trees to be planted in tree lawns within the City of Rochester may be requested from the Tree Board. These trees are provided at no cost to the property owner. However, the Tree Board does ask that the landowner agree to properly care for the tree in such a manner as to promote its growth. While landowners may make specific requests, the final decision on size, location and species will be made by the Tree Board and may be made based on availability or site constraints.

Tree Board Tree Removal, Pruning, and New Tree Request City of Rochester, Indiana

Date
Name
Mailing Address
Phone

Submit completed forms to:
 Rochester City Hall
 320 Main Street
 Rochester, IN 46975

Office Use Only	
Received	
Evaluated	
Decision	
Action	

Work Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> Removal	<input type="checkbox"/> Pruning
Number of Trees:		
Site Address:		
Specific Location of Trees:		
Reason for Removal/Pruning:		
Work Funded By:	<input type="checkbox"/> City	<input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner

Replacement Requested	<input type="checkbox"/> New or Replacement Tree
Number of Trees/Preferred Species:	
Specific Placement of Tree:	