



the **Voice**

Columbia Township
Special Neighborhood Edition
Fall 2023

**NED has been
working hard
since you last
saw him!**

**600 new
street trees
are coming soon to
Columbia Township
neighborhoods!**

You Chose Street Trees!

...to be planted in your neighborhood as a part of a community-wide NED vote. “Neighborhood Economic Development” is Columbia Township’s new \$500,000 initiative to make our neighborhoods more beautiful and enjoyable for this generation, our children’s, and beyond.

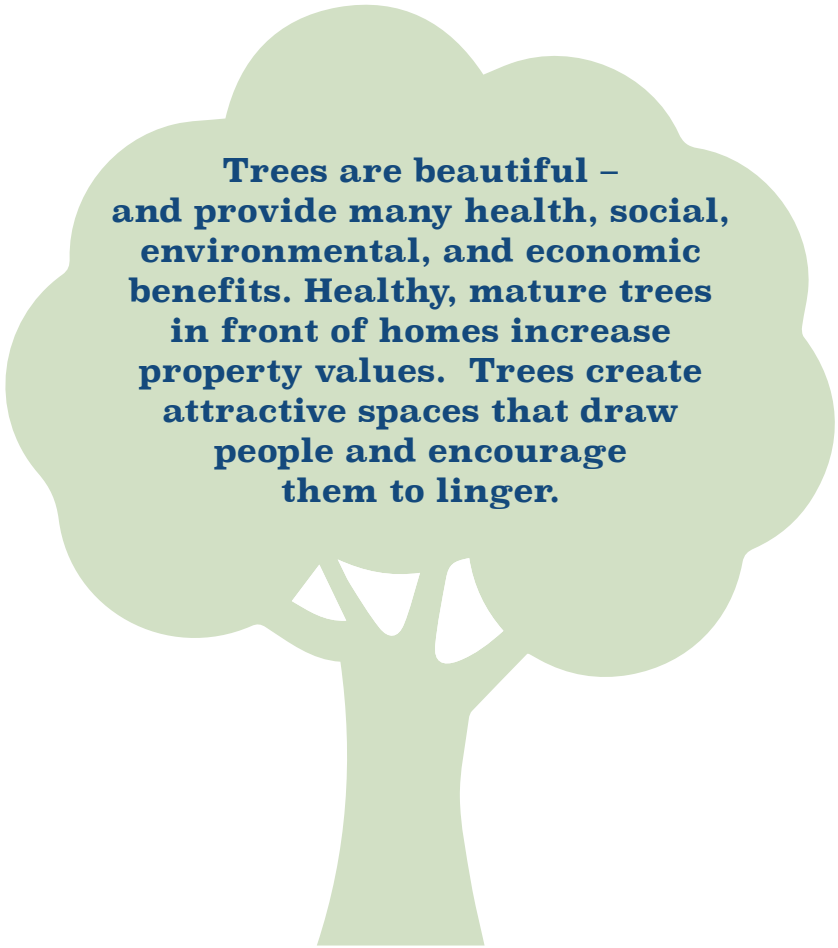
The Plan

NED will plant more than 600 new trees in arborist-recommended locations on participating streets during the tree planting season in late fall 2022 and 2023.

Our Certified Master Arborist/Certified Treecare Safety Professional Jerry Frankenhoff has been working hard to design new street tree* plans with Columbia staff.

Over many months of research, Jerry has helped create plans for the type of trees suitable for conditions on your street’s “tree lawn”. This “tree matching” includes: • assessing health of existing trees • locating above/below ground utilities • measuring size of street lawn and more!

Some locations are unfortunately not suitable for planting a new street tree – these locations typically have shallow underground utilities, low-hanging overhead utilities, are on a steep slope, or have other physical barriers to prevent planting or would kill a tree over time.



Trees are beautiful – and provide many health, social, environmental, and economic benefits. Healthy, mature trees in front of homes increase property values. Trees create attractive spaces that draw people and encourage them to linger.

The Streets

The NED Street Tree project is so large that contractors advised that it should be scheduled over two separate years.

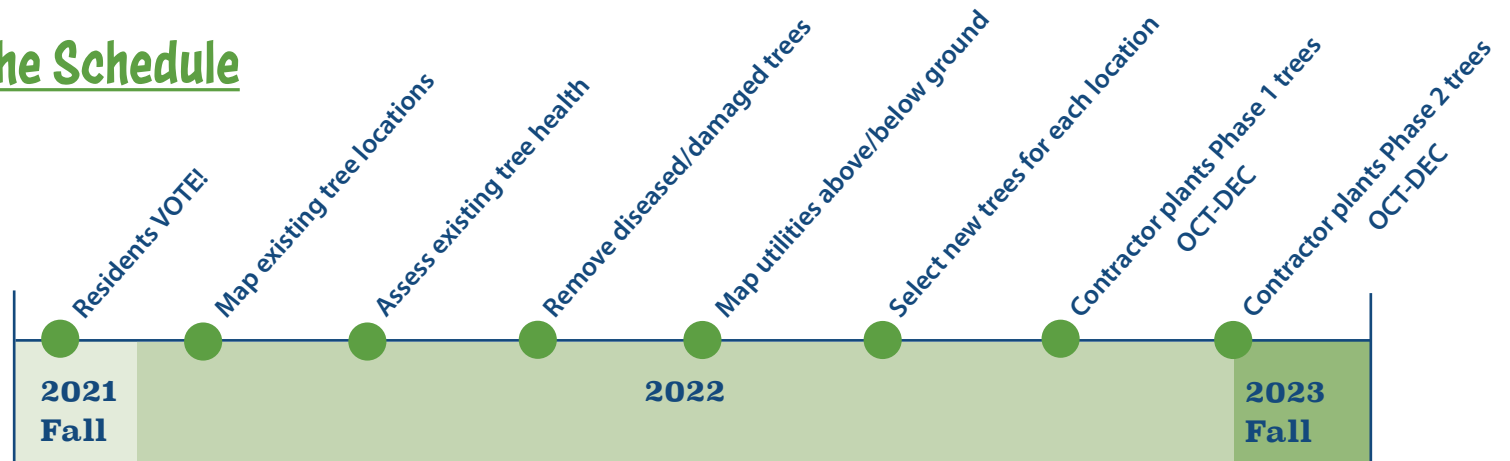
Fall 2022 Phase 1- completed!

Old Wooster Lane Madison Place West - all streets west of Plainville
Kenoak, Monardi Madison Place East – Bramble & Buckingham
Ehrling, Fredericksburg

Fall 2023 Phase 2

Madison Place East – remaining streets
Lucille, Donald
Maphet, Ebersole, Monning, Ravenna

The Schedule



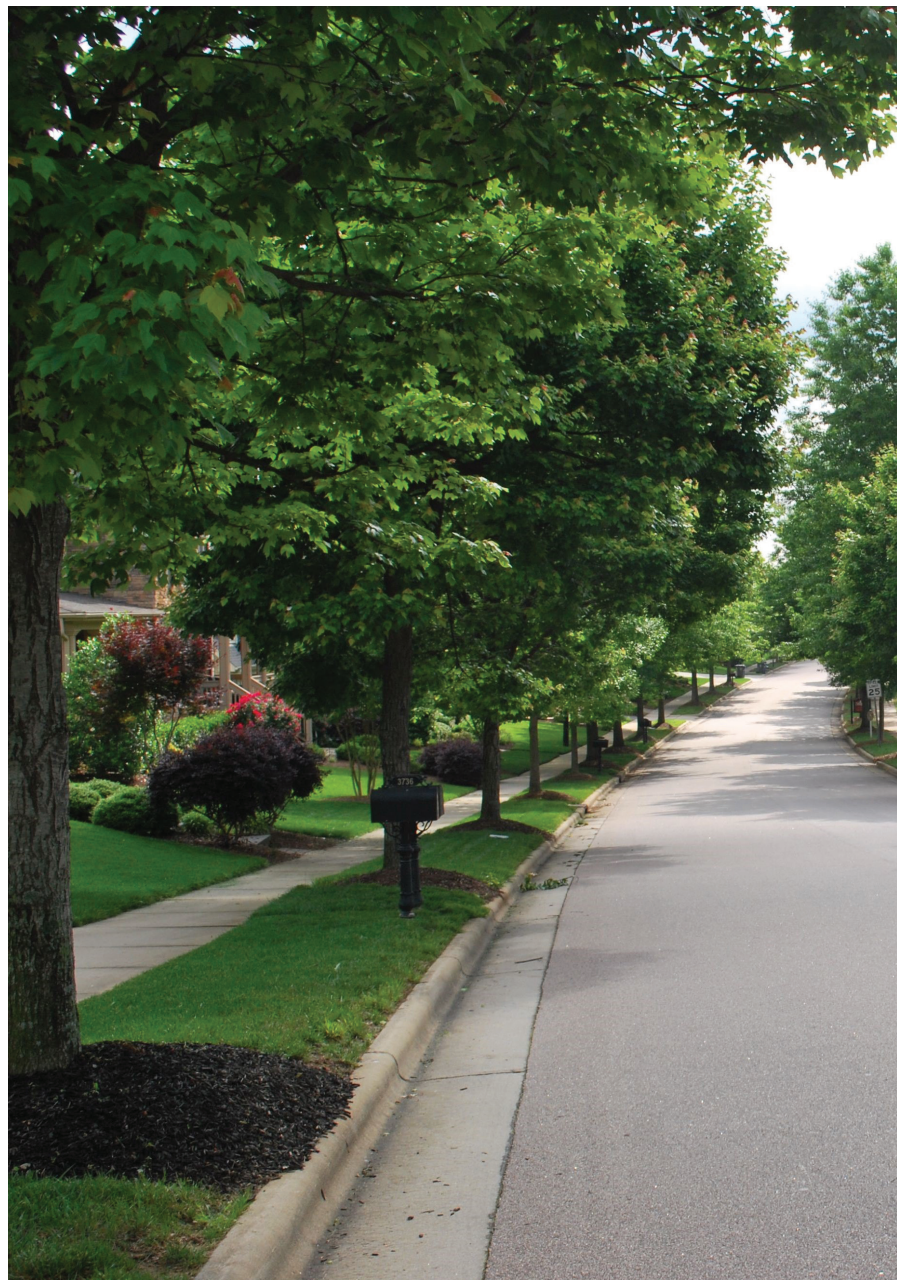
The Facts: Street Tree Health

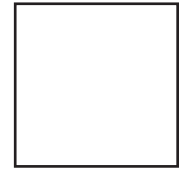
Look out your window or down any street to see that, together, we're working to **help our community's tree canopy thrive and flourish.**

Through NED, we've created a comprehensive Street Tree Health Program:

-  Mapping the locations and evaluating the health of more than 700 existing street trees.
-  For safety, we're removing damaged and diseased trees – or treating trees whenever possible.
-  All remaining healthy trees are being given a health report card to help with future monitoring.
-  All 700 existing and 600+ newly planted trees will be assessed every year by our certified arborist for health and safety.

***Street trees are planted along Columbia-owned roads within the public right-of-way which typically contains public utilities above and below ground. This area is called a street tree lawn.**





A Note from Jerry's Desk (aka The Great Outdoors!)



"For me, having the responsibility to plant and care for trees is very meaningful, it gives me the opportunity to make a difference on the world around me."

Jerry Frankenhoff is Columbia's Arborist and is principal consultant at Natural Solutions Urban Forestry. He provides our community with outstanding tree care, and unmatched knowledge and passion. Jerry has been involved in the design, planting, and maintenance of tens of thousands of trees in public and private settings. Jerry has 45 years of experience in Arboriculture, Horticulture and Urban Forestry including 18+ years at Great Parks.

*International Society of Arboriculture Board Certified Master Arborist
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International Society of Arboriculture Tree Risk Assessment Qualified
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