



2021 Goals

Weston Tree Advisory Group

Education - Planting & Stewardship - Community Support

TAG's
MISSION:
Promoting
Community Tree
Health



Education

Tree Planting & Stewardship

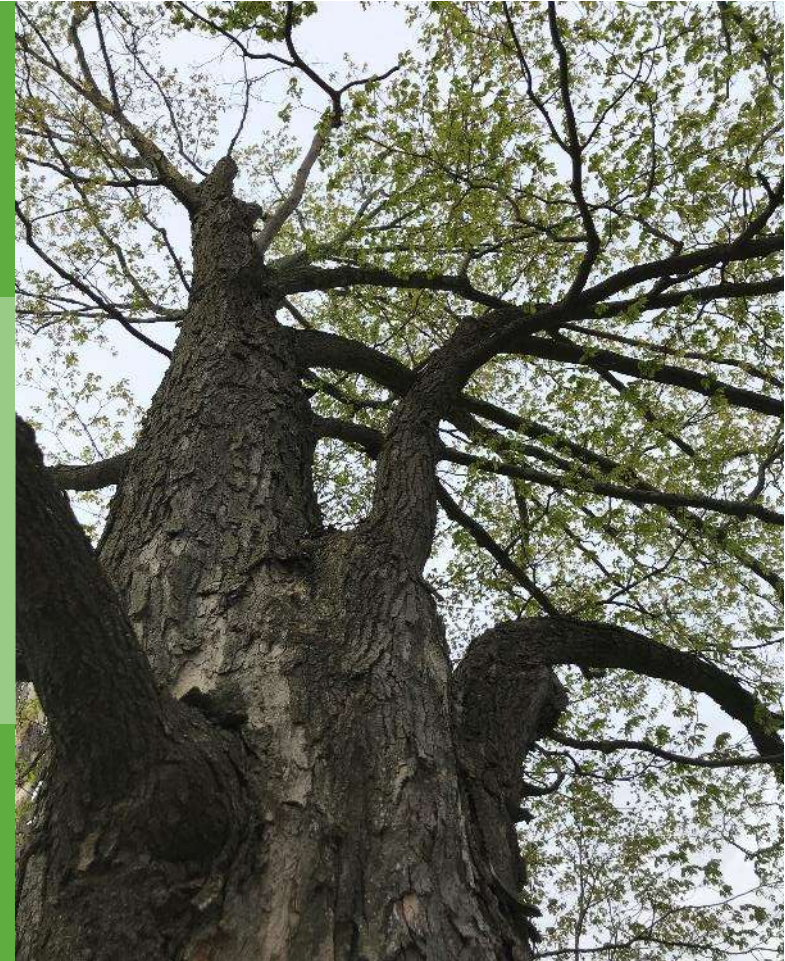
Municipal Support and
Community Collaboration

Our Roots: 2002

Weston's Tree Advisory Group has its roots in tree conservation.





It was established by the 2002 Select Board in response to the taking and clearcutting of a 30+ acre parcel of forested conservation land by the MWRA to make way for a new water tank and pumping station.

The Town of Weston received compensation for that loss of canopy to plant new trees.



Our Reasons Today

Weston's Trees:

-  Contribute to our semi-rural character
-  Clean and cool our streets and air
-  Diminish stormwater runoff and road noise
-  Provide valuable habitat and life to our neighborhoods

Our Reasons Today

Weston's Trees are:

- ! Weakened by successive droughts
- ! Damaged by extreme weather events
- ! Stressed by hardiness zone migration
- ! Diminished by lack of preventative maintenance

Through education,
stewardship and support of
municipal initiatives,

TAG will aid
Weston's tree infrastructure
as it faces the pressure of
climate change.

GOAL

BENEFITS

LOWER THE RISK of injury, road
closure and power loss due to
tree failure

INCREASE THE ABILITY to locally
mitigate and manage the
consequences of climate change
and increase in pervious surfaces
due to development, such as:

- street flooding,
- increase in air particulates,
- rising street temperatures and
- loss of habitat.

2021 Goals: Community Facing

1. EDUCATION

- Create an **online resource** dedicated to trees including: benefits, how-to's, external resources and municipal best-practices.
- **Revitalize Case Park** as a educational and practical example of landscaping best-practices in the age of climate change.
- **Write quarterly articles** for the Town Crier and other Media outlets with information from the online resource.



2021 Goals: Community-Facing

2. PLANTING & STEWARDSHIP

- Continue **Arbor Day planting** and maintain Tree City USA status.
- Explore creating a **Tree Donation Program**.
- Continue to partner with DCR on listing **“State Champion” Trees**.
- Preserve **historic Butternut Tree and Persimmon Tree** at Case Estates.



2021 Goals:

Town Committee & Department-Facing

3. MUNICIPAL INITIATIVE SUPPORT

- **Public Right of Way Tree** Working Group participation
- **Private Tree** Working Group participation
- Engage and develop initiatives related to the DPW's **Tree Inventory** follow-up
- Collaborate with the Conservation Commission on **Case Estate support**

OTHER: RESOURCE PERMITTING

- Using iTree Canopy, **track changes to canopy** over the last 10+ years
- **Tree Inventory Data analysis:** tree defects, inventory age vs. health, condition vs. risk status, etc.
- Downed tree tracker **database and GIS** information updating
- **Multi-Town Gas Leak Initiative** Tree sub-group participation





**Bring life to your yard.
Plant a native tree.**