

# Trees in Bliss & Laurel Parks Phase III

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## Community Preservation Act

Fiscal Year 2019

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**By Longmeadow Citizens to Save Our Parks**

Dedicated residents who want to preserve and protect our parklands  
and open space for future generations



Town of Longmeadow

November 28, 2018



## **Community Preservation Act Application -Phase III Revitalizing The Canopy of Trees Between Laurel and Bliss Parks on the Tree Belt of Laurel Street**

Dear CPA Committee-

Thank you for supporting Longmeadow's historic and beautiful open space. Laurel Street bisects the two northern parks in town. In 1929 the town residents approved at town meeting, the extension of Laurel Street, which ended north of the parks at Converse Street. As part of the "Merrill Plan" (named for George Merrill a town engineer and local resident) the Laurel Street extension linked the northern neighborhoods to the eastern center of town toward the Longmeadow Country Club, in a new winding street that paralleled Longmeadow Street. During the 1930s Laurel Street extended southward, eventually linking to Shaker Road.

Our group, Longmeadow Citizens to Save Our Parks, continues to have a clear vision and goals for our parkland. Under article 97 of Massachusetts General Law, the green space in the two parks will be preserved and protected for future generations. Since 1934, the residents of Longmeadow want to keep the land parcels now known as Laurel and Bliss Parks undeveloped in perpetuity. Over the years, many trees have reached their lifespan or been damaged in storms. Numerous trees have been damaged and lost. It is our goal to continue to plant trees in the area. During Phase II of our CPA grant, we have successfully planted 16 young trees in Bliss Park. Among the 16 trees are 8 Cherries, 3 native Tupelos, 2 native Sourwoods, 2 native Silver bells and a native Redbud, all chosen to enhance esthetics, wildlife habitat and biologic diversity. In phase III, we will focus on the tree belts on either side of Laurel Street.

Under direction of the town tree warden, we propose to plant tall shade trees in numerous vacant planting sites on either side of Laurel Street. Our proposed budget will allow us to purchase 28 trees from a local nursery, with delivery and installation included. The Tree Warden has been informed by the Director of the DPW that he will most likely not be able to contribute significant manpower for planting in 2019. If this should change, the cost would decrease by 50% and unspent

funds could return to the CPC fund. Alternatively, unused money could go towards gardening. Volunteers could add some flowers, greenery or shrubs around the playground area or pool. If approved, we anticipate that the planting would probably occur in the fall of 2019 or the Spring of 2020. A letter from our Tree Warden, Dave Marinelli, in support of this plan is enclosed in this application. I have also added two maps. The first is from the DPW showing tree locations along Laurel Street. The second map is from the town Assessors Office, showing the area to be worked on in Orange.

We held our annual cleanup day again in April, and had several volunteers helping us with removal of garbage, dangerous branches and fallen limbs. This year, we have worked closely with the DPW and they have helped us remove fallen trees in the trail area of the park and remove some of the piles of debris on cleanup day. We still have many ideas and visions for the parkland. We have a group of dedicated friends and neighbors who care about this open space and natural setting. In the spring we will be adding the picnic tables and then we will work toward making the trails safer and more user friendly. We hope to continue work for many years to come.

Longmeadow has been known, as a Tree City USA for over 15 years, and this work, if accomplished, will show our continued foresight for forestry care within this public parkland. Tree lost need to be replaced in an organized and systematic manner.

Please let us know if you needed any further information. Tree species will be carefully selected to be appropriate to the travel corridor, with an emphasis on long-lived mostly native varieties, with tall growth habit, and four-season interest. The Tree Warden has been carefully researching local trees and compiled a partial list of species under consideration. The list is enclosed for your review.

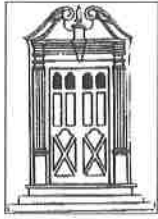
We will look forward to meeting with you to discuss the proposal. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betsy Port". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betsy Port  
& Frances Cress

With Patrick Carnahan, Kristin Carnahan, Craig Carr, Marsha Harbison, William Harbison, Moira Murphy and the residents who volunteer and support our efforts to preserve and protect open space in our community.



**Town of Longmeadow**  
 Massachusetts  
**Community Preservation Committee**



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*Application for*  
**Community Preservation Act Funding**

**Instructions**

1. Review attached Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding eligibility, selection criteria (Appendix), and application.
2. Prepare and submit 10 typed and double-sided copies of the application form and project description to the CPC, c/o the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 20 Williams St., Longmeadow, MA 01106.
3. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) will accept project proposals **through November 29, 2018** for possible consideration at the following Annual Town Meeting.
4. The CPC will review all applications and schedule a meeting with each applicant to discuss its proposal.
  - a. The CPC may ask for more information before deciding to recommend the proposal for funding.
  - b. The CPC may request that you present your proposal at a public hearing.
5. If the project is selected for a funding recommendation, the CPC will submit it to Town Meeting.
6. Town Meeting has the sole authority to fund projects.

*\* Please note that the Committee reserves the right to modify these procedures and timeframe. Emergency applications will be accepted at the discretion of the CPC. The committee reserves the right to reject applications that are incomplete or late.*

**Application Form**

For CPC Use: Project # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Received on: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Received by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Reviewed on: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Determination: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant Information**

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|--|--|
| Project Title: <b>Tree Belt Trees for Laurel + Bliss Parks</b> |  |
| CPA Funding Request: \$ <b>14,000</b>                          | Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$ <b>14,000</b>   |
| Applicant Name: <b>Betsy Port</b>                              | Contact Name: <b>same</b>  |
| Mailing Address: <b>212 Farmington Rd</b>                      | Community Preservation Act Category<br><br>Please check all that apply:<br><input type="checkbox"/> Community Housing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open Space<br><input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| City, State, Zip Code: <b>Longm, Ma 01106</b>                  |  |
| Phone/Fax: <b>413-567-0885</b>                                 |  |
| Email &/or Website: <b>BetsyHP27@gmail</b>                     |  |

*Please attach a project description and budget, as indicated on page 2.*

| Location | Section                   | Row | Latin name                           | Common name               | caliper/height | quantity | grow type | notes | Price |
|----------|---------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------|-----------|-------|-------|
| Amherst  | field                     | 50  | Acer freemani 'Jeffersred'           | Autumn blaze maple        | 1.5-2          | 11       | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 41  | Acer rubrum                          | Red maple                 | 1.50           | 7        | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 55  | Acer rubrum                          | Red maple                 | 2.00           | 2        | growbag   |       | 199   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 24  | Acer rubrum                          | Red maple                 | 2-2.5          | 6        | growbag   |       | 199   |
| Hadley   | main field                | 9   | Acer rubrum 'bowhall'                | Bowhall maple             | 1.00           | 11       | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | main field                | 10  | Acer rubrum 'bowhall'                | Bowhall mape              | 1.00           | 11       | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | J   | Acer rubrum 'bowhall'                | Bowhall maple             | 1.00           | 5        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | I   | Acer rubrum 'karpick'                | Karpick red maple         | 1.00           | 20       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | J   | Acer rubrum 'karpick'                | Karpick red maple         | 1.00           | 18       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | J   | Acer rubrum 'october glory'          | October glory red maple   | 1.00           | 18       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 10  | Acer rubrum 'red sunset'             | Red sunset maple          | 1.50           | 25       | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | main field                | 9   | Acer rubrum 'red sunset'             | Red sunset maple          | 1.50           | 25       | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | main field                | 10  | Acer rubrum 'red sunset'             | Red sunset maple          | 1.50           | 5        | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | J   | Acer rubrum 'red sunset'             | Red sunset maple          | 1.00           | 35       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | back field                | 5   | Acer rubrum 'someset'                | Someset red maple         | 1.50           | 22       | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 50  | Acer rubrum 'sun valley'             | Sun valley maple          | 1.5-2          | 5        | b+b       |       | 199   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 53  | Cladastris kentuckea                 | American yellowwood       | 1.5-2          | 11       | b+b       |       | 179   |
| Hadley   | back field                | 7   | Cladastris kentuckea                 | American yellowwood       | 1.25           | 2        | b+b       |       | 149   |
| Hadley   | back field                | 8   | Cladastris kentuckea                 | American yellowwood       | 1.25           | 15       | b+b       |       | 149   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 23  | Gleditsia triacanthos                | Honey locust              | 1.00           | 4        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | main field                | 12  | Gleditsia triacanthos 'skycole'      | Skyline honey locust      | 1.25           | 3        | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 39  | Gleditsia triacanthos 'streetkeeper' | Streetkeeper honey locust | 1.00           | 5        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 18  | Gleditsia triacanthos 'suncole'      | Sunburst honeylocust      | 0.75           | 1        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 21  | Gleditsia triacanthos 'suncole'      | Sunburst honeylocust      | 1.00           | 14       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | back field                | 6   | Gleditsia triacanthos 'suncole'      | Sunburst honeylocust      | 1.25           | 17       | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | containers                |     | Juglans nigra                        | Black walnut              | 1.00           | 4        | container |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | main field                | 19  | Laburnum x watereri 'vossii'         | Golden chain tree         | 1.50           | 7        | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | bags in back on sprinkler |     | Liriodendron tulipifera              | Tulip tree                | 1.00           | 51       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | A   | Liriodendron tulipifera              | Tulip tree                | 0.50           | 38       | growbag   |       | 119   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | A   | Liriodendron tulipifera              | Tulip tree                | 0.75           | 22       | growbag   |       | 119   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 41  | Nyssa sylvatica                      | Black gum                 | 1.00           | 3        | growbag   |       | 149   |
| Amherst  | near shed                 |     | Platanus x acerifolia                | London planetree          | 1.50           | 7        | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 53  | Platanus x acerifolia                | London planetree          | 1.5-2          | 15       | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | C   | Platanus x acerifolia                | London planetree          | 1.50           | 10       | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | E   | Platanus x acerifolia                | London planetree          | 1.00           | 2        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | F   | Platanus x acerifolia                | London planetree          | 1.25           | 4        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | H   | Platanus x acerifolia                | London planetree          | 1-1.5          | 48       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | G   | Platanus x acerifolia 'exclamation'  | Exclamation London plane  | 1.00           | 22       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 31  | Platanus x acerifolia 'bloodgood'    | Bloodgood london plane    | 1.50           | 5        | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | C   | Platanus x acerifolia 'bloodgood'    | Bloodgood london plane    | 1.00           | 8        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 15  | Quercus bicolor                      | Swamp white oak           | 1.25           | 2        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 22  | Quercus bicolor                      | Swamp white oak           | 1.50           | 15       | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 54  | Quercus bicolor                      | Swamp white oak           | 1.5-2          | 5        | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 79  | Quercus bicolor                      | Swamp white oak           | 1.50           | 1        | growbag   |       | 159   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 50  | Quercus coccinea                     | Scarlet oak               | 1.5-2          | 6        | b+b       |       | 159   |
| Hadley   | back field                | 6   | Quercus coccinea                     | Scarlet oak               | 1.25           | 13       | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | back field                | 7   | Quercus coccinea                     | Scarlet oak               | 1.25           | 22       | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | roundabout                | L   | Quercus coccinea                     | Scarlet oak               | 0.75           | 20       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | C   | Quercus palustris                    | Pin oak                   | 0.75           | 8        | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Hadley   | behind barn               | E   | Quercus palustris                    | Pin oak                   | 1.25           | 10       | growbag   |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 7   | Tilia americana 'redmond'            | Redmond linden            | 1.25-1.5       | 8        | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 10  | Tilia americana 'redmond'            | Redmond linden            | 1.25-1.5       | 3        | b+b       |       | 139   |
| Amherst  | field                     | 11  | Tilia americana 'redmond'            | Redmond linden            | 1.25           | 19       | b+b       |       | 139   |

Bliss + Laurel Parks  
 Partial List of Trees suggested  
 for areas along Laurel street

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**Longmeadow  
 Tree Planting**  
 November 26, 2018

**Legend**

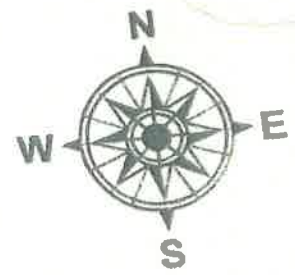
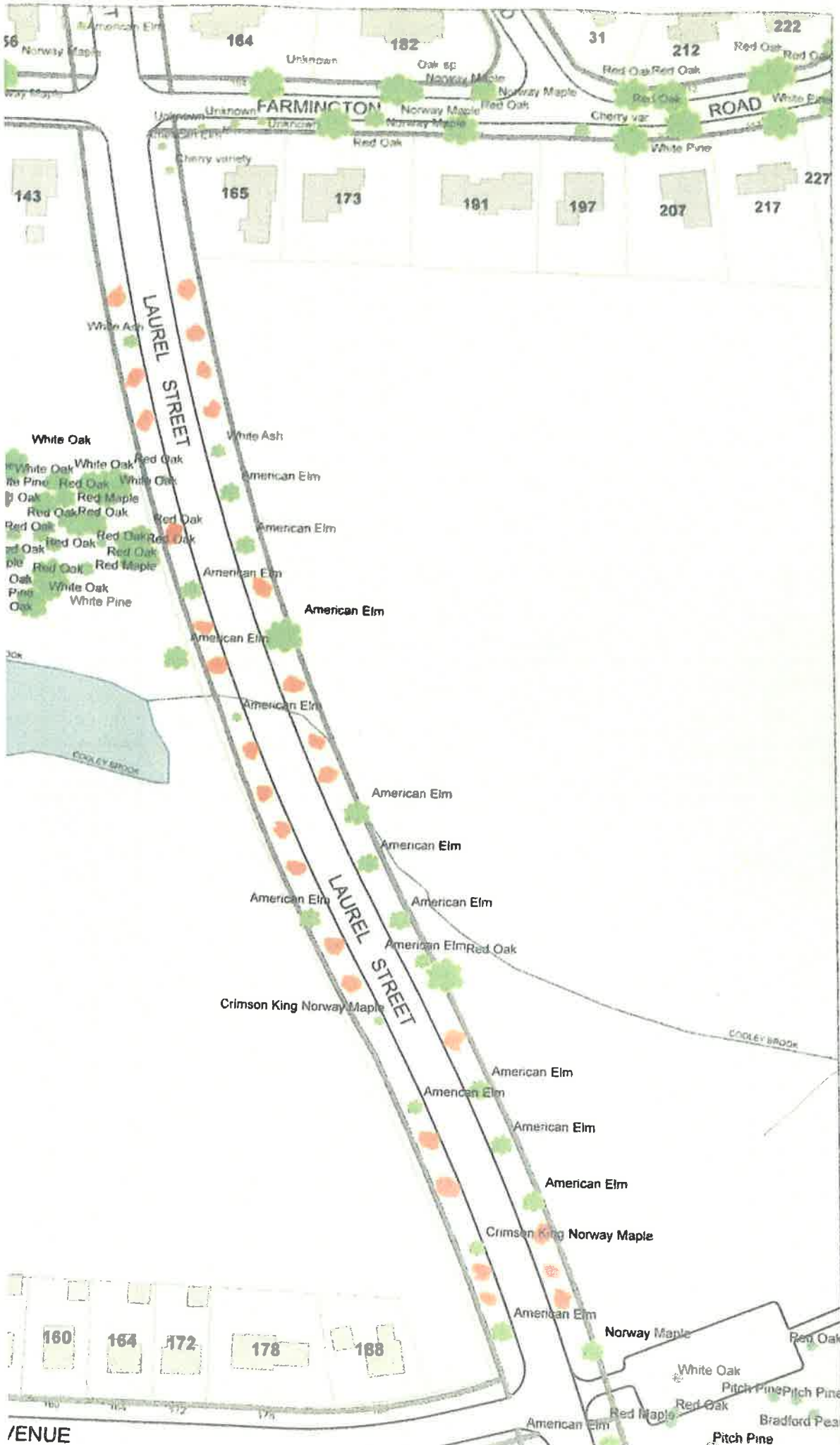
**Town Trees**

**DBH**

- 0 - 8"
- 9 - 12"
- 13 - 18"
- 19 - 24"
- 25 - 85"

- Sidewalk
- Road\_Edge
- Property Lines
- Streams
- Water\_poly\_local

● NEW  
 IN 2019





### bliss/laurel parks

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Scale: 1"=500'

Scale is approximate

The information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only. It is not adequate for legal boundary definition, regulatory interpretation, or parcel-level analyses.



Tight & Bond



9 Overbrook Lane Longmeadow, Ma

November 28, 2018

**Steven Weiss, Chairman And Members of the Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee 20 Williams Street Longmeadow, MA 01106**

**Dear Steven and Committee:**

I write in strong support of the application being prepared by Betsy Port and her committee, entitled: Tree Belt Trees for Laurel and Bliss Parks. Betsy and her committee have a documented track record for identifying important open space projects, planning them well and executing them on time.

**This project is especially important to me as Longmeadow's Tree Warden and Chairman of its Tree Committee. The street trees along Laurel Street between Farmington and Westmoreland are at risk because of limited diversity and introduced pathogens. At the present time there are 14 American Elm trees, 3 Norway Maples, two Red Oaks and two White Ash trees. The Elm trees are assumed to be a variety resistant to Dutch Elm disease, but resistance does not mean immunity, and Longmeadow continues to lose trees to Dutch Elm disease. One Elm has been removed from this segment of roadway since the last survey performed 4 years ago. The Norway Maples are known to suffer from severe cultural problems including girdling roots, and Norway Maples are at or near the top of the list of trees that are being removed in Longmeadow because of decline and decay. The White Ash trees will be dead within five years unless we begin to treat for the Emerald Ash Borer, which has already started killing trees in Longmeadow. The two Red Oaks are not currently facing any significant threat.**

**Because it takes so long for planted trees to reach their mature height, it is critical to have a program of continuous renewal. 28 planting spots have been identified among the 21 existing trees. The species selected for planting represent the best of our disease resistant, mostly native, tall-stature shade trees. Shade trees provide great benefit to the community in the form of summertime cooling, protection from winter winds, temporary carbon sequestration, stormwater management, wildlife support, and community ambiance. Studies have even shown that treelined streets promote traffic calming as they create the perception of a narrower roadway.**

**I urge you to fund this important open space project for the benefit of the entire community.**

**Sincerely, David Marinelli**

