

“There is not a village in America, however badly planned at first, or ill-built afterwards, that may not be redeemed, in a great measure, by the aid of shade trees in the streets ... and it is never too late or too early to project improvements of this kind.”

Andrew Jackson Downing (1815-1852)

AGENDA
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
TREES AND PUBLIC GREENERY COMMITTEE
8:00 AM – Wednesday, May 14, 2025
City Hall, Conference Room A and via Zoom

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1. Acceptance of Minutes of April 9, 2025 meeting
2. Removal requests:
 - **Marcy St dam near Sanders Fish Market** (red flagging): 2 crab apples, 1 box elder, good condition, removals requested and recommended by the City. Tree roots are growing around the dam and bridge infrastructure and if the trees remain, they will impact the site integrity.
 - **Connor’s Cottage, 1 Junkins Ave** (southern entrance): 1 tree lilac, good condition, removal requested by Portsmouth Housing Authority. The removal of this tree will facilitate the construction of an accessibility lift that will allow residents to enter from that side of the building. (See attached plan.)
 - **479 Broad St**: 1 Norway maple, 1 thornless cockspur, good condition, resident request. The removal of these trees will allow the grade of the sidewalk to be corrected and a driveway to be created.
 - **462 Lincoln Ave**: 1 little-leaf linden, fair condition, resident request, removal recommended by the City. There is decay and dead bark around the majority of this tree’s base. The top of the tree’s canopy is declining and not vigorous.
 - **178 Highland St**: 1 red maple, poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. There is a crack forming in a decayed section of the main stem, and the weight of the canopy is encouraging the defect.
 - **Indoor Pool parking area (Andrew Jarvis Dr)**: 2 Norway maple, fair-to-poor condition, removals requested and recommended by the City. Indoor pool staff are concerned that the trees can harm patrons of the facility. There is significant woodpecker damage to one tree and the other is declining.
 - **16 Barberry Ln** (red flagging): 1 ash, poor condition, resident request, removal recommended by the City. This tree is infested with EAB.
 - **Pease Wastewater treatment facility**: 1 Red maple poor condition, removal requested and recommended by the City. There is a significant amount of dead bark at the base of the tree, and there is a large cavity in the base with decaying heartwood. There is a crack forming between two included leaders.
3. Recap of Arbor Day 2025
4. Tree planting 2025

5. New Business

6. Old Business

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Bagley, Chair