



*Promoting and Maintaining
The Natural Beauty of Our Community*

Community Survey: The Future of Our Woods

The following are the open comments submitted with 205 surveys tallied.

5. The Borough is considering updates to its tree ordinance. What updates, if any, are most important to you:

Comments:

Pro-ordinance Comments & Suggestions (35)

- I do believe homeowners should have the discretion and ability to remove trees within reason, but guidelines for native trees, clear-cutting, and replanting would help protect the spirit of our neighborhood.
- I think a certified arborist should be required when there is significant tree removal happening for the purpose of property development. When it is an individual homeowner (and an existing home), they should not necessarily have to have an arborist come in, but they should need to get a permit for trees over a certain size or quantity.
- (We) greatly appreciate the efforts of the conservancy to help us protect our trees and shrubs! The DCNR representative who walked our property evaluated the health of our hemlocks and made recommendations to improve the health of our trees. Also recommendations were made for plants to help with erosion and names of plants that can thrive in lower lying wet areas. At their recommendation we have had an arborist treat our hemlocks. (He) identified and treated a problem with our box woods so that they are much healthier now. (He) also recommended the best way to protect our dogwood trees from the deer. We support regulations that help with maintaining the beauty of our wooded community and protecting our environment. I regret that I can not attend the borough meeting on November 7 to support recommendations of the Conservancy.
- New plantings must be protected from deer and this should be specified in any ordinance. When significant construction is to take place (on any lot) the zoning officer and a neighbor from any or all adjoining properties shall inspect the proposed cut line BEFORE any work shall be allowed to proceed. The neighbors will not have approval authority, however, their comments will be recorded and considered before the work authorization.
- Having approval to remove a few trees may be extreme but if you are planning on remaining multiple trees or more than 10% I think approval should be necessary. Whatever ordinance we do put in place needs to be enforced and we need to have penalties for that if they do not follow.
- My property has hundreds of trees, for me, replacing would only be necessary if I were to remove a substantial number.
- Would reduce 30% to 25% and have certified arborist required for removal of trees over a certain size or if greater than 25% per acre will be removed. Would also add automatic fine for violations.
- Direct oversight by a Bradfordwoods Boro representative during land clearing process. Substantial penalties for tree removal that was not approved.
- We all need to realize just how valuable trees are to the health of the neighborhood. I am not referring to the financial value, though they certainly do add that as well...but the overall health value of the soils, and all the organisms that dwell here.
- We are newer residents of the neighborhood and are not familiar with the current tree ordinance. However, we specifically chose this neighborhood because of the trees. While we can't answer

many of the questions in this survey just because we are not familiar with current borough efforts, we are supportive of any efforts needed to maintain the health of the trees and limit excessive removal of healthy trees.

- If a tree that is sick and dying is removed, and it can be replaced, then it should be replaced.
- During construction, all trees marked for removal must be approved and marked accordingly. Video documentation or photo documentation and site map of trees. Any trees removed beyond those marked would result in large financial penalties to home owner . People say one thing and remove anything with no consequence,
- We moved to Bradford Woods, because of it's wooded landscape. If we wanted to live in a tree free, McMansion development we could have moved to any # of such places, but we chose to live in Bradford Woods because we love the trees. We are deeply dismayed at the # of trees being removed from (...). The contractor and the owner of this construction lot were flagrantly unconcerned with the trees on the property which is appalling. There were insufficient teeth in the local ordinances to encourage them to behave better, we should make it financially unpalatable for them to behave so badly when the next home owner does something similar.
- I would if the removal percentage could acknowledge a preference for native vs invasive tree species -For tree replacement following removal of a tree, some specifications on the type of tree to be planted e.g. the same kind as removed, native species, etc.
- Stronger fines and consequences if someone breaks the ordinance.
- I always assumed there were real enforceable provisions in code or law that preserved the unique character of this town. I certainly hope that we will codify what I think everyone expects is already properly handled and enforced.
- If there is a requirement that a new tree be planted, it would be good if the Borough had some say in what it was to help prevent the introduction of new or more invasives.
- Generally, I think that the Borough needs to do more to raise awareness among residents of the importance of our trees, and stronger regulations are one way to do that.
- Maybe a copy of the ordinance should be sent out so that we know what is already in it.
- Percentage of vegetation on the entire lot, not a percentage of existing, a percentage of the total area.
- BW needs a proper plan with a certified arborist on board. Many of our trees are getting too large for the property and need a professional to assess the problem. Proper management of tree removal and trimming is more important than a percentage of trees.
- I also believe there should be proactive measures around annual inspections of trees that need to be removed due to poor health or pose a risk to people/property.
- No one enforces current law.
- Increase penalty if ordinance is not followed.
- If the Borough enforced the ordinance, it would be enough.
- Costs should be the responsibility of land/home owner/resident where trees are in question.
- More detailed ordinance and make sure homeowners are aware.
- I don't believe there is a blanket answer, each situation is different. I think permission should be granted if a certain percentage is removed.
- You are doing great work! Thank you!!!
- Enforce existing rules rather than adding additional ones. Increase penalties if rules broken.
- An enforcement procedure is necessary to make any ordinance effective. Allow residents to send photographs to initiate review.
- Specify size of new planting and the arborist should be at no cost to the homeowner.
- Need to enforce. If you don't love trees you wouldn't move here he would go to a planned community.
- Lots currently with little to no trees must plant new native trees.
- I feel it would be beneficial for exceptions to be in place for certain situations such as a disease tree or a tree being a hazard like falling on a home. However, if it is healthy (ex. ice storm, falling on a home, root rot) or one time allowance for a new development or 40% removal per acre.

- Part of the beauty of living in Bradfordwoods is the woods obviously, but the area is more private in terms of homeownership. Too much control will lead to HOA, no thank you.
- I haven't studied the issue, but since it purports to govern the disposition of private property, I believe there is a question as to the constitutionality of the ordinance.
- I would rather see tree awareness initiatives instead of tree regulation.
- We should not over react to a singular regrettable event by creating a new set of rules and bureaucracy that will prevent a property owner from developing, improving, or making his/her property safe. We don't need a tree police state.
- Since I own my property I do not think the Borough should be telling me if I want to take down a tree, plant a tree or maintain a tree. I pay for all of those services in addition to the property taxes I pay and I do not think the Borough should have the right or responsibility to control what I do with my trees on my property. It is the responsibility of the person who owns the property to deal with their tree issues.
- I do not want to be required to have permission to remove a tree on my property
- Some residents, like me, consider the number of trees they have to be overwhelming. I rejoice every time I cut down a tree. Less work in the fall. Less chance of a tree falling on my home. Trees can be messy, and are not something that need to be hugged. Any proposed change to the tree ordinance will be a stepping-stone for government (and another group of residents like the Conservancy) to be even more involved in my property on other matters. What are you going to look to next? Am I not recycling enough? Will I be allowed to kill the weeds that grow on my lawn? Will you force me to put a solar panel on my house? Stay out of my business.
- DON'T INFRINGE ON MY PROPERTY RIGHTS...ANY TREE REMOVAL IS ONLY MY BUSINESS....
- The Borough looks very different today than it did even 25 years ago when we moved here. Our "woods" have been gentrified with lawns and the natural aging of the woods with inadequate replenishment of the vegetation. While a tree ordinance sounds appealing and simple, I am not convinced a fair and enforceable ordinance can be constructed. The reality of the Borough's volunteer council with various degrees of expertise and the lack of funding available to enforce the ordinances that are currently on the books makes me skeptical that another vegetation ordinance is the answer. Moreover, the Borough residences have not come together to address deer culling. The deer have all but eliminated the understory and prevent natural reforestation. Another problem an ordinance cannot solve.
- I do not want Bradford Woods to become a homeowners association. The trees make Bradford Woods unique, and people shouldn't be taking multitudes of trees down and haven't, except for recent new building. There have not really been any incidents until recently which has impacted only one Bradford Woods resident. We don't really have new building in BW as there are few lots to be developed.
- I would be strongly opposed to having the Boro controlling decisions on my property. We live in an old established community not a newly developed plan.
- The Conservancy should NOT attempt to legislate forced tree management on homeowners in BW.
- Though I love the mature trees of BW, I do not want or need input from local government on how I manage my property. Most who purchase real estate here do it, in part, because of the trees and most will respect what nature has given. Of course, some won't but more regulation isn't the answer. It's our property, not the Borough's...
- These seem potentially invasive and burdensome. We don't like the idea of more regulations.
- I do not need or want a government entity questioning my judgment.
- I do not want to have to get a permit to remove trees.
- If you make it more difficult and expensive for residents to remove trees, then you will have more standing dead and diseased trees.
- I am more concerned with the dehydration of my property rights than I am plant health.
- I pay enough for the care and/or removal of the trees on my property. I do not feel that the borough has a right to govern my private property. Pay enough and tax money.
- I'm not interested in the borough regulating trees on my property I can or cannot cut.
- I believe that if you own the trees, you should be able to decide on your own what to do with them.

Mixed Comments and General Concerns (20):

- My understanding is that the current ordinances are vague. The first priority should be to more clearly define the current ordinance so that everyone is on the same page. Next I would add additional regulations, only if they are needed. I do not want to create division within our community nor do I want to make it too difficult for the 99% of the community that currently follow the rules. For example, if a healthy tree is hanging over my home and poses a threat to my home and families safety, I do not think a home owner should have to get a permit or permission to cut it down. Of course I do not support clear cutting any land in our community.
- We are strongly opposed to any measures that would apply to private residences. We are invested in taking care of our trees with Bartlett and do not want to be “told” what is best for our trees/property. To the extent these measures would apply to common ground, we would not have objections to reasonable regulations.
- The majority of homeowners will take down trees that are dying - At a minimal of aprox. \$200/tree, you do it when you have to do it.
- We are aware a new ordinance may be considered. To the extent there is an existing ordinance, we cannot say that we are familiar with it. I couldn't find the ordinance.
- I am vaguely familiar with the tree ordinance. I need to know more.
- I think we need to cull the deer population.
- We should allow removal of trees close to home if damage may occur due to storms...same if trees fall on the roads during storms.
- Hire professional hunters to help control the deer, they reproduce with twins each year. Twins are normal. Upper St. Clair had a great program hunters used bows and arrows and a silencer rifle at night time the hunters were trained professionals. Culling the herd is the only way to protect the trees and plants. Also helps control the population.
- The borough doesn't appear to be able to enforce the existing ordinance so adding new ones won't help. If you keep adding ordinances eventually you will put one in place for mandatory buyback of chainsaws.
- I didn't know about the existing tree ordinance until the recent razing of the property near forest road. I presumed a “green” neighborhood ethos existed in BW when we chose to move out of the city 18 months ago. ... We're thrilled and supportive of the work of BWC.
- Lots of the oak trees on my site are very old and losing lots of branches. I fear they will need removed in the future and the cost to do so is completely unaffordable! My trees can't be left to fall on their own because they are too close to house. This is obviously a concern for many who have older homes.
- Trees that have grown too large and cause damage to roofs of homes and town homes should be pruned or taken down.
- Safety should be considered first. Many old trees are rotting and could harm residents, children at play, and property!
- A large number of the mature oaks are diseased and pose a danger to life and property. These trees should be evaluated and removed if necessary. Fungi and dead branches can be seen everywhere in the borough. While you're at it, address all of the standing water ponds in the borough. They pose a threat of West Nile Virus, etc., includes Conservancy pond.
- Homeowners must be allowed to remove dangerous and diseased trees. I have lost 6 spruce trees to disease. I have and will remove dangerous trees. Many trees in the woods are now beyond their practical lifespan for a residential area. Also, removal of scrub growth improves the health and safety of older growth. Wood density has more than doubled in the past 50 years.
- The woods are in poor health with both evergreens and hardwoods that are diseased and in close proximity to my house and my neighbors on both sides. Some I own and most my neighbors own. Concerned about the protection of my home due to trees that are dead or diseased or in places where if they fell they would cause significant damage to my home.
- We moved here because of the trees and privacy, and the unique environment. We don't want the borough to evolve into a place just like every other suburban neighborhood. Currently, it seems like Council's fear of costs and litigation outweighs its concern for protecting the value of our properties.

- We don't have enough information to intelligently respond to this question. New building or existing?
- I feel that people move here because they enjoy the individualism of the properties. We want a plan and the people that live here and move here ones that care about trees.
- The deer are the biggest issue we face. There will not be any in 50 years when the large trees die due to the deer. They are a nuisance animal that brings nothing but negative, like car damage. How many specialties in the north need to get together to discuss how to limit those highly destructive animals (birth control or add hunting).
- We believe any ordinance should not infringe on private property owners ability to decide what is best for the health of our trees that is why we contract with a reputable company. I am apprehensive the concepts of the tree management; tree issues and healthy woods are far too broad and open the door for those on the council who are unprincipled to deviate toward self-serving matters and point to the Conservancy's initiatives as justification. Regrettably, my recommendation is to strengthen the tree ordinance and focus on enforcement. The task is straightforward and unambiguous and assuredly will benefit the community.
- This sounds good, but won't this add to the high cost of removing a dead or dangerous tree? How much could this cost?

6. There are many threats to our trees: invasive plants, insects, disease, deer overpopulation, changing weather, and age. Please check all options that you would support to protect our trees and the character of Bradford Woods:

Comments:

- We support all the recommendations of the Conservancy that advocate for our trees.
- There should be an ordinance discussing the necessity of diseased tree removal on a property if it is likely to spread such disease to other areas of the neighborhood.
- Better communication between owner and tree service.
- Our local taxes support the conservancy and their programs to alert residents of invasive species and how to maintain healthy trees.
- Thin the deer population
- Would like to see Boro look into getting group rates for invasive insect prevention/treatment such as hemlock trees.
- Need to do something about the deer.
- We need a deer management plan. Overpopulation is a serious issue that threatens people's lives as well as our vegetation.
- Conservancy fill role of Tree Commission?
- All above we feel are necessary.
- Allow owners to remove diseased trees and replant even if it drops the total tree count removal above 33%.
- Enter on private property only with owner's permission.
- Safety first, please!
- Deer control are destroying native tree species. Ordinance with consequences to prevent new contractors from removing too many trees.
- Ordinance should be communicated to new people who purchased homes and existing homeowners.
- A person should be designated from Boro residents to inspect properties for diseased and dangerous trees that should be removed.
- Strengthening the ordinance should include automatic large fines. Without punishment there will be no incentive for people to comply.
- Information is helpful but increasing Borough staff and costs is not.
- I am not in favor of increasing staff at the Borough. Can't we hold public forums and bring in people to discuss concerns?

- Allow hunting or sharp shooters to manage overwhelming deer population
- Are you kidding me? Who the heck has time to be on a "Shade Tree Commission"? Not one of you who prepared this survey are aware of the financial constraints that the Boro is under due to any number of state-enforced mandates. You now want the Boro to spend money on enforcing the Tree Ordinance? Or hiring "additional staff" to stare at the trees? I hope you all come out of your bubbles some day and realize you are spending time on an issue that needs no discussion. What you are proposing would be an egregious example of property rights violations in this Boro.
- The Conservancy is a valuable resource to members of the Community. I believe the key to maintaining the beauty of the neighborhood rests in educating the residents. The Conservancy is well positioned to lead this initiative. I am not on board with a government entity mandating what I can and cannot do on my private property.
- I would support positive actions that help the residents restore the woodland. I would support a tree planting program and believe the Redbud project is a good example of the type of program I think will benefit the Borough as a whole. I would also encourage the Conservancy and Council to be considering the acquisition of additional green space.
- "The forest was shrinking but the trees kept voting for The Axe for The Axe was clever and kept convincing the trees that because his handle was made of wood, he was one of them." ~Turkish Proverb
- There are many things that could help this situation. Additional Borough staff? How would that be paid for? Raising taxes? Resources? Of what type? I agree that it is important to look at the overall issue of our aging tree canopy and a tree management could help with that. Public education is an absolute must, but to include code enforcement, additional staff and resources without identifying what resources you are referencing? The 5th option in this question has too many ideas related to additional extensive costs to the borough. That's a different issue/question as I see it. As far as a "shade tree commission" how can I address that option without more information about how that would work and what it would entail? I would love to see something done like you did with the redbuds every so often. Could you do something with other varieties that do well here? Oaks? Dogwoods?
- I think we need to be wary of too many reports and studies. We essentially know what the problems are. Studies and probes can be an expensive excuse for doing nothing.
- I know from all the leaves that they are fine.
- Is there a reason that the current ordinance is not being enforced (resources-money)?
- 30% is far too many. What if adequate trees are present? 30% is difficult to assess. Does this include dead trees?
- Need more details and continue education and assistance.
- We have concerns as to how any tree ordinance will be enforced on private property owners. For instance who is tasked with making a final determination about the health of the tree – our expert of the boroughs expert? Any ordinance language would have to be very carefully crafted to address enforcement issues. We love this neighborhood and we do not wish to be turned into some type of community with mandatory rules. That's not what anyone who lives here bargained for.
- Additional staff not required. Council needs to recognize importance of trees and relinquish their stronghold to let experts manage tree strategy.
- I am not in favor of any of this if it results in killing wildlife under the guise of "healthy woods."
- Tie this into the building permit process. Consider having someone visit new Bradford Woods homeowners when they move in to educate them on tree issues so they understand the importance of tree health in the borough.
- Our borough should not invest in more shared resources – that is an individual's responsibility.
- Trees help air quality. Air quality is priceless. I would support and volunteer for Conservancy fund rather than for tree management funds.
- Have all grant possibilities been exhausted?
- If it would benefit homeowners properties, not just the borough properties, people may be more willing to donate more.
- We need more information before we decide on an amount.
- If others want to pay, let it be on an individual basis, not paying any more money in taxes.

- Provide a welcome packet to new neighbors with information on trees including our rules and suggestions.
- Partner with realtors to get the message out about Bradford Woods trees. The Tree City USA designation would be a great place to start. Realtors could be provided talking points about our community. People and builders that want to buy and build on the lot in Bradford Woods should have the highest scrutiny. This is where the ordinances have to be the strongest and the communication has to be exact on what is expected. I don't know if the people or builders have to sign off that they understand the commitment but they should have to.

7. If it meant better protection for our woods, how much would you be willing to pay annually to fund initiatives like those listed in the previous question?

Comments:

- I do think that we should be doing more to plant new (native) trees in our community. How that looks, and if it is part of the current tree ordinance I cannot say. This spring I will be taking part of my yard and transforming it into a American chestnut tree farm. My hope is create some interest in the community and possibly get more people interested in having these important and beautiful trees on their property. Once the trees are of proper age I will be giving them away to neighbors that would like some of these trees.
- I manage my own trees.
- Already pay enough maintaining trees on m property alone with cost of removing leaves and cleaning gutters, deck, etc.
- It depends - not paying for a committee that takes no action.
- Depends on where the money is spent.
- I have a sink hole behind my house that the borough needs to fix.
- Depends on what is being funded.
- Being in an HOA, we pay a high fee to maintain our properties and the natural setting. So another fee would have to be reasonable.
- Would contribute to having an arborist evaluate the trees to define a plan to deal with or remove diseased trees.
- We also must address the deer population who eat the underbrush of new growth in the patches of woods. They also eat the young trees and all the trees that we've planted.
- I'm all for protecting our woods, but not above the safety of our homes. Another more significant issue is deer overpopulation.
- Any tree which poses a threat to a neighbor's property and made aware of the owner becomes the owner's responsibility for any damage done. Act of God no longer applies.
- It is not a matter of \$, it is a function of an ordinance with teeth!
- I would not commit anything until more information is provided.
- I would HELP with tree removal, splitting, and chip spreading, at age 83.
- Are you kidding me?
- I do not think additional staff is necessary. Email bulletins, info to existing and new owners, demonstrate enforcement. Awareness and fines for noncompliance.
- Absolutely nothing!!! I will pay for what my property needs. I do not want to fund someone else's problem.
- I suggest we use volunteers. I pay taxes and am getting no support from the Borough regarding trees and would rather hire my own arborist if need be.
- Perhaps we could partner with local schools/universities to help progress on initiatives while keeping costs down.
- Each resident should be responsible for their own property.
- I would not give the Conservancy one penny. Why would I give the Conservancy, or the Boro, any amount of money for the "luxury" of being told what to do with my property?
- What prompted the Conservancy to believe not enough was being done to protect the trees?
- This is pending how we see money being spent and what it is being put towards.

- Taxes are withering! No justification for more!
- It would depend on what was proposed.
- My answer is heavily contingent upon the premise that "it meant better protection for our woods." I don't trust the Borough Council or management to actually use additional funds to help protect our woods in meaningful ways. Absent more proof that they actually care about our woods, I would rather use my money to fund groups like this one or political candidates who have demonstrated they will actually do meaningful work for our woods.
- Get rid of some of the deer as they do more to ruin our trees and vegetation than any of the human population.
- The problem is that the native trees are reaching full maturity and the deer are eating all the new growth.

Additional Comments:

- The Boro could partner with reliable and certified experts and perhaps offer special rates to the residents and landowners.
- What about a survey around the control of thru traffic and speed - BWDS pays for Bradford Rd Speed Humps??? GPS routes tons of the traffic from 910 and 19!! Speed Humps BTW Wexford Run and 19 on Bradford
- I am leery of giving the boro too much power over residents private property. Regulation tends to escalate over time.
- We moved here to BW because the trees in the fall reminded me of our family cabin in Seven Springs, and for my husband, his family's tree farm. It was not one of those clear cut community neighborhoods where a homeowners association decided the color of your house and the mailbox color. Ordinance after ordinance!! Therefore, I am opposed to the council's wish to impose ordinances of what I can and cannot do on my private property. The Conservancy does a wonderful job of informing, education the borough residents of the dangers to our trees; enabling the residents to make decisions for their investments without the borough government dictating and policing.
- Understanding is conflicted by reality.
- I do not know what the Borough does to protect trees throughout the Borough. They have never done anything on my property. I am concerned about disease effecting Evergreens even though we spray them.
- Should I be concerned about the future of the woods? Is there something we should know about?
- I think there should be more information for all of your questions to answer appropriately OR a space underneath each of the first four questions for comments. Having simple yes or no questions like "are you concerned about the health of trees or the future of the trees in Bradford Woods" ...who in their right mind wouldn't answer yes to either of those things? It skews the data to make the questions black and white with no grey area to respond. The other thing about surveys like this is that you will only get people to respond who do care about this sort of thing. So how is the data from this survey going to adequately represent what the entire borough wants? It may be what we as tree lovers want...but we are not ALL of the community. As far as the borough doing enough? What does that question even mean? It is not a simple yes or no answer. The borough/ council can only do something within the confines of the law and ordinances that are present. What do you want them to "DO" more of? They have limited full time employees, other zoning officers that we share with other municipalities, and limited financial resources. Council members are unpaid members of our community that step up because they care about the community and want to help/ represent what is best for ALL members of our community. What else should they be doing that you pose the question of the borough...Are they doing enough? You obviously from the way the question is stated without room for response, feel that they aren't so this question is pretty loaded in it's form. Everyone has different dynamics to their type of property in Bradford Woods. There are so many lots that don't conform to a norm. To make a blanket proposal about %'s of removal... counting trees, when some have hundreds and others may have 4? It's difficult to impose a "per acre" percentage when each lot has such vast differences. Who pays for certified arborists every time you need to take down a tree of a certain size? I agree with tightening the ordinances but I don't want a home owner association type neighborhood that dictates what I can and cannot do on

my property. I LOVE trees...I have planted in the last 4 years or so 12 new trees on my property and plan to plant more. I've planted evergreens and natives because they belong here and do well...and ALSO an ornamental ...Because I LIKE THEM and it is my property . I love Bradford Woods...I love the trees...but I also love other things about the borough in addition to the trees. It is not the only reason I moved here. With that said, yes, we do need to manage our woods to make sure it is here for our children and grandchildren! WE ARE a hidden jewel of a community.

- The Borough and residents have decided to protect the local deer population over the health and development of new trees. Each deer eats 20-40 lbs. of vegetation a day
- Planting a new tree takes decades to reach a mature tree. We moved to Bradford Woods for the beautiful mature trees.
- I haven't lived here long enough – didn't know these things existed.

The following letter was submitted along with the survey, addressing many of the survey questions:

The goal to protect our trees is a noble one, and one I support; however, the details we implement are very important to me.

The house behind me had the yard mainly clear-cut by a couple that flipped the house. That is what I want to stop. ...

We have a number of new young families moving into Bradford Woods. We also have a number of people who are retired on limited income. How do we ensure that we do not create a physical or financial burden on them?

When we think about tree maintenance and sustainability there is a wide gamut of conditions to consider: I had to take a 40 foot tree next to our house due to the risk to our house. I should not have to have a permit or get permission to protect my house. I had major tree damage from the wind damage of the trees. A large tree came down and took down another large tree compromised a medium-size tree and destroyed a smaller tree. The tree service found another three trees with less than 45% integrity that I had taken down. I should not have to get permission to address this normal maintenance. And if I wanted to leave a downed tree I should have that option. I have ordered two red buds and transplanted 10 tree saplings to fill in the gaps in my yard and three weeks after the planted the deer ate them. Replanting does not always work out.

So how do we get citizens/neighbors to want to protect their trees and actually think about the trees? Apply for the Arbor Day foundation Tree City USA designation. If you have a plaque identifying our community as a tree city people will have pride in our Bradford Woods trees. They will be invested in the trees. Requirements to the tree city are: A tree board, Tree care ordinance in place, community forestry program with an annual budget of at least two dollars per capita and an arbor day proclamation and observance.

Communication and education is critical. The Heron publication is an excellent resource for sharing our values for nature and additional information about trees. Provide a way that people can ask questions about their trees. The yearly Forester visit is a wonderful source of information. Set up the ability to share the small saplings that spread in our yards.