

NEW TREES FOR OUR CITIES

**Cities of Ashland, Bayfield and Washburn,
and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa**



2014-2015 GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

The *Chequamegon Bay Urban Forest Restoration Project*, a cooperative effort to plant city boulevard trees to filter water before it enters Lake Superior, was funded by the Urban and Community Forestry Program (Great Lakes Clean Water Initiative) of the USDA Forest Service. Cooperatively, 142 trees will be planted in 2014; Ashland has planted 70 trees, Washburn 30 trees, Bayfield 30 trees, and Red Cliff 12 trees.

The grant was written by Art Ode, City of Bayfield Forester, and he has been instrumental in its implementation. Ode, is a nationally known horticulturist retired from a long career in management at prominent botanical institutions including the Boerner Botanical Gardens, the New York Botanical Garden and the Cox Arboretum and Gardens. Today, Art continues to offer landscape and garden design and management consulting services for residences, estates, businesses and institutions.

Runoff water from city streets is a major source of Lake Superior pollution, and it can best be addressed by vegetation filtration by city park and boulevard trees. These 142 medium sized trees will filter more than 160,000 gallons of runoff water in a single year, so this project represents significant improvement in Lake Superior water quality in the Chequamegon Bay region.

The new trees will also greatly increase the urban forest canopy as they mature, having a significant impact on oxygen generation, carbon sequestration and ambient temperature.

The trees are a mix of ornamental and shade trees, including swamp white oaks, lindens, mountain ash, flowering crab trees and Japanese tree lilacs.

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