

TREE BOARD END OF THE YEAR REPORT 2024 CITY OF BAYFIELD WISCONSIN

As we proceed into the New Year, 2025, the Bayfield City Tree Board has a great deal to be proud of in 2024.

In January, 2024, our tree board applied for an urban forestry grant, but we were not awarded the grant. We are going to apply again for another one in 2025 with a new outlook on ways to prepare for our grant approval. Despite the shortage of funds due to costs of cutting and stumpage for large trees in our community, we were able to remove seven of the large dead and decaying trees. We have a number of trees in our urban population that are very old and unhealthy and are a nuisance to the residents and homes in the community.

Using tree board members' volunteer time, we removed Buckthorn, Japanese Knotweed, and dead Ash trees that had died from Emerald Ash Borer and had to be removed from private properties.

During our annual spring Arbor Day celebration we had the fourth grade students from Bayfield elementary school, their teachers, and our mayor, Ted Dougherty, as well as urban foresters from Washburn, Wisconsin, assist in planting six flowering trees in the Ladies Civic League park in front of the Bayfield Inn in the city of Bayfield.

Throughout the summer and fall, the tree board members trimmed healthy trees, cut down smaller dead or unhealthy trees so that we would not have to pay the costs for commercial tree services.

This summer and fall, we planted seven shade and ornamental trees on the city boulevards as requested by city residents.

In addition to our hard work, we added two more members to our tree board, making a total of eight enthusiastic, hard working individuals who contributed over 196 volunteer hours in 2024.

Our contributions to the beautification of the city of Bayfield and, in a small part, to reduce the CO2 emissions, provide oxygen to the environment, and to help reduce global warming, make us proud to be members of the tree board in our community. We are off to a good start in 2025.