

Tree Warden Notes

September 9, 2015 to October 13, 2015

9-8-15 I got an email from Elise Schadler, Community Outreach Professional - Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program - University of Vermont Extension. Elise is working with a crew to inventory Brattleboro trees. Robert Clements, Brattleboro Tree Advisory Board members, and I have been directing Elise as to what trees and areas of town that we are interested in having inventoried. Elise says in her email that her crew has inventoried all that we have asked and she is now looking to do more. After getting the OK from the School Department and consultation with Robert and others I wrote her an email giving her further directions on continuing the inventory that would include school yards in town.

Elise also gave me instructions on how to view the inventory work that had been completed at that time online. I did view the work online. Very interesting. I will look into it further when the inventory is completed.

If someone else wants to view the work they can call me or follow Elise's directions:

1. Using Internet Explorer (doesn't work well in Chrome), Set your web browser to <http://anrmaps.vermont.gov/websites/anra/> (or search "VT ANR Atlas")
2. Zoom in to Brattleboro by double-clicking or by using the +/- scale navigation tool in the upper left portion of the map (the tree data layer won't show up unless you are zoomed in to the town-level so that you can see the street names on the map).
3. In the information pane on the left of the screen switch over to the "map layers" tab at the bottom.
4. Expand the "Forests, Parks, & Recreation" heading,
5. Click on the box to the left of "Urban Tree Inventory" to load public tree data (it might take a moment for the layer to load).
6. Once you see all the trees on the map, you can zoom in and right-click on any individual tree and click on "What's here"; when you do this, the left information pane will change to give you the basic details for that specific tree.
 - o To access all of the information collected on that specific tree, click on the grey text title of the tree in the left pane and a new window will open with all of the inventory data.
 - o In this new window there are three tabs: "Details" and "Attributes" display the same information in different formats and if a photo was taken of the tree, it will show up in the "Attachments" tab.

10-7-15 I got an email from Carol Barber. She had emailed Steve Barrett (Public Works) to get my email address (Town Tree Warden). Seems that Carol is interested in knowing what kind of tree it is that is sitting atop the retaining wall on High Street, just where Green Street comes down to meet High on the Odd Fellows Building lot. Carol refers to me as 'the town tree expert'. Interesting I don't know what kind of tree that is. Bob Everingham has identified it for me before but I've forgotten. I think that it is some kind of hickory that grows a good distance south of here. I will ask Bob again and inform Carol.

Current and ongoing

Bob Everingham (Tree Advisory Board member and local arborist) and I have been working on the elm tree at the Transportation Center on Elliot Street. Bob took samples from the tree and found that it has contracted the Dutch elm disease. Peter Elwell (Town Manager), Patrick Moreland (Assistant Manager), Jan Anderson (Town Manager's secretary), and Transportation officials are all supporting the attempt to save the elm tree. Bob inoculated the tree in late August.

There is a large main leader in the center of the tree that has died and needs to be removed. Bob took photos of it and we used the photos in emails. Bob contacted Godfrey Renaud (local arborist and tree surgeon) to do the work. Godfrey was concerned about the 3 phase power line that runs through the tree. When Donna LaScaleia (Green Mountain Power) was asked about it she volunteered to have her tree crew take the limb out. Bob will oversee the operation if all works out as planned.

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