



City of **MUNCIE**

Parks Department



The Muncie Urban Forestry Committee (MUFC), working with the Muncie Urban Forester, oversees 12,400 trees located in the public right-of-way and on City-owned property.

Trees growing in the city provide many benefits, such as cleaning the air and water, preventing violence, making roads last longer, increasing property values, reducing heat generated by buildings and paved areas, and providing habitat for wildlife.

As the Urban Forestry Committee we work to ensure the City's tree code is upheld and updated as needed. The committee also establishes consistent standards and guidelines, such as a recommended street tree list and a prohibited street tree list and provides information to educate you, the homeowner, on tree care, maintenance, and the benefits of trees. Please, pick up your own copy of *Trees in the City: A Homeowners Guide to Planning, Planting, and Pruning Trees* at the Muncie Parks Office or online at [muncieurbanforestry.org](http://muncieurbanforestry.org).

The committee works to maintain Muncie's Tree City USA status (2010 marked 12 years for Muncie as a Tree City USA participant!). They research grant opportunities and seek other funding opportunities. They maintain an up-to-date Tree Inventory and make it available to the public, which is available on-line at [muncieurbanforestry.org](http://muncieurbanforestry.org). Along with maintaining a list of tree care professionals working for hire within the city limits that are insured, trained, and licensed to do business in the city. Check out this list on-line at [muncieurbanforestry.org](http://muncieurbanforestry.org) or stop by the Muncie Parks Office.

The Muncie Urban Forester is Kellie McClellan, who is a Certified Arborist and Municipal Specialist through the International Society of Arboriculture. She enjoys being able to work outside, meet people like you, and see immediate improvements in the landscape. The best way to reach Kellie is through e-mail at, [kmcclellan@cityofmuncie.com](mailto:kmcclellan@cityofmuncie.com) or by calling the City Parks office, 747-4858.

In 2009 and 2010, 112 (2" caliper) trees and 400+ seedlings were planted and 107 trees were removed.

**Remember to investigate where the City right-of-way is in relation to your property!** You need the permission of the Urban Forester to remove, prune, or plant a tree in the City right-of-way or on City-owned property (City code Chapter 97). If you have questions about the right-of-way, call the Delaware County GIS office at 765-213-1269.

The Muncie tree code is available from the City Clerk's office at 765-747-4831. All city codes are also available on-line on the City of Muncie website, [cityofmuncie.com](http://cityofmuncie.com).

If there is a problem with a tree in the right-of-way or on City property, you can call the Parks Department office at 747-4858 or submit a tree problem online at [muncieurbanforestry.org](http://muncieurbanforestry.org). If there is an immediate threat to public safety,



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please call 911. For trees blocking the street after normal business hours, contact the Muncie Police Department at 765-747-4838 and they will contact the Street Department Supervisor on call.

The Urban Forestry Program has received the following grants:

**Urban Forest Conservation Grant awarded in 2007**

by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

This grant funded an initial tree inventory, *Trees in the City: A Homeowners Guide to Planning, Planting, and Pruning Trees* booklet, planting of 35 trees, and training for the Urban Forester.

**Community Development Block Grant Funds awarded in 2008**

by the City of Muncie

This grant allowed the planting of 18 trees in City right-of-way in front of the Muncie Central High School.

**Make Your Trees Count- Urban Forest Conservation Fund Grant awarded in 2009**

by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources

This grant funded the completion of the tree inventory and secured tools for the City's Urban Forester to maintain the updated tree inventory.

