

Recent Charleston Tree Board Activities

2011

- Tree topping seminar held to promote better alternatives – 35 attendees.

2012

- Distributed posters to public to not move firewood.
- Distributed information to public on how to avoid tree damage during construction.

2014

- Emerald Ash Borer preparedness plan created.
- Tree City and Tree Campus applications made and approved by Arbor Day
- Grants investigated for invasive plants removal at Lake Charleston
- State Champion Black Oak submitted and approved
- Worked with City to reduce tree removals with sidewalk construction.
- Evergreens planted with girls softball team at NECO field.
- Spreadsheet of known ash trees made.
- Emerald Ash Borer traps set out.
- 8 trees planted at Sister City Park
- Hazardous trees removed by city crews on city property (ongoing)
- Known EAB-infected trees removed on city property (ongoing).

2015

- Trees of Merit nominated (tamarisk, swamp white oak, golden rain tree, State Champion black oak).
- Emerald Ash Borer workshop held.

2016

- 3 Redbud trees planted at Jefferson School with help by students.
- A red maple was planted at the Ashmore Habitat for Humanity home.
- Ongoing Emerald Ash Borer monitoring.
- 12 sweet bay magnolias and red maples planted at NECO and South Baker fields to shade bleachers.
- 5 Pink Princess Crabapple trees planted at Woodyard Park by city crews.

2017

- 11 oaks planted with help by Jefferson students at South Baker and Junior Football League fields to shade bleachers.
- 2 Emerald Ash Borer-infected ash trees taken down by city crew at South Baker field.

- Spring workshop held for the public on tree selection, proper planting, and pruning.
- 2 flower plots planted along Lincoln Avenue for city beautification.

2018

- 2 White Oaks (the Illinois State Tree) planted at the Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum at the fairgrounds.
- Ceremony held headlined by EIU president David Glassman to commemorate the planting of a seedling that was grown from an acorn dropped by the old Bur Oak that stood for years on the east side of Old Main at EIU.
- Assisted city and numerous volunteers with the planting of over 60 trees and shrubs at the Lake Island tract at Lake Charleston.
- Planted 2 flower plots along Lincoln Avenue for city beautification.

2019

- Planted 3 redbud trees on the west side of Jefferson School with help from students.
- Led EIU adult classes on tree ID and management at Douglas-Hart Nature Center
- Planted 2 flower plots along Lincoln Avenue for city beautification.