

MAPLEWOOD
MEMORIAL
PARK
CONSERVANCY

2023 MMPC Annual Public Meeting



Agenda

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Who We Are and What We're About

Annual Financial Report

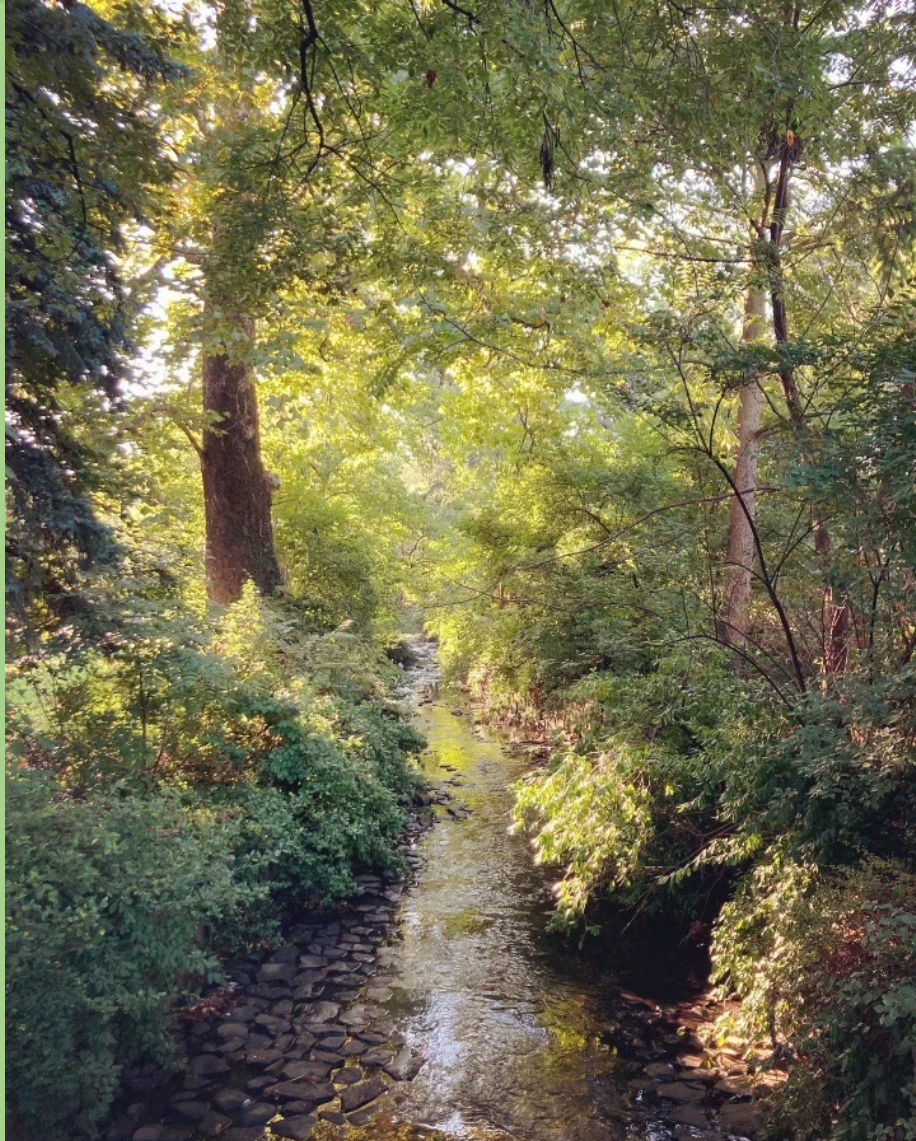
Projects and Programs -- A Busy 2022

Plans for 2023 and beyond

Q&A, Suggestions & Comments

Who We Are

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2023 Board

- Deborah Lyons (Chair)
- Gary Nelson (Vice Chair)
- Ginny Kurshan (Secretary)
- Dennis Percher
- Susan Newberry
- Lara Tomlin
- Andrea Curley
- Daniel Wright
- Nancy Adams, Township Liaison
- Jennifer C. Ryan, Landscape Consultant



Jennifer C. Ryan, landscape designer



A Conservancy for a Historic Park

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The Conservancy's Mission

To preserve, maintain, and improve Maplewood Memorial Park

The Maplewood Memorial Park Conservancy, a public-private partnership with the Township of Maplewood, works to enhance the beauty and sustainability of this landmarked oasis at the center of our town. In concert with the Township, the Conservancy develops long-term master plans, designs and executes landscape projects, performs regular maintenance, hosts engaging events, and seeks funding sources to ensure our beloved park continues to serve the many and varied needs of our community.



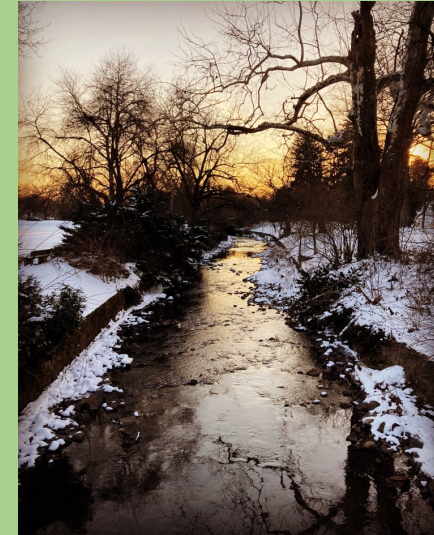
Memorial Park: A Refuge and a Place of Gathering

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... This park in Maplewood must not only serve adequately the requirements of present-day ideals in out-door recreation but must also appear a thoroughly beautiful and attractive adjunct to the town itself. In many ways the park ... must reflect the ideals of the town and stand out as one of its most striking natural features ... a pleasant place of meeting, an attractive place to pass through from one part of the town to another, a place by its beauty to draw one to it.

--from A Memorandum on the design of
Maplewood Park
Percival Gallagher, Olmsted Brothers Landscape
Architects, February 8, 1923



Financial Report

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MMPC 2022 Annual Report

Opening Balance	\$15,597.45
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Income:	\$ 4,030.78
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Expenses:	\$ 5,732.70
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Y/E Closing Balance	\$13,895.53
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Tree Fund (Restricted):	\$ 6,778.34
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General Fund:	\$ 7,117.19
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TOTAL ASSETS:	\$13,895.53
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Restoring and Protecting the Tree Canopy

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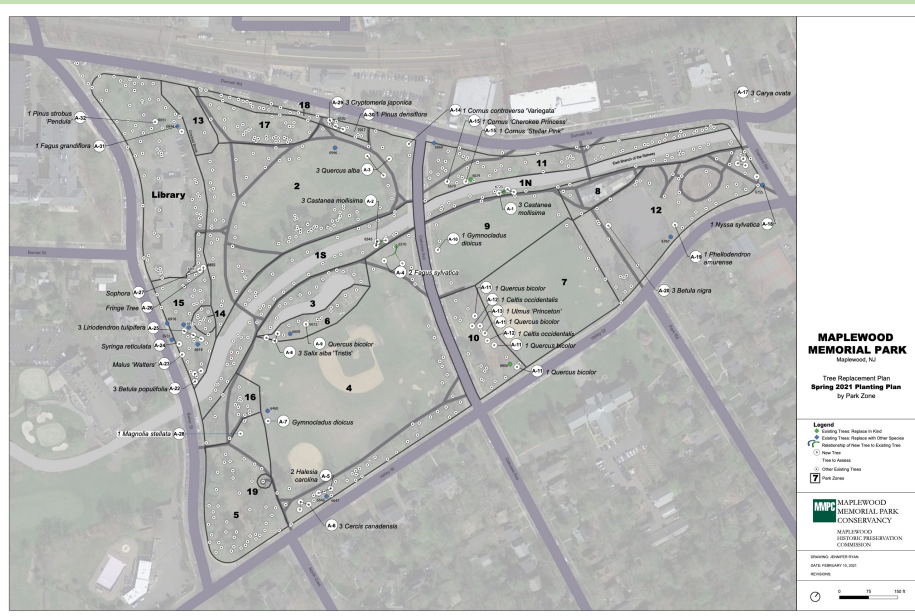


Fagus sylvatica (European Beech)

Restoring and Protecting the Tree Canopy

Tree Replacement Master Plan Approved April 2020

- 185 of 600 trees identified as at risk over the next 10 years
- Fifty trees planted in 2021 with funds from the Maplewood Open Space Trust Fund
- Twenty trees planted in 2022
- Fifteen trees to be planted in 2023





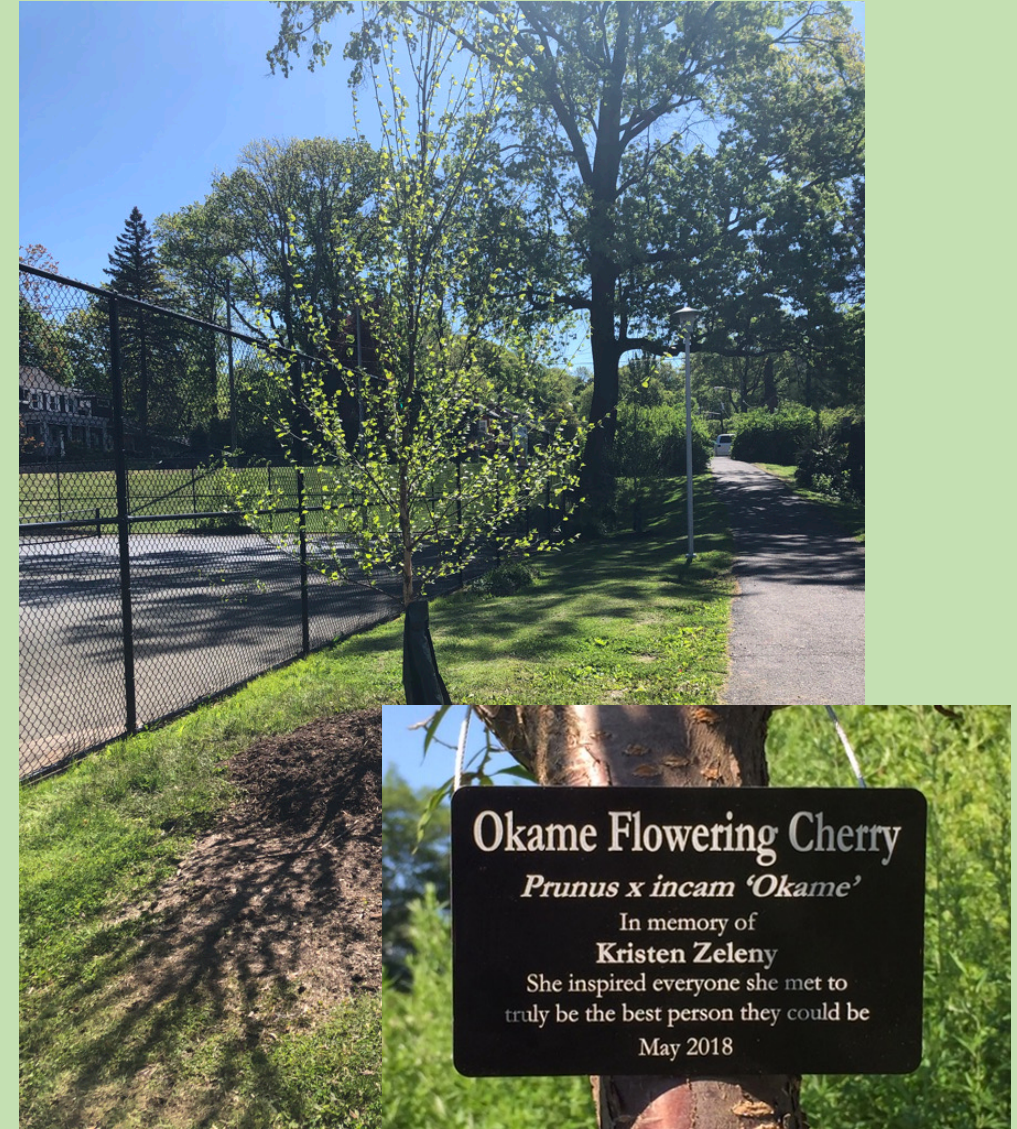
***Fraxinus americana* (White Ash)**
Signature Tree
Listed in New Jersey Heritage Tree Registry
340 years old
2nd largest reported in the state



Restoring and Protecting the Canopy

Memorial Tree Program

- ❖ Partnered with the Township on a memorial tree program that provides for future maintenance and replacement through a tree fund and standardizes the process.
- ❖ Seventeen trees have been planted through this program since it began in 2018. Two trees were dedicated in 2022.
- ❖ Available and approved trees on our website (www.maplewoodmemorialparkconservancy.org)
- ❖ Donations can also be made to the Restoration Tree Fund.



Landscape Restoration

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Flagpole Hill 2018 – 2022

Vietnam Vets Memorial Restoration 2020

Crabapple Grove 2020



Crabapple Grove along the Rahway River



Vietnam Vets Memorial at Baker and Valley

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DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2019

REVISIONS:

DATE	NOTES

LEGEND

- EXISTING TREES
- ⊗ NEW DECIDUOUS TREE
- ⊙ NEW CONIFER

MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL PARK
MAPLEWOOD, NJ

FLAGPOLE HILL
AS BUILT

NMPC MAPLEWOOD MEMORIAL PARK CONSERVANCY

DESIGNER: JENNIFER RYAN

SCALE: 1" = 30'-0"

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