

Spring 2025 City of Naperville Parkway Tree Selection

MIYABE MAPLE – *Acer miyabei*

Size: 40’ tall by 25’ wide.

Growth Rate: Fast

Leaf Color: Dark green turning yellow in fall.

Notes: Oval to round shape, corky bark, native to Japan. Pest resistant and urban tolerant.

JAPANESE TREE LILAC - *Syringa reticulata*

Size: 25’ tall by 15’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Dark green in summer turning yellow/brown in fall

Notes: Small ornamental tree native to Japan, white flowers in summer. Attractive reddish-brown bark.

HONEYLOCUST - *Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis*

Size: 50’ tall by 40’ wide.

Growth Rate: Fast

Leaf Color: Bright green in summer turning yellow in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, Shade is not dense, consequently grass is able grow under the tree.

KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE – *Gymnocladus dioicus*

Size: 65’ tall x 50’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Dark bluish green in summer and yellow in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, very few disease or insect problems, tolerates tough urban conditions.

HACKBERRY- *Celtis occidentalis*

Size: 60’ tall x 40’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Green leaves turn yellow in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, unique warty bark, adaptable to tough urban conditions.

HYBRID ELM - *Ulmus species*

Size: 70’ tall by 50’ wide.

Growth Rate: Fast

Leaf Color: Dark green in summer turning yellow in fall.

Notes: Tolerant of urban conditions, including poor soils, salt and pollution.

TULIPTREE – *Liriodendron tulipifera*

Size: 70’ tall x 35’ wide.

Growth Rate: Fast

Leaf Color: Bright green turning yellow in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, unique green tulip shaped flowers in spring.

CATALPA – *Catalpa speciosa*

Size: 55’ tall x 30’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium to fast.

Leaf Color: Large heart shaped bright green leaves turn yellow green to brown in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, beautiful white flowers in late spring, long thin cigar shaped seed pods.

ZELKOVA – *Zelkova serrata*

Size: 45’ tall x 15’ wide.

Growth Rate: Fast

Leaf Color: Green leaves turn yellow-red to rusty red in fall.

Notes: Native to Japan, ‘Musashino’ is the cultivar, tall and narrow good for tight spaces.

SILVER LINDEN – *Tilia tomentosa*

Size: 50’ tall by 30’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Dark green upper surface with silver color beneath, turning yellow in fall.

Notes: One of the best lawn and street trees, tolerates heat and drought.

GINKGO – *Ginkgo biloba*

Size: 60’ tall by 40’ wide.

Growth Rate: Slow

Leaf Color: Green leaves turn bright yellow in fall.

Notes: Attractive fan shaped leaves, very urban tolerant, no insect or disease problems. One of the oldest trees, growing on earth for more than 150 million years.

RED OAK – *Quercus rubra*

Size: 60’ tall by 60’ wide.

Growth Rate: Fast

Leaf Color: Green leaves turn red to brown in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, long lived large shade tree.

SWAMP WHITE OAK – *Quercus bicolor*

Size: 60’ tall by 60’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Dark glossy leaves turn yellow to brown in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, tolerates urban conditions well.

CHINKAPIN OAK – *Quercus muhlenbergii*

Size: 55’ tall by 50’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Dark yellowish green leaves turn yellow to orange-brown in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois.

CRABAPPLE – *Malus species*

Size: 20’ tall by 20’ wide, but varies widely cultivar

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Most have green leaves, some cultivars have purple leaves.

Notes: Beautiful flowers in the spring in many different colors depending on cultivar.

AMERICAN LINDEN – *Tilia americana*

Size: 60’ tall by 40’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Light green leaves turn yellow in fall.

Notes: Small fragrant flowers in summer, native to Illinois.

AMERICAN HORNBEAM – *Carpinus caroliniana*

Size: 25’ tall by 25’ wide.

Growth Rate: Slow

Leaf Color: Dark green leaves turn yellow, orange and red in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois, best in moist soils, but tolates both wet and dry.

REGAL PRINCE OAK – *Quercus robur x bicolor*

Size: 45’ tall by 20’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Bright green glossy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Notes: Columnar narrow oval growth habit.

REDBUD – *Cercis canadensis*

Size: 25’ tall by 25’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Leaves turn yellow in fall.

Notes: Small purple flowers in spring. Native tree good for under utility lines.

SHUMARD OAK – *Quercus shumardii*

Size: 50’ tall by 50’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Leaves turn red in fall.

Notes: Native to Illinois

CHINA SNOW LILAC – *Syringa pekinensis*

Size: 25’ tall by 20’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Heart shaped leaves turn yellow in fall.

Notes: Clusters of creamy white flowers in early summer. Attractive amber colored peeling bark.

URBAN PINNACLE OAK – *Quercus macrocarpa JFS-KW3*

Size: 55’ tall by 25’ wide.

Growth Rate: Medium

Leaf Color: Dark glossy leaves turn yellow in fall.

Notes: This Bur Oak cultivar is narrow and upright with small acorns.