

APPLICATION

Name

Address of Property

Mailing Address (if different from above)

Email Address

Home Phone

Work Phone

Consent: I, the undersigned property owner, do solemnly swear that I am the bona fide owner of the property for which this application is filed, and that I have read and understand the Yard Tree Coupon Program, its terms and conditions, and the agreement presented in the Program Summary & Application. I hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City and its agents and employees from and against any and all claims, damages, and/or liability arising from or related to this application or issuance of any funds there under.

Signature

Date

Mail or deliver the completed application to:

Amelia LoDolce
Department of Planning, Housing &
Community Development
City Hall
38 Hawley St
Binghamton, NY 13901

For more information, call 772-7028

Ineligible Trees*

- Silver Maple
- Norway Maple (including Crimson King)
- Chestnut
- Horse Chestnut
- Cottonwood
- Box Elder
- Ash (all varieties)
- Gingko (females only)
- Willow
- Catalpa
- Poplar
- Aspen
- Pin Oak

* These trees are ineligible either because they are considered a "nuisance" tree in City code, are prone to disease, or are ill suited for the urban environment.

Participating Retailers

Agway

*additional \$10 discount
145 Broad Avenue
Binghamton, NY
607-723-7409
www.binghamtonagway.com

Stony Hill Farm Greenhouses

*additional 10% discount
3801 Brady Hill Rd
Binghamton, NY
607-669-4187
www.danastonyhill.com

Hillside Garden Center

*additional \$10 discount
1449 Upper Front St
Binghamton, NY
607-722-4208
www.hillsidegardencenter.com

W & W Nursery and Landscaping

906 Marshland Rd
Apalachin, NY
607-687-0305
www.wwnursery.com

What is the Shade Tree Commission?

The Shade Tree Commission is an advisory board for the City of Binghamton made up of seven members, who are charged with studying the problems and determining the needs of the City of Binghamton in connection with its tree planting programs. The Commission is also charged with helping the Parks and Recreation Department decide what type of trees will be planted in the City as well as for assisting with the dissemination of news and information regarding selection, planting, and maintenance of trees within the City limits.

Contact the Commission at: 772-7001 or
shadetree@cityofbinghamton.com

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City of Binghamton Yard Tree Coupon Program

Program Summary and Application 2009



Sponsored by the Department of Planning,
Housing & Community Development, the
Department of Parks and Recreation,
and the Shade Tree Commission



PROGRAM SUMMARY

The City of Binghamton is sponsoring the Yard Tree Coupon Program for 2009 in an effort to encourage property owners to plant trees. Developed by the City of Binghamton Shade Tree Commission, the Yard Tree Coupon Program provides a \$35 coupon to eligible property owners for the purchase of a tree that will be planted on their land. This program began in 2008.

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. **Participants.** Both residential and non-residential property owners may apply. If the property is leased, the property owner must consent by completing the application (see reverse side). The property must lie within the area of eligibility (see map), and the property owner must not currently have any City code violations.
2. **Availability of Funds.** The budget for this program is \$5,000 for 2009. Coupons will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis and will be limited to one coupon per property. Accepted applicants will receive a coupon worth \$35 off the purchase of one tree with a retail price of at least \$50 that qualifies under the Shade Tree Coupon Program from a local participating nursery and garden center retailer (see reverse side).
3. **Program Schedule.** This offer will be honored for sales between May 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009.
4. **Ineligible Tree Species.** Certain tree species which are considered nuisances, are particularly prone to disease, or not

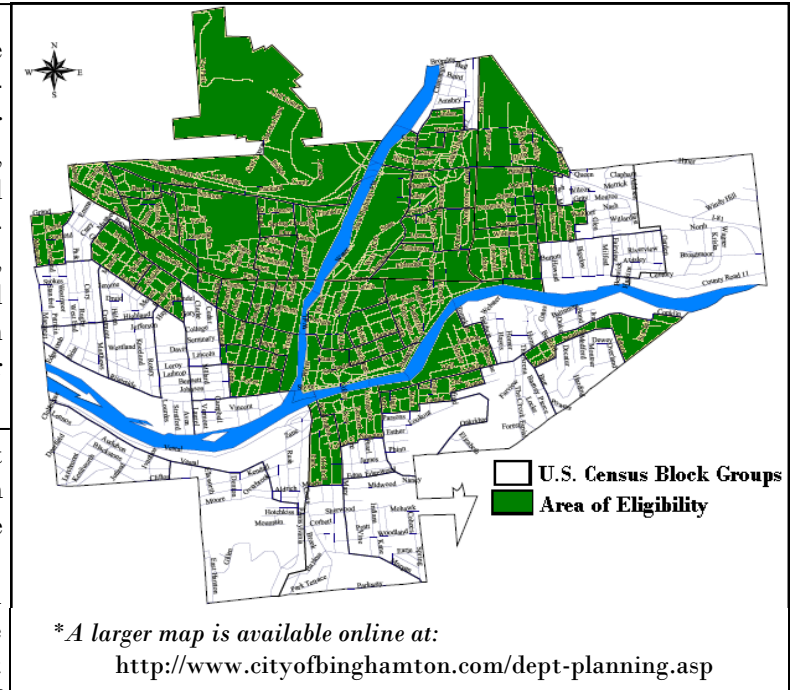
The planting of new trees on private property will provide numerous benefits to both property owners and our community as a whole. For example, trees can reduce building heating and cooling costs, improve air quality, reduce erosion and stormwater runoff, offset carbon dioxide emissions, and beautify neighborhoods—all of which contribute to a higher quality of life for Binghamton residents.

suitable for an urban environment will not be covered by this coupon program. See the list of ineligible trees for restrictions.

5. **Planting Location.** Trees purchased under this program may not be planted in the utility strip (contact the Binghamton Department of Parks and Recreation to request a tree for this location). Trees should be planted in appropriate locations to prevent interference with water, sewer, and power lines. Trees must be planted at the address stated on the application. Failure to do so will result in an obligation to repay \$35 to the City of Binghamton.
6. **Notification.** The Department of Planning, Housing, and Community Development will review the applications and make all awards. Coupons will be mailed to accepted applicants within one month of application.

AGREEMENT:

1. The property owner agrees to plant and maintain any tree(s) purchased with assistance of the Shade Tree Coupon Program in a healthy condition for the natural life span of the tree(s). The City of



Binghamton will not be responsible for the planting or any maintenance of the trees purchased with coupons from this program, nor will the City of Binghamton be responsible for any damages incurred to private property (including to electric, sewer or water lines running through private property) by trees purchased through this program at any point throughout their natural life span.

2. Before planting a tree, the property owner agrees to contact Dig Safely, New York (1-800-962-7962) to be sure that underground power lines and other utilities will not be disturbed by the new tree.