# FACT SHEET

# **Recommended Shade Trees**



#### An Integrated Approach

It is best to have a variety of trees on your property. Greater diversity of tree varieties reduce the risks that a specific insect or disease (i.e. Dutch elm disease or Emerald Ash Borer) will put many of your trees at risk. It also allows you to enjoy the many variations that a mixture of trees provides.

When caring for urban trees it is important to make a complete evaluation of all environmental conditions to accurately diagnose all stress factors and prescribe care based on specific circumstances. This prescriptive care will help your tree meet its full potential.

#### Swamp White Oak (Quercus bicolor)

- Approx. 40'(h)x30'(w)
- Few insect/disease problems
- Acidic-neutral soil, tolerates heavy/wet soils
- Insignificant flower/fall color
- Fast growing; nice shape with attrac-tive exfoliating bark
- Others: Northern Pin/Red Oak, Bur Oak, White Oak

# Hybrid Elms (Ulmus sp.)

- Approx. 60'(h)x40'(w)
- DED resistant, leaf miner, leaf beetle
- Tolerates wide range of urban soil conditions
- Yellow fall color
- Fast growing; well struc-tured (requires attention when young)
- Consider: 'Accolade', 'Triumph', 'New Horizon', 'Discovery', 'Princeton'

#### Kentucky Coffeetree (Gymnocladus dioicus)

- Approx. 50'(h)x30'(w)
- No insect/disease problems
- Tolerates drought, alkaline, compacted soil
- Yellow fall color
- Attractive flaky bark; large seed pods in fall; great shape; well structured; filtered shade

#### Common Honeylocust (Gleditsia triacanthos)

- Approx. 40'(h)x40'(w)
- Plant bug, nectria canker
- Tolerates wide range of urban soil conditions
- Yellow fall color
- Fast growing; rounded shape; filtered shade (small leaves)
- Consider: 'Sunburst' (golden leaves on new growth)

#### Linden/Basswood (Tilia sp.)

- Approx. 35-50'(h)x20-25'(w)
- Japanese beetle, aphids
- Prefers moist, fertile soil but tolerates dry
- Yellow fall color, fragrant flowers
- Fast growing; conical canopy; requires prun-ing attention
- Consider: Littleleaf, 'Redmond', American





Kentucky Coffeetree

Red Maple



Honeylocust

Linden/Basswood



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# Red Maple (Acer rubrum)

- Approx. 40'(h)x30'(w)
- Very few insect/disease
- Tolerates wide range of urban soils, but prefers acid
- Brilliant red fall color
- Great medium-size, nice shape, smooth bark
- Consider: Sugar

# Hackberry (Celtis occidentalis)

- Approx. 40'(h)x30'(w)
- Psyllid gall (minor)
- Tolerates wide range of urban soil conditions
- Yellow fall color
- Elm family tree offers nice large, spreading crown; interesting bark

# Ohio Buckeye (Aesculus glabra)

- Approx. 25'(h)x25'(w)
- Leaf blotch in wet years
- Prefers moist, well drained, acid to neutral
- Beautiful May flowers and yellow to red fall color
- Unique leaf shape, large seed
- Consider: 'Autumn Splender', Horsechestnut

# River Birch (Betula nigra)

- Approx. 40'(h)x30'(w)
- Leaf miner, leaf felt gall
- Prefers moist, well drained acid soils
- Yellow fall color; spring catkins (flowers)
- Well shaped single or multi-stem; papery, cream colored bark
- Consider: Yellow, Whitespire, Sweet birch

# Ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba)

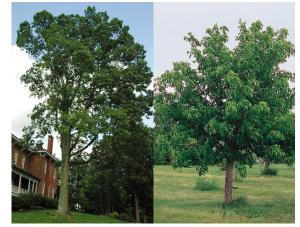
- Approx. 40'(h)x20'(w)
- No insect/disease
- Tolerates wide range of urban soil conditions
- Brilliant yellow fall color
- Great urban tolerant, an-cient tree; unique leaves
- 'Autumn Gold' no fruit

# Amur Corktree (Phellodendron amurense)

- Approx. 30'(h)x30'(w)
- No insect/disease
- Tolerates wide range of urban soil conditions
- Yellow to bronze fall color
- Under-utilized urban tree
- 'His Majesty' fruitless variety

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