

SHIP CANAL COMMONS NATIVE TREE PLANTING

The \$115,000 Greenway Ecological Standing Committee (GESC) grant for Native Tree Planting at Ship Canal Commons along the Union Ship Canal has been completed. The project resulted in the planting of 716 native trees along the northern and eastern shores of the Union Ship Canal. The work was performed by Natural Restorations by Linda J. following a competitive bid proposal.

The following trees were planted last Fall, 2011, and accepted on November 18, 2011:

- 123 Acer Rubrum (Red Maple), 1 ½" caliper
- 119 Platanus occidentalis (American Sycamore), 1 ½" caliper
- 122 Tilia Americana (Basswood), 1 ½" caliper

The remaining trees were planted this Spring, 2012 and accepted on April 5th, 2012:

- 115 Quercus Rubra (Red Oak), 1 ½" caliper
- 123 Crataegus C, Inermis (Cockspur Hawthorn), 1 ½" caliper
- 114 Liriodendron tulipifera (Tulip Poplar), 1 ½" caliper

The Red Oak was substituted for the White Oak due to concerns expressed by Andrew Rabb, City of Buffalo Deputy Commissioner of Parks for planting bare root White Oaks. All of the trees have a one (1) year guarantee and replacement trees also have a one (1) year guarantee, effectively providing a two (2) guarantee for all plantings.

It should be noted that the \$115,000 GESC grant was augmented with \$33,045 in grant funding from the Greenway Buffalo and Erie County Standing Committee in order to maximize the impact of the project. In addition to the \$125,125 planting contract with Natural Restorations, an additional \$22,920 was paid to Malcolm Pirnie & Wendel for landscape design and construction administration services.

Photos of the completed project are included below.





