



# APPROVED TREE LIST 2008

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## DUMONT SHADE TREES – A BRIEF HISTORY

Dumont was a sleepy farming hamlet until 1883 when the West Shore Railroad arrived. In 1894, Dumont Clarke became the first Mayor. Developers enticed potential buyers from NYC, resulting in a population of 634 in 1900. One 1906 brochure describes: "Dumont is not a treeless farm... Its streets are shaded by stately trees, and its houses present an air of comfort and refinement..." Camp Merritt opened in 1917, with the Monument circle and the dogwoods planted in Memorial Park are reminders of the million soldiers who deployed here. In 1951 a short movie "MY TOWN DUMONT" described: "We are a commuting people, departing by bus or train... In the cool of the evenings we return... The air is pure, clear, crisp – where birds carol in melodious notes of welcome to a town sedate, calm, quiet and clean. A delightful place of shaded streets lined with pleasant, homey homes and gardens most attractively informal... Travel where you may, you will find no place more attractive in its simplicity than my town."

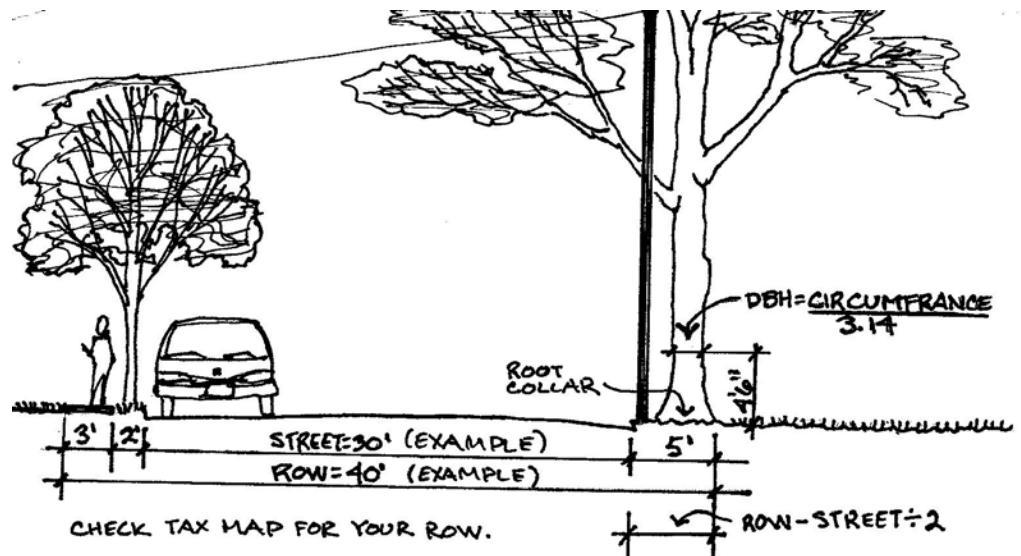
Dumont currently boasts a population over 16,000. Street Tree plantings have become mature and many have outgrown the space allotted to them. In 2006 a small group of concerned citizens banded together to bring the benefits of the *NJ Community Forestry Assistance Act* to Dumont. In 2007, Mayor Matthew McHale appointed the first Dumont Shade Tree Commission. In 2008, the Council passed the first Dumont Shade Tree Ordinance.

### 2008 SHADE TREE ORDINANCE (PUBLIC LANDS) SUMMARY OF KEY SECTIONS RELATED TO THE APPROVED TREE LIST:

**Borough Tree:** Any Tree which is situated in or along any public property, park, field, public right of way, easement or encumbrance. Tree situation is evidenced by 50% or more of the root collar or base of the trunk at the entry point to the ground being upon Borough land, regardless of the location of the crown, roots, tilt of the trunk, or other part of the Tree in relation to the property line.

**Right Of Way ("ROW"):** The public property in the Borough of Dumont, which excludes private property, and is the jurisdiction of the Borough, and is inclusive of all land in and along any Street up to the private property lines as shown on the Tax Map.

**Planting Requirements:** No Person shall plant any tree in any Park or Street, or other Public Land, or in the ROW, without a Permit or written direction from the DSTC. Planting in Private Land is not governed by or regulated by this Article. The DSTC may waive or modify required planting locations if field conditions or mitigating circumstances exist, such waiver or modification to be in writing only.



The DSTC shall periodically review and approve lists of Small, Medium and Large Trees for planting in Public Lands in the Borough. Such lists shall be made readily available to the public. A PERMIT IS REQUIRED TO PLANT A TREE IN THE ROW.

**Adopt-a-Tree Program:** If the DSTC or the Borough deems that a new Tree or replacement Tree shall be planted, then the Borough may plant within the ROW as determined by the DSTC. Property Owners shall be given the opportunity to participate in the Adopt-a-Tree Program, which shall be reviewed periodically by the DSTC and shall, at a minimum meet the following criteria:

- The Property Owner may select a tree from the appropriate DSTC approved list.
- The Property Owner shall water the Tree after planting once a day for a week, once a week for a month and once a month for a year. Approved DSTC guidelines for watering shall be followed.
- The Borough of Dumont shall maintain the tree.

SEE ALSO "ADOPT-A-TREE & PLANTING GUIDELINES" FLYER FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON LOCATIONS

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**Large Trees:** Tree species attaining a height of fifty (50) feet or more at maturity. These trees require a minimum planting area of 10'x10' and must be 40' from the nearest other Large Tree, and 30' from a Medium Tree and 15' from a Small Tree. Underground Utilities must be 16' away and Overhead Wires must be 4' away from the planting site. Large Trees are suitable for open lawn areas, such as at the lawn side of a sidewalk, or along streets where there is no sidewalk. Large Trees are also suitable in conditions where there is a 10'x10' Tree Pit (which may have brick set in sand or other porous paving technique).

Name	Ht.	Width	Fall Color	Fruit	Notes
American Elm, <i>Ulmus Americana "Valley Forge"</i>	50'-70'	60'-70'	Yellow	½" samara	Vase Shape
Ginkgo, <i>Ginkgo Biloba</i> (male only)	50'-60'	20'-30'	Yellow	None	Narrow / Pyramidal
Honeylocust, <i>Gleditsia tricanthos inermis "Shademaster"</i>	45'-55'	35'-45'	Yellow	None	Vase Shape
White Oak, <i>Quercus alba</i>	50'-80'	50'-80'	Brown	Acorn	Moist Conditions
Zelkova, <i>Zelkova serrata "Village Green"</i>	50'-60'	30'-40'	Rusty-red	Minor	Vase Shape

**Medium Trees:** Tree species attaining a height of twenty-five (25) feet to fifty (50) feet or more at maturity. These trees require a minimum planting area of 5'x10' and must be 30' from the nearest Large or Medium Tree and 15' from a Small Tree. Underground Utilities must be 12' away and Overhead Wires must be 4' away from the planting site. Medium Trees are suitable for open lawn areas, such as at the lawn side of a sidewalk, or along streets where there is no sidewalk. Medium Trees are also suitable in conditions where there is a 5'x10' Tree Pit (which may have brick set in sand or other porous paving technique).

Name	Ht.	Width	Fall Color	Fruit	Notes
American Elm Hybrid, <i>Ulmus Americana "Frontier"</i>	25'-35'	15'-25'	Red-purple	none	Loosely pyramidal
American Yellowwood, <i>Cladrastis kentukea (lutea)</i>	35'-45'	30'-35'	Yellow	3" pod	White "wisteria" flower
Cherry, <i>Prunus serrulata "Kwanzan"</i>	30'-35'	30'-35'	Y-Orange	None	Washington DC flowers
Goldenrain Tree, <i>Koelreuteria paniculata fastigata</i>	30'-40'	30'-40'	Yellow	capsules	Late Summer flowers
Horsechestnut Briotti Red, <i>Aesculus x carnea "Briotii"</i>	40'-50'	35'-40'	Brown	1-1/2" nut	Red Flowers

**Small Trees:** Tree species attaining a height of less than twenty-five (25) feet at maturity. These trees require a minimum planting area of 3'x4' and must be 15' from the nearest Large, Medium or Small Tree. Underground Utilities must be 6' away from the planting site. There is no restriction for planting under Overhead Wires. Small Trees are suitable in many planting locations. Small Trees are suitable in conditions where there is a 3' grassy area between a sidewalk and the curb, or a 3'x4' Tree Pit (which may have brick set in sand or other porous paving technique).

Name	Ht.	Width	Fall Color	Fruit	Notes
Amur Maple, <i>Acer ginnala Ruby Slippersr"</i>	15'-25'	15'-30'	Red	1" samara	Bright red fruit
Hawthorn, <i>Crataegus oxyacantha "Crimson Cloud"</i>	15'-20'	15'-20'	Orange-Red	Berries	Red Flowers, Thorns
Plum, <i>Prunus carasifera "Newport" Purpleleaf</i>	20'-25'	20'-25'	Purple	3/8"	Purple leaves & flowers
Silverbell, <i>Halesia carolina "Jersey Belle"</i>	20'-25'	15'-20'	Yellow	Capsule	White bell flowers
Korean Stewartia, <i>Stewartia koreana</i>	20'-40'	15'-20'	Orange-Red	½"-1" cap.	Colorful peeling bark

In locations where there is not sufficient distance between the curb and the sidewalk for planting, a property owner may consider replacing a portion of the sidewalk area with brick or pavers set in sand, provided that the remaining hard paved sidewalk is 3' wide. An alternate would be to relocate the sidewalk within the ROW to accommodate the tree planting requirement. Maintenance of the sidewalk is the responsibility of the Property Owner. Special circumstances or creative solutions for planting should be noted on the Tree permit Application.

**Voluntary Planting and Maintenance Expenses** Private Property Owners may apply to the Commission to voluntarily plant or maintain a Tree or Trees in the ROW abutting the Private Property. Permission shall be granted, provided the planting complies with this ordinance and other policies as approved by the Commission under an "Adopt-a-Tree Program". Voluntary plantings or maintenance costs may be borne by the Property Owner at one point in time, but this event does not obligate the Property Owner to bear future costs of maintenance or removal

**Appeals:** A property Owner may appeal decisions. For details of the appeal procedure, see the website or Appeals Fact Sheet.



For additional information regarding Dumont Shade Trees, please see [www.geocities.com/dumontshadetree/](http://www.geocities.com/dumontshadetree/)  
 Dumont Shade Tree Commission - Borough Hall, 50 Washington Avenue, Dumont, NJ 07628

