

**2017**

Year End Report

Division of Natural Resources

Personnel:

Supervisor Troy VanDusen

Operators

Rick Gray

Paul Foley

Terry Zeiter

Bruce Boerst

Don Garrett

Brian Shook

Pat Kania

Anthony Rodriguez

Laborer

Randy Briner

Mayor Carr

Members of City Council

In 2017 The City of Maumee was recognized once again by The National Arbor Day Foundation for 26 continuous years as a member of Tree City U.S.A. This was achieved by reaching out to the schools and partnering with Ashley Vore the environmental teacher at Wayne Trail Elementary who had her class get involved with a tree planting ceremony which was held at Safety City.

The Natural Resources Division was also responsible for the removal of 82 trees on City right of ways which were declining due to age or disease at a cost of \$84,000. An additional 10 hazardous trees were removed by contractor from private property in accordance to Chapter 966.10 of the City Ordinance at a cost of \$16,000. The right of way work included the grinding and removal of the stumps and backfilled with topsoil and grass seed which was completed by City employees. With many removals needing done each year we were able to replace 166 trees at locations throughout the City at a cost of \$38,441 per the contract awarded to North Branch Nursery. In addition to the trimming and removals done by contractor, City crews were responsible for trimming and pruning numerous trees throughout the City in 2017.

In addition to tree work this City Division was also responsible for mowing and maintaining all City Right of Ways, green spaces in the uptown and all City parks. This included, fertilizing and weed control as needed at some locations such as all Rolf Park fields, Municipal Building and the Maumee Youth football fields. We were also responsible for repairing and maintaining all irrigation systems at these locations. Additional mowing was also done throughout the City on residential properties. In accordance to Chapter 915.04 we had 70 letters sent to property owners this year which was down from 100 in 2016. Of those only 21 had to be done by this department but some were several times throughout the season.

In the fall, with the assistance of the garden club, we started replacing old landscaping in the uptown area. This included the monument at Conant and the Anthony Wayne Trail, East Mews and around the City Courts. With their assistance we are planning to continue upgrading throughout the uptown area in 2018.

Respectively Submitted

Troy VanDusen