

**Town of Canandaigua Tree Team**  
**Tour of Tilton, Cooley, Sand Hill Cemeteries and Peanut Line Trail**  
**6 May 2023**

**Present:** Dennis Brewer, Dan Marion, Edith Davey

**Tilton Cemetery:**

Aged and dead black locusts are encroaching on the power lines. A dead ash tree is located in the northeast corner of the cemetery and will need to be taken down or parts disposed of as it decays. Assuming that the property line is indicated by the partial fence, multiflora rose and a heavy grape vine present are on the adjacent property. Mowing should prevent spread into the cemetery,

*Recommendation:* remove the dead black locusts and replace them with native trees that will not encroach on the power lines.

**Cooley Cemetery:**

A tree in the center front is expiring but poses no danger to visitors at present. A broken double basswood tree with a dead trunk was marked. Mowing was evident and appearance was excellent.

*Recommendation:* remove the dead snag from the basswood tree.

**Peanut Line Trail:**

The trail is in excellent condition, very much improved since the prior inspection. Two concrete piers were noted that are probably of railroad vintage. Their purpose should be investigated. These were visible for the first time as the undergrowth had been appropriately removed.

*Recommendation:* The wooden steps and platform above the culvert should be treated with preservatives to prevent further degradation.

**Sand Hill Cemetery:**

The condition of this area is also much improved since the prior assessment, mowing has been carefully accomplished and repaired gravestones are evident. Removal of a buckthorn infested lilac bush has also improved the appearance of the area, Many (invasive) ailanthus trees have been removed. Larger ones that remain will require heavy equipment for removal.

*Recommendation:* Remaining ailanthus trees should be checked periodically for Spotted Lantern Fly egg masses.

**The Tree Team is deeply appreciative of the excellent work of the Park Department staff. All sites have greatly improved since last year.**