

**Town of Canandaigua
Tree Committee Notes
Survey of Remington Cemetery, Pierce Park, McJannett Park, Uplands of Onanda Park
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Remington Cemetery, Nott Road

Large hardwood trees are present in this historic cemetery, some trees were estimated to be 175-225 years of age. Most are in very good shape. Buckthorn was noted in the east property line.

One large tree in the west property line was apparently damaged many years ago, possibly by loss of a major limb that stripped a vertical area down the trunk. Adaptive wood has grown that supports the damaged area. The tree does not present an imminent threat to persons or tombstones but should be checked periodically to assess condition.

Pierce Park, Cheshire

Numerous ash trees in various stages of ash borer damage and death are present in this park. Trees near the stream adjacent to the park structures should be a high priority for removal, given the degree of public usage of this area. An ash tree near the driveway on the west property line also should be prioritized for removal for the same reason. Dead ash trees pose a risk because of the unpredictability of falling limbs. Ash tend to shatter very few years after they die, shedding branches.

Dead and dying ash trees are present on the east property line but present less risk due to less public usage. The presence of heavy wild grapevines was noted on the south property line. Cutting those vines would improve the health of the trees, preventing eventual death from photosynthesis blocking by vines. It would not be necessary to remove the vines once cut.

McJannett Park, Route 21

The small trees present show possible effects of road salt damage. Four ash trees should be prioritized for removal to prevent risk to the public and liability for the town.

Uplands, Onanda Park

A small tree/shrub near the entrance has landscape plastic surrounding the base. This should be removed immediately.

Buck rubs were observed on trunks of flowering trees near the entrance road. Protective materials should be applied to prevent girdling and tree death, necessitating replacement.

Trees near the parking platforms were flowering beautifully and were in excellent condition.

Survey was conducted following the trail uphill from the south entrance of the parking area. Cabins are located to the left of the road/trail. Dead ash trees were noted in the perimeter of the tree line to the right of the path.

Seven dead ash trees in a cluster near the highest group of cabins should be removed as a risk to the public.

Dead ash trees near the upland footpaths should be felled. A dead oak near the path was also noted.

Other observations

The presence of many blooming native dogwood trees was a pleasant surprise. These have become rare in most places due to diseases.

Buckthorn and multiflora rose (thorny, alien, invasive species) were noted in the upland woods in great quantities.

Gypsy moth egg cases and some small, hatched caterpillars were noted on multiple trees.