

## **Shade Tree Commission**

Would you like to get a handle on the trees in your area—at absolutely no cost? If so, then read on...

Shade tree commissions obtain tree data from residents across the borough, county, or township, in a wide variety of formats. The challenge for you is making sense of all that information you receive and tracking it.

If you're like most shade tree commission officials, your budget is ZERO dollars and you spend most of your time trying to dig out from under paperwork. Meanwhile every second you spend volunteering is time away from your family—even though every minute spent putting back into the community improves the quality of life for your family and neighbors...needless to say, it's a tough juggling act!

Enter PlantMapper.com...a free online web application that lets you track all tree data submitted to your organization, upload tree inventory data, and that encourages homeowners to submit trees found in private right-of-ways.

Being able to inventory your street and park trees, proposed landscape architecture improvements, and private property plantings will create a rich, comprehensive view of your community's vegetation. And with a complete view of the trees in your environment you can better determine the species diversity, the potential risks of too many trees—or those that are susceptible to disease—as well as locate proposed sites for new plantings.

With PlantMapper.com, shade tree commissions can use aerial photographs and GIS technology to:

- Document the locations of all public and private trees
- Document the ages of trees
- Photograph each tree
- Catalog the plant names on record for each tree, size and measurements, removals dates, Latin and common names, and more.

Amazingly, all of this can be done from the comfort of your home—and your Board can view the tree records one-by-one...or print a book of the records stored in the database.

Visit PlantMapper.com today—and learn how you can create a rich tree inventory—while helping to grow your community greener.