



Exeter Tree Committee Progress Report

*Exeter Select Board
July 2023*

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Committee Background

- *2017 Public Tree Inventory*
- *Citizens Concerned about Tree Health*
- *2019 Tree Committee Established*
 - *Subcommittee to Exeter Cons. Comm*
 - *9 Volunteer Members*
 - *1 Select Board Representative*
 - *Staff from 3 Departments*



Partners

- SAU 16, Main & Lincoln Street Schools
- Unitil
- Rockingham County Forester
- Stratham Circle Nursery
- Arbor Day Foundation
- Private Donations - Tree Maintenance, Memorial Trees & Liberty Elm



**EXETER PARKS
& RECREATION**



**BREEN
LANDWORKS**



**NH STATE
FOREST NURSERY**
QUALITY SEEDLINGS SINCE 1910



**Arbor Day
Foundation®**
arborday.org



Accomplishments

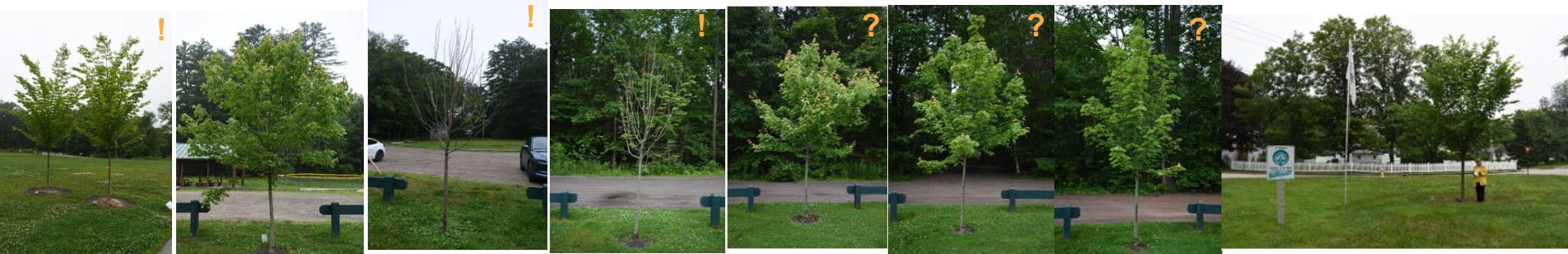
- *2019 - Current: Tree City Designation*
- *2021, 2022: Growth Award for Excellence*
- *2021: Tree Ordinance Adopted*
- *Monthly Meetings*
- *Monthly PLUS Social Media Postings*
- *Multiple Events Hosted Annually*



Tree Plantings & Labels



Status Report of Tree Plantings



Events



Public Outreach



2020 ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
5.21.20



"THE TRUE MEANING OF LIFE IS TO PLANT TREES UNDER WHOSE SHADE YOU DO NOT EXPECT TO SIT"
NELSON HENDERSON



4 Best Native Tree Species for Birds

Baby birds need **LOTS** of caterpillars. Caterpillars need native plants. These trees support ~400 species of moths and butterflies and therefore will feed the greatest number of birds.

Willow 412 spp. 🦋

- Bebb willow (*Salix bebbiana*)
- Black willow (*Salix nigra*)
- Meadow willow (*Salix petiolaris*)
- Missouri River willow (*Salix eriocephala*)
- Pussy willow (*Salix discolor*)
- Shining willow (*Salix lucida* subsp. *lucida*)

Birch 408 spp. 🦋

- Gray birch (*Betula populifolia*)
- Paper birch (*Betula papyrifera*)
- River birch (*Betula nigra*)
- Sweet birch (*Betula lenta*)
- Yellow birch (*Betula alleghaniensis*)

Prunus 407 spp. 🦋

- Canadian plum (*Prunus nigra*)
- Chokecherry (*Prunus virginiana* var. *virginiana*)
- Pin cherry (*Prunus pensylvanica* var. *penayvnicana*)
- Sequehoia sandcherry (*Prunus susquehansae*)

Oak 407 spp. 🦋

- Northern Red Oak (*Quercus Rubra*)
- Scarlet Oak (*Quercus Coccinea*)
- Black Oak (*Quercus Yalowitzii*)
- White Oak (*Quercus Alba*)
- Swamp White Oak (*Quercus Bicolor*)

Source: www.nwf.org/NativePlantFinder



The Exeter Tree Committee Needs Your Help Champion Tree Scavenger Hunt



Help us document **BIG TREES** in Exeter!

- Step 1. Locate 2 of Exeter's Existing Big Trees and snap a picture.
- Step 2. Find a new big tree, and submit the tree's info to nominate it.



our trees. trees will receive



EXETER TREE COMMITTEE
-AND-
LINCOLN STREET SCHOOL



The Exeter Tree Committee wants to remind you to **JUST SAY NO** to the mulch volcano



"When one sees the tree in leaf, one thinks the beauty of the tree is in it's leaves, and then one sees the bare tree."



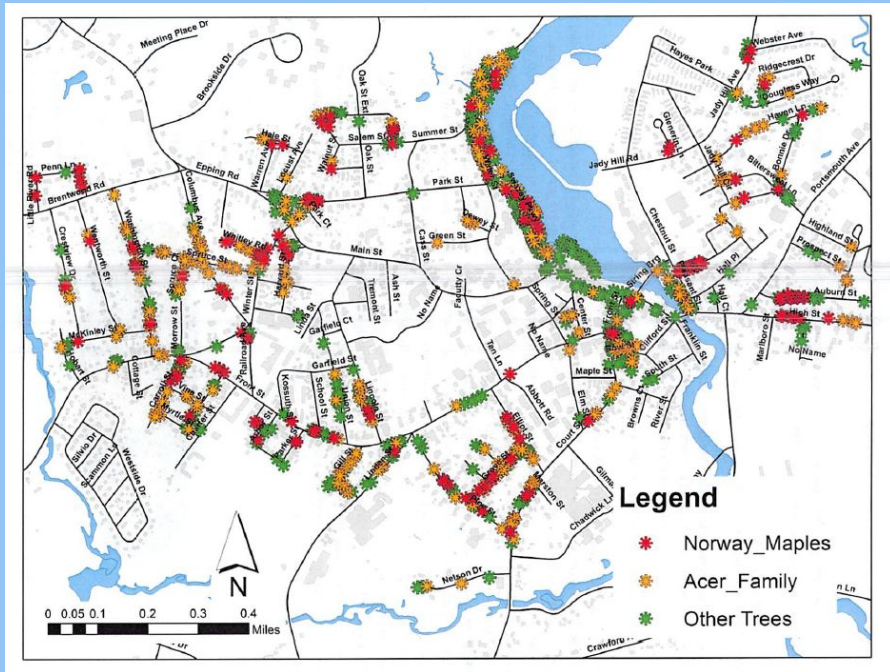


Future Goals

- *Annual Tree City Designation & Growth Award Appln.*
- *Continue Plantings & Labels*
- *Continue Public Outreach/Education*
- *Ensure Diversity in Species and Age*
- *Improve Canopy & Update Street Tree Inventory Regularly*
- *Budget*

Future Goals: Tree Diversity

Species Diversity



Age Class Diversity

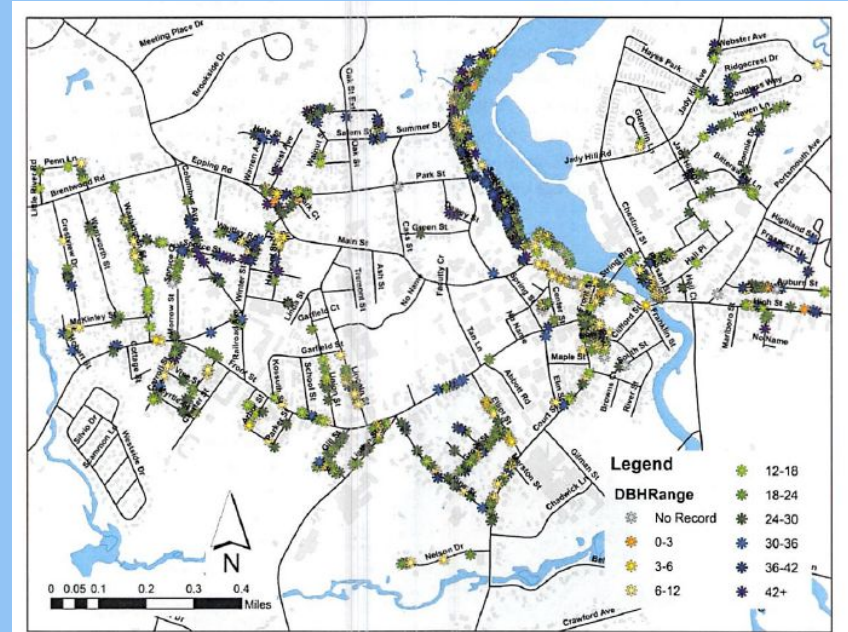


FIGURE 5: AGE DISTRIBUTION TOWN WIDE

Future Goals: Tree Canopy 48%

Exeter [Municipal report](#) →

NH Congressional District 1 [↗](#)
 Census Block Group 330151062004

36
 Tree Equity Score [?](#)

RANK
 10th of 10 blockgroups in Exeter

Score indicators

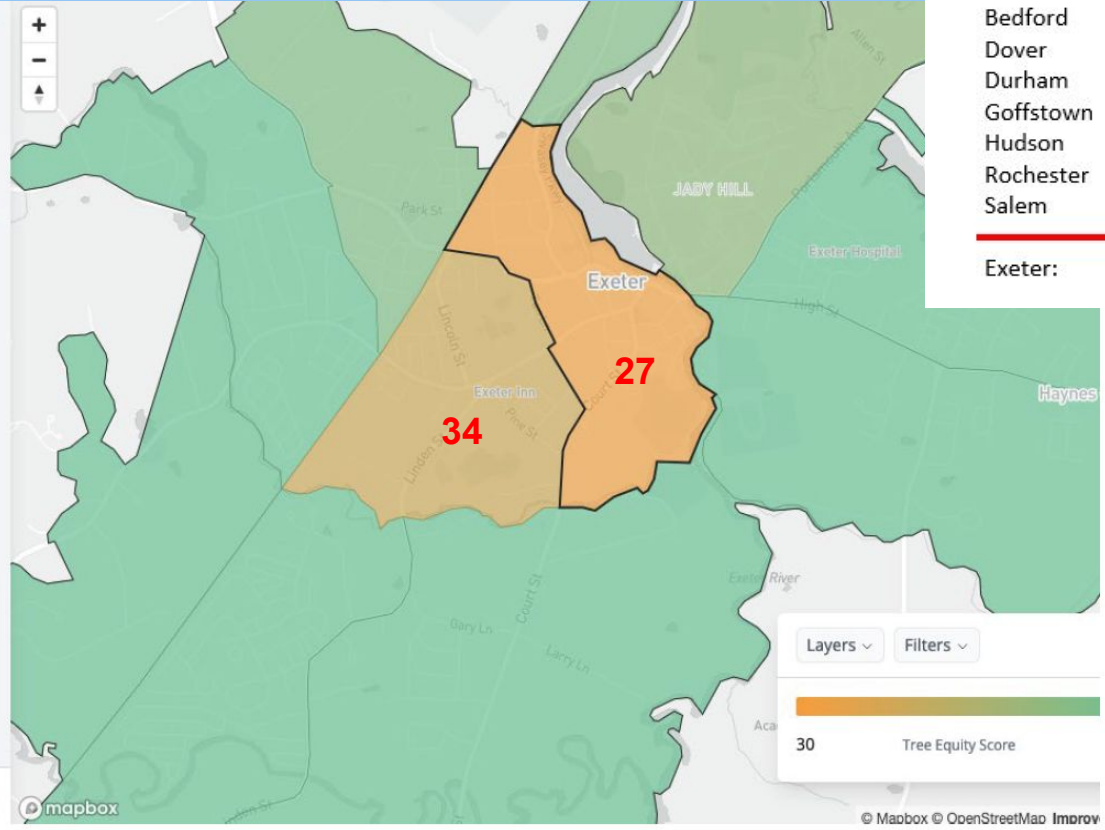
Priority index [?](#)

- People of color % 4%
- Unemployment % 3%
- Children (0-17) % 15%
- Health Risk Inde 100
- Seniors (65+) % 22%
- Surface Temperature 84°
- People in poverty % 47%

Canopy cover goal: 48%

Current canopy cover: 27%

NH Congressional District 1 [District report](#) →



Bedford	37%
Dover	39%
Durham	47%
Goffstown	38%
Hudson	38%
Rochester	33%
Salem	27%, 32%
Exeter:	27%, 34%