



# TOWN OF EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**To:** Russ Dean, Town Manager  
**From:** Kristen Murphy- Conservation & Sustainability Planner  
Jay Perkins – Highway Superintendent/Tree Warden  
Greg Bisson – Parks And Rec Director  
**Subject:** 2024 Proposed Tree Budget  
**Date:** September 12, 2023

**Department:** Tree Budget (expand DPW Tree Budget Line)

**Background/Justification:** The Exeter Tree Committee was established in 2019. Since establishment, they have supported Exeter’s Public Tree activities, enabling Exeter to achieve and retain Tree City USA designation and to expand Exeter’s efforts in community-focused tree planting and educational events. The Tree Committee presented their accomplishments to the [Select Board on July 24<sup>th</sup>](#). During that meeting they were encouraged to work with Town staff to develop a budget proposal for 2024 in support of their efforts. Below is the proposed funding request for expansion of the existing DPW Tree Maintenance budget to maintain and enhance our Public Trees within Exeter’s streets and town parks. This budget was unanimously endorsed by the Tree Committee during their Sept 12<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

Exeter’s public trees provide cumulative aesthetic, stormwater, air quality, CO2 reduction and energy savings benefits that value \$145,637 annually based on our Public Tree Inventory data. Together we are seeking the following funding in support of continued progress toward Exeter’s Public Tree canopy management.

**Budget: Total \$85,535 in Year 1, and \$25,535 following.**

Year 1	Year 2	Description
\$70,000	\$20,000	Tree Maintenance - \$50k increase year 1 only for chipper body and water tank truck insert.
\$5,000	\$5,000	Tree Planting: Planting of 8 trees/year
\$10,000	0	Contract Services: Contractor to develop repeatable street tree inventory protocol
\$100	\$100	Outreach: Funding in support of events & programs
\$300	\$300	Education and Training: Internat’nl Society of Arborists (ISA) training manuals & workshops
\$135	\$135	Dues: ISA membership