



Environmental stewardship matters

Welcome to Tuxedo Park. Finding such an extraordinary natural environment so close to New York City is truly special. You have chosen a unique and beautiful place to live. A 130-year history of conservation-minded development is responsible for preserving and nurturing the ecological health and unspoiled beauty of our community. As environmental stewards, the Tuxedo Park Tree Advisory Board (TPTAB) is dedicated to continuing this tradition.

Trees are vital to Tuxedo Park.

By diminishing erosion and storm water (pollutants and sediments) run-off, trees keep clean our drinking water in the Tuxedo Lake and Wee Wah Ponds. These bodies of water flow into the Ramapo River, feeding millions in New Jersey. Trees sustain our clean air. Trees contribute to the rustic character of our landscape and nurture a wildlife habitat rich in biodiversity. Our public and private woodlands provide the underpinning of our historical provenance (our listing on the National Register of Historic Places) and of our membership of Tree City USA.

To protect and enhance this invaluable economic and environmental asset, the TPTAB promotes the benefits of a healthy forest with a sustainable tree population by advocating responsible policies and by implementing tree conservation, education and planting programs.

We rely on community collaboration: each resident of Tuxedo Park is a partner in the wise oversight of our forest infrastructure. We understand the need to balance aesthetics with environmental requirements, but we also recognize what we individually do with trees on our private properties impacts on the well-being of the entire community. We are all guardians of this important asset for the current and future generations.

Tuxedo Park Law regarding tree removal (#100-14 Trees in the Village Code) is accessible at the Village website (www.tuxedopark-ny.gov) or at the Village Office. This Law and/or the Village Building Inspector (John Ledwith, 845-351-4745, x3, jledwith@tuxedopark-ny.gov) must be consulted before removing any trees from your property. It is your responsibility to inform your landscapers and any other workers on your land of the Village Code provisions. Replanting young and healthy native trees and shrubs are recommended and encouraged.

The TPTAB is here to advise property owners on all matters concerning trees and related resources. We welcome any feedback and suggestions. Please contact us at our web site: www.tuxedoparktreeboard.org or through the Village Office.