



(The bloom of the Kentucky Coffee Tree.)

*Richmond*  
**Tree Advisory Board**

*"The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn."*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

In February 2007, as part of Richmond's effort to gain recognition as a Tree City USA, Richmond Mayor, Connie Lawson, and the Richmond City Commission passed an ordinance forming the Richmond Tree Advisory Board.

Tree City USA is an important designation recognizing communities all over the country that have made the level of commitment to proper landscaping and stewardship of their urban forest.

The seven-member board is made up of citizen volunteers from many different fields, all with a common purpose described in our mission statement:

“To beautify Richmond and Madison County through education, promotion and implementation of proper planting and landscaping practices.”

The board has been charged with the following duties:

1) Education of the general public regarding proper planting, pruning and care

All too often, improperly executed landscaping and maintenance plans lead to unsightly and permanently damaged trees and plants. The Richmond Tree Advisory Board seeks to supply information and advice on trees and planting areas, both public and private. Regularly produced informational brochures will be part of this effort. Also, a planned Tree Advisory Board website will provide useful tips and direct users to other informational web links.

2) Oversight and management of current urban forestry plan

The board will work with the mayor, city commission and other interested individuals to help maintain our current urban forest areas.

3) Planning and fund acquisition for future projects

The Richmond Tree Advisory Board will work with city officials to formulate a priority list and obtain funds and grant money for selected projects. Listings of recommended species appropriate for our area will be part of this effort. There will be the opportunity for community input regarding these projects as well.

4) Public appearances and special events

The Richmond Tree Advisory Board endeavors to raise public awareness of their mission through public appearances, celebrations and plantings and other special events. Members and selected experts may be available for appearances at schools, civic organizations and businesses.

## 5) Tree Management Ordinance

The ordinance creating the Richmond Tree Advisory Board also sets out acceptable guidelines for the planting and maintenance of trees planted in the public right-of way. At the request of the Mayor and City Commission, the board may investigate, report findings and make recommendations if it is determined that violations may have occurred.

Initially, board meetings will be monthly and are tentatively planned for the fourth Monday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. If you wish to be placed on our agenda, want more information or have comments or suggestions for the Richmond Tree Advisory Board, please contact Richmond City Hall at (859) 623-1000, extension 200 or visit the Richmond Tree Advisory Board link at [www.richmond.ky.us](http://www.richmond.ky.us).

### Current Richmond Tree Advisory Board Members:

Mike Land, Board Chairman  
Tonita Goodwin, Vice-Chairman      Karen Losson  
Bonnie Plummer                              Dianne Shuntich



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