

## TREE SURVEY

The Conservation Advisory Council of the Town of Boston is very interested in the future of the Trees in our town. When you tell someone you live in Boston, their comment is always "it's so beautiful out there". Well it is. And when you think about it – it's the Trees that make Boston so beautiful and peaceful. Trees are very beautiful to watch blow in the wind and change with the seasons. Here are several reasons why trees are so valuable and important.

Trees produce Oxygen- enough in one season to supply 10 people with enough oxygen for one year.

Trees clean the soil they filter roadside spills and other harmful chemicals.

Noise pollution, they act as a stone wall, for privacy and muffle noise.

Erosion, one full grown blue spruce, can intercept more than 1000 gallons of water annually. The leaves break the force of the rain protecting soil.

Carbon, a global warming suspect- trees absorb and contain carbon, acting as a carbon sink.

Trees act as air filters of carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide and other airborne particles, and reducing heat.

Shading and cooling our earth, reducing the need for air conditioning in summer and in winter breaking the wind lowering heating costs.

Property value increased greatly with the planting of trees by 15% or more.

*Please fill out this quick survey, and return to us at Boston Town Hall, 8500 Boston State rd., Boston NY 14025 (Make comments on the other side.)*

1. How many trees do you have on your property? (If they can be counted)
2. What species are they?
3. Do you have any trees that are damaged or rotten?
4. Would you consider cutting them down and replacing them?
5. If the town had a seminar on how to safely plant a tree, so it would survive, would you attend?
6. Are there any trees on your right-of-way, that you feel are a hazard and should be removed or trimmed? (Please supply address)
7. If they were removed would you plant a tree that is more appropriate for the space and area? (Such as under wires, too close to the road)
8. As the town is growing and addressing new developments- Do you feel more attention should be given to maintaining some green space and adding trees to new landscaping?
9. Do you think landowners should be required to receive town approval before logging operations and stripping large areas of trees, etc to reduce the increased run-off and erosion situations as a result of major tree removals?

**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KIDS DAY FISHING DERBY TO CELEBRATE**

**EARTH DAY – MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

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