





BINGHAMTON – Mayor Matt Ryan Wednesday announced that the City of Binghamton has received a \$20,000 grant from the New York State Forestry Management and Streetscape Implementation Program, which is administered by the Department of Environmental Conservation. The grant is among the largest statewide and will allow the City to develop a Forestry Management Plan and increase its annual tree plantings by more than 50 percent.

"A healthy urban forest is vital to a healthy community," said Mayor Ryan. "Studies show that trees make neighborhoods more attractive, safer, cleaner, and more economically viable. Through initiatives like the Shade Tree Commission and the <u>Tree Coupon</u> <u>Program</u>, my administration has prioritized creating more tree coverage along our streets and in our parks.

This state grant will aid our efforts by helping us develop a tree management plan and plant additional trees across our city, especially in underserved areas."





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