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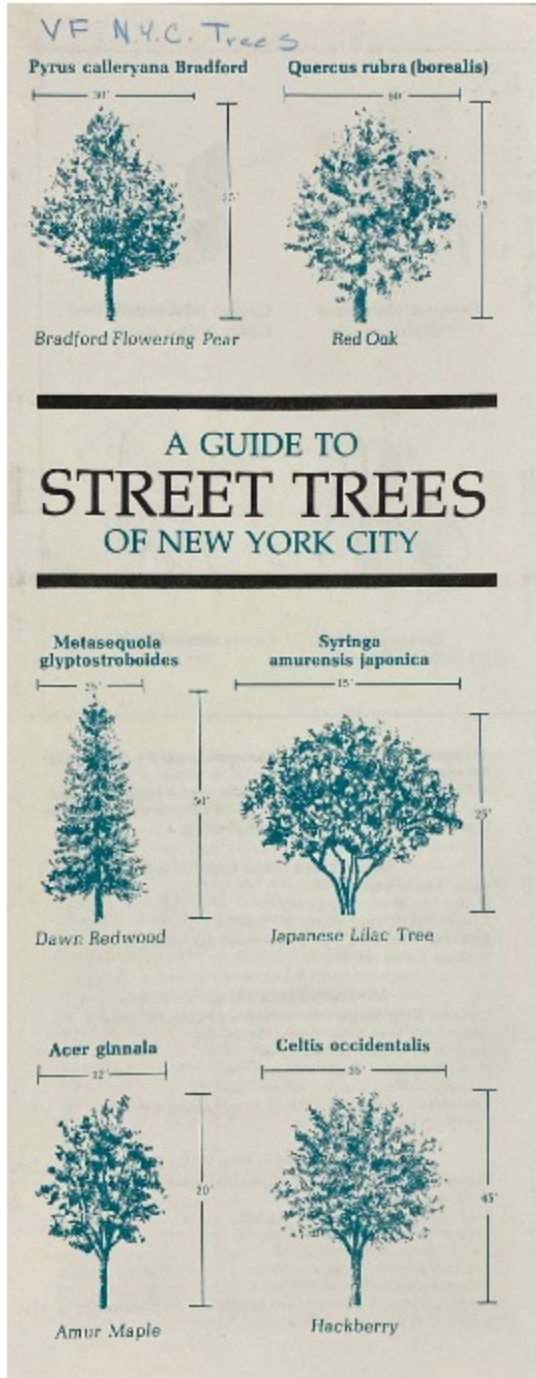
Spotlight on: Trees

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Trees are part of the urban landscape, providing shade, beauty and reminding us of the changing seasons and the importance of nature. Trees can not only be found in parks but on city streets in many neighborhoods.

The Department of Parks and Recreation published **Great Tree Walk Guide: The Great Trees of New York City** in 1990. The Great Tree Program was established in 1985 by the Parks Department "to identify and preserve New York City's oldest, largest and otherwise most unique trees." General background information on the Great Tree Program and the caring of trees is given. Then comes the fun part: descriptions of the unique, famous and not-so-famous trees in each of the five boroughs.

A description of the trees in Forest Park and Crocheron Park:



Front page of pamphlet from the vertical files: **A Guide to Street Trees of New York City**. Publication date: circa 1983 to 1989.

Municipal Reference Library Notes 1943 Civilian Defense

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Historically, Municipal Reference Library Notes were not published in July and August. The look back at Notes 100 years ago will resume with the September 2023 newsletter. However, it's interesting to step back 80 years to 1943 when New York City was affected by World War II.

The September 1943 issue featured a description of **New York City at War: Emergency Services** by Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia. This report explains the air raid protection services set up by City government in the event of an enemy attack on New York City. It was thought that a definite plan would reassure citizens that the City was prepared and protected. Here is the article:

