Campus Tree Planting - Beautification Initiative

Friday, November 12, 2021

To the College Community,

I am pleased to report that all 58 new trees have now been planted throughout the campus (**Site Plan attached for exact locations**).

Slow release water bags are installed and will insure that the saplings will receive the correct amounts of water daily. Stakes will stabilize them against our high winds and their organic red mulch topping will prevent rapid evaporation and retain moisture in the ground.

Watering will stop on December 15th, which is the predicted first frost for our area. The saplings will then be dormant throughout the winter months.

This is the first time in a long time where a major investment such as this has been possible, thanks to the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) matching funds grant.

This project also represents a significant step forward as we begin to replace the 256 trees which were destroyed by SuperStorm Sandy in October, 2012.

Our new tree species were selected primarily for their ability to tolerate salty environments (in anticipation of the next SuperStorm which comes our way):

- 18 Gleditsia Honey Locust (Green dot)
- 20 Platanus Acer London Plane (Blue dot)
- 20 **Prunus X** Flowering Cherry (Pink dot)

As part of the College's "Campus Beautification Initiative", we intend to purchase another 100 trees... 50 during the 22/23 FY and 50 during the 23/24 FY.

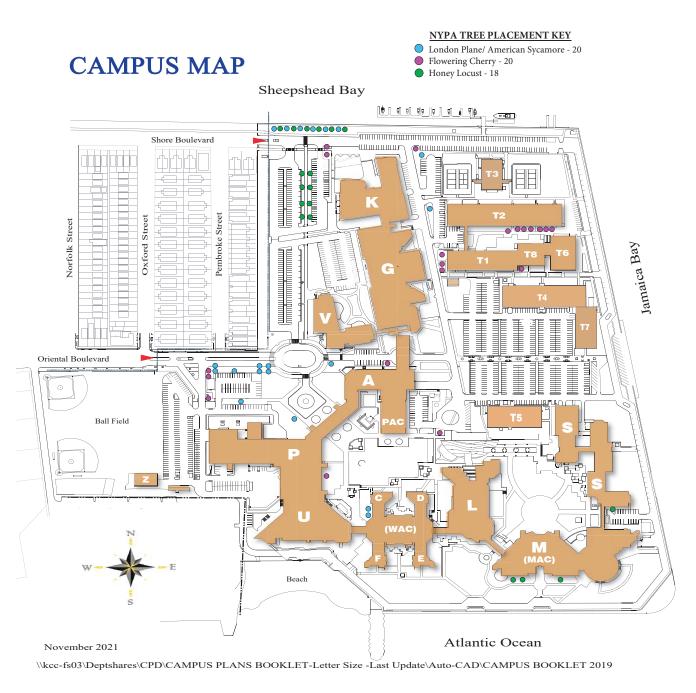
So that the installation component is more manageable, we will plant half of the trees during each Fall and Spring.

Many thanks to everyone who made this project a most welcomed reality!

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

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