

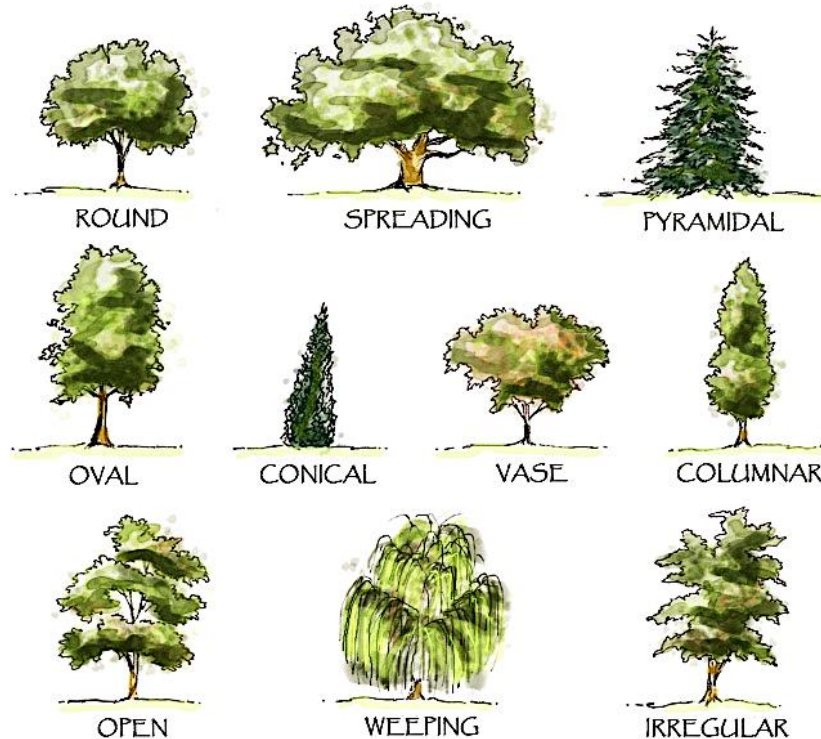
Village of Alsip

Spring Planting 2015

Species Descriptions

- All of the following trees were selected for planting in the public parkways.
- They are all deciduous (will lose their leaves in the fall).
- Though they are similar in this sense and in their size (medium to large shade trees), they have different characteristics such as form, leaf size, shape and color, and flowers and fruit.
- Below is a guide to the common shapes of mature trees:

TREE FORMS



Northern Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*)

- **Mature Height x Spread:** Approximately 60' x 30'. Upright oval shape.
- **Foliage:** Large, heart shaped leaves. Showy white, 2" trumpet shaped flowers in spring.
- **Advantages:** Uniquely, shaped tree with curving branches; native to Midwest.



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Ginkgo 'Golden Globe' (*Ginkgo biloba*)

- **Mature Height x Spread:** Approximately 60' x 40'. Irregular to rounded form.
- **Foliage:** Fan shaped leaves that cascade along the branch, turn yellow in fall.
- **Advantage:** Pest resistant; trees are male and do not bare fruit.



Kentucky Coffeetree (*Gymnocladus dioica*)

- **Mature Height x Spread:** 70' x 50'. Open, spreading shape.
- **Foliage:** 2' long leaves consisting of smaller oval compound leaflets, often almost bluish green color. Small greenish-white flowers in clusters.
- **Advantage:** Unique, scaly bark; semi-shade; native to the Midwest.

