

Riverwoods Preservation Council

THE MONEY TREES ... AND MORE

According to the Arbor Day Foundation:

- “In one study, 98% of realtors believe that mature trees have a ‘strong or moderate impact’ on the salability of homes listed for over \$250,000.” – *Arbor National Mortgage and American Forests*
- “Trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30% and can save 20-50% in energy used for heating.” – *USDA Forest Service*
- “Healthy mature trees add an average of 10% to a property’s value.” – *USDA Forest Service*
- “In laboratory research, visual exposure to settings with trees has produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension.” – *Texas A&M University*
- “Trees provide protection from downward fall of rain, sleet, and hail as well as reducing storm run-off and the possibility of flooding.” – *International Society of Arboriculture*
- “The presence of trees means improved water quality, resulting in less run-off and erosions. This allows more recharging of the ground water supply. Wooded areas help prevent the transport of sediment and chemicals into streams and underground water.” – *USDA Forest Service*
- “Young children living in areas with more trees have a lower prevalence of asthma.” - *Lovase, Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health*
- “In the Chicago area, urban trees filter an estimated 6,000 tons of air pollutants each year, providing a cleansing valued at \$9.2 million.” – *USDA Forest Service*

You can help secure these benefits for both you and your neighbors by taking advantage of the Village’s programs aimed at the health and future of Riverwoods’ woodlands.