



South Park Arboretum Restoration Project (SPARP) ARBOR DAY 2021

About South Park and SPARP



CULTURAL ASSET

South Park is one of the major cultural assets in Western New York.



PASTORAL

South Park was designed to be pastoral – gently rolling grass-covered topography falling into an undulating central lake with islands, loosely organized clumps of trees, meandering paths and a loop road, and masses of screening trees at the borders.



MASTERPIECE

The Olmsted-designed masterpiece, South Park Arboretum, was on par with the most notable arboreta of the late 19th century and early 20th century – and other than Boston's Arnold Arboretum, it is the only Olmsted arboretum built.



STATE-OF-THE-ART

While the condition of the arboretum declined throughout the 20th century, the Olmsted-original design can be honored and restored to its original glory as a state-of-the-art facility.



11 PHASES

This restoration project will follow a multi-year, 11-phase implementation plan. Learn more at www.bfloparks.org/sparp.



MUSEUM OF TREES

Arboretum: an outdoor museum where trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants are cultivated for scientific and educational purposes.

SPARP Phase 1 Priorities



Establish a safe park and arboretum

This is critical in the beginning stages of a long-term master plan and restoration project. Phase I focuses entirely on improving safety and the overall quality of the trees throughout South Park.



Identify and remove hazardous trees

This is a priority of Phase I, as is the pruning of any trees with hazardous limbs.



Structural pruning of Olmsted original trees

This step helps to ensure the health and longevity of these legacy trees.



To date, approximately **sixty Elm and Oak trees have been successfully pruned** and can be found flanking Ring Road on the Southern end of South Park.

SPARP Phase 1 Outcomes



The Olmsted trees will prove to be a major draw to all park visitors and these trees are of the highest significance to South Park.



Bringing these trees up to a higher quality is reflective of an arboretum and is a major priority in the beginning of the phasing process.



Phase I will lay a strong foundation for SPARP and begin the process of getting South Park to a nationally recognized arboretum status.

Thank you for your supporting SPARP and your Olmsted Parks. For any questions, please reach out to:
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