PENFIELD, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 9, 2009 – The Town of Penfield’s Conservation Board and Bicentennial Committee will name an official Penfield Tree to honor the Town’s Bicentennial in 2010. The community is invited to participate in a town-wide vote to choose the tree species to be honored with this distinction.

The Conservation Board developed a ballot of 12 trees for consideration. The nominated trees are species that would have been present in Penfield in 1810. The Town’s landscape consultant, Bruce Zaretsky, identified the choices as well-suited for Penfield’s environment and easy to find in local nurseries.

“The Bicentennial logo prominently features a tree as a symbol of the ‘Generations Strong’ theme, so the idea of naming an official tree fits right in,” said Bicentennial Chair, Councilwoman Linda Kohl. “We are asking all community groups to embrace the Bicentennial theme for their programs in 2010. The Conservation Board has set a great example.”

The Official Tree ballot is available online (www.penfield2010.org) and in hard copy at the Penfield Public Library, Penfield Recreation Office, and Penfield Town Hall. The online version of the ballot includes links to detailed information on each species. The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2009.

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