

Tree Service Company Transplants Chinese Ginkgo

A 150-year-old Ginkgo tree in Niagara Falls, N.Y., was saved from the destruction of urban renewal, thanks to ecology buffs and the professional skills of Frost and Higgins Landscaping service.

The Niagara Ginkgo is estimated to be 150 years old and was planted by Thomas Tugby, who brought the tree back from China in a small tub. Since then, it has grown to five feet in diameter, 90 feet tall and with an 80-foot spread. Botanists say this oriental species is more than 200 million years old.

About 2,000 disturbed ecology buffs put pressure on the Niagara Falls Urban Renewal Agency to save the tree. With the cooperation of the mayor and the city government, they convinced the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to appropriate money to save the tree.

Monroe Tree Company of Rochester, N. Y., was retained to study the possibilities and determine if the tree could be moved. Monroe contacted Frost and Higgins of Burlington, Mass. Authorization was granted to move the tree.

It was a triumph in large tree

moving, says William A. Rae, president of Frost and Higgins. The tree was moved with a large root ball, 28 feet in diameter and 6 feet in depth. The root ball was placed on a platform and the tree moved slowly

along a wide trench approximately 200 feet to its new home.

Rae says that the Ginkgo will receive much care for two to three years to insure proper growth after the shock of transplanting.



This is the 150 year old Ginkgo tree, five feet in diameter, that was transplanted by Frost and Higgins Landscaping service.

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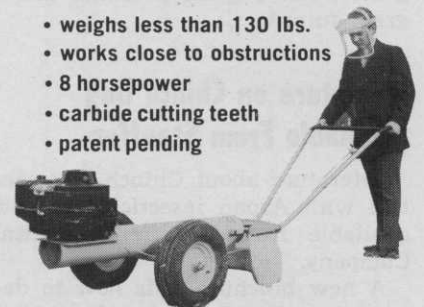
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