Check out this beauty in Walsh Park. Thornless Common Honeylocust, *Gleditsia triacanthos var. inermis*. Is a medium to large fast growing tree that can get upwards of 70' tall and have a crown spread just as wide. Its leaves are pinnately compound which provides filtered shade during the summer.

Usually found in moist soil river valleys, tolerates drought, high pH’s, and salts. This tree was used as a replacement for the American elm and has been somewhat over planted. Plagued by many types of disease and insects it should not be planted in large numbers.

Honey locust gets its name from the edible sweetish gummy substance found in the pup of its seed pods (legumes).

This would sure make a nice tree to have a picnic under this weekend.