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PREFACE

The history and goals of the Metropolitan Tree Improvement Alliance have been well covered in an article in the Journal of Arboriculture 4(3): 62-66, 1978. Following the enthusiasm generated by the Symposium "Better Trees for Metropolitan Landscapes" that was held at the U.S. National Arboretum, November 4-6, 1975, METRIA held its first regular meeting in July, 1976. This is the Proceedings of that meeting. The delay in publishing these Proceedings is regretted by the Editor.

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