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Street Tree Planting Program Spring 2017

Our street tree planting program will consist of approximately 490 trees. Of these trees, 306 or 62% will be replacement trees which resulted from the removal of declining and storm related injuries as well as many ash trees removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer. We are continuing an aggressive approach to removing unprotected ash trees by removing approximately 400 annually. This has resulted in an increase in the number of replacements. This spring we will be utilizing the majority of our replacement budget for the year, due to this increase. All remaining trees that will be removed this year will be held off for replacement until next year (2018) as funds for replacements become available.

Our spring planting program will also consist of 101 **new development plantings**. These plantings will continue to be primarily in the Woodland Hills, Oakmont Trail and Fox Lake subdivisions. New home construction has continued to improve from last year and looks to increase due to the level of building activity in these subdivisions. We have 61 project trees to plant which resulted from road reconstruction projects through the Engineering Dept. Summit Ave/Delafield Ave., N. Grand Ave./South St. downtown and the Moreland Ave. sewer project are among these. Fifteen park trees will be added to River Hills Park. The Tenny Ave. project will be completed with the planting of the boulevard island trees donated by the Smart Family and the planting along the new Meijer Store.

Finding available trees from nurseries has been challenging as we are now receiving trees from five different nurseries as far away as Oconto Falls and Green Bay. Species diversity is still a priority as well as quality nursery stock to ensure the continuation of a healthy urban forest facing various urban and environmental challenges.

Thank You For your continued support.

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