



PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

1900 AVIATION DRIVE
WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN 53188-2471
TELEPHONE 262/524-3737 FAX 262/524-3713

Ron Grall, Director
rgrall@waukesha-wi.gov

Street Tree Planting Program Fall, 2020

Our fall street tree planting program will consist of a total of 166 trees. Of these trees, 76% are replacement trees, the majority of which have resulted from the removal of ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer. We are continuing an aggressive approach of removing the unprotected ash trees which are increasingly showing signs of decline or have died from the effects of the borer. Our policy is to replace all trees that have been removed, with the exception of sites that are lacking the room for a new tree or where utilities prohibit planting. All efforts are made to replace the trees. The 2020 non-assessed tree budget will be exhausted this fall leaving 709 replacement trees unfunded. Using a projected average cost per tree, 422 of those will be replaced in 2021 leaving 287 trees (40%) to be replaced in 2022. As additional trees are removed, replacement trees will then be scheduled for 2023.

Our fall planting program contains 23 new development plantings which is a decrease over last year. These plantings are primarily in the Fox Lake Village and Howell Oaks Estates subdivisions. New home construction looks to have decreased slightly in these subdivisions, so we are expecting a lower number of new development plantings next spring.

Finding available trees from nurseries continues to be a challenge. The process of purchasing trees through a “growing agreement” to alleviate this problem was implemented two years ago. Some of those trees were delivered this spring and another shipment is due this fall. We will continue this program in the future. 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.

Mike Talaska
City Forester
Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

