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Street Tree Planting Program

Fall 2014

Our fall street tree planting program will consist of approximately 179 trees. Of these, only 9% or (17 trees) are **new development plantings**. The “fill-ins” continue to be primarily in, River Hills and Deer Path Subdivisions. New home construction is beginning to show signs of slowing down again from last year. The rest of the remaining tree plantings (147 trees) are considered “replacements” of existing trees removed in spring of 2014 due to mortality. This is pretty consistent from year to year with an average total loss of about 300 trees per year or less than 2% of the total tree population.

This fall we are also planting 12 project trees through grant dollars obtained from ATC (American Transmission Company). This is part of a PR campaign to replace trees removed for wire clearance.

During the summer storm of June 30th and in the following weeks, we lost a total of about 110 trees throughout the city. The hardest hit Aldermanic District was No. 1 with over 58 trees (53%) destroyed in that district alone. We will **not** be replacing any of these trees until spring of 2015 as all replacement funds (non-assessed) were already accounted for. We are requesting additional funds in the 2015 budget of \$12,750.00 to replace this loss.

As in years past we are continuing to selectively target declining Ash trees for removal in 2015 and replace these trees as funds are available to offset the eventual impact of EAB.

Thank you for your continued support.
Respectfully submitted,

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