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### Street Tree Planting Program

#### Spring 2016

Our spring street tree planting program will consist of approximately 300 trees. Of these, only 11% (34 trees) are **new development plantings**. These new plantings continue to be primarily in, Oakmont Trail, Coldwater Creek, Deer Creek and Fox Lake subdivisions. New home construction slowed going into the fall of last year.

This year we have 30 replacement project trees from the storm water sewer project of 2015 on East Ave. and Garfield. These trees are being replaced with funds from the project.

The bulk of the remaining tree plantings (234 trees) are considered “replacements” of existing trees removed in mid/late 2015 into early 2016. We are taking a more aggressive approach to removing Ash trees this year as Emerald Ash Borer is showing significant damage to any untreated tree.

This year we are asking for a 5.1% increase in the amount we charge for newly planted assessed trees. This is a reflection on the 21% increase in tree prices over just the last two years. The nursery industry has experienced a shortage of preferred planting sizes and species, so prices have reflected this shortage. We now purchase our trees from 4 different nurseries just to fill our order.

We continue to improve species diversity, by planting **27** different species of trees, including 8 totally new cultivars. This strategic part of our management plan will help reduce tree loss from destructive invasive pests. As always, our Arborists continue to monitor our current population, and do an outstanding job keeping our tree population healthy and safe for all Waukesha residents to enjoy.

Thank you for your continued support.

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