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### Street Tree Planting Program

#### Fall 2015

Our fall street tree planting program will consist of approximately 141 trees. Of these, only 7% or (10 trees) are **new development plantings**. These “fill-ins” continue to be primarily in, Oakmont Trail and Fox Lake Subdivisions. New home construction slowed during the fall and early spring season and is showing signs of slowing down again for next year. The rest of the remaining tree plantings (141 trees) are considered “replacements” of existing trees removed during the spring/summer 2015 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.

As you may recall, during the summer storm of June 30<sup>th</sup> 2014, we lost a total of about 110 trees throughout the city. This fall we will be replacing the remainder of those trees lost over one year ago. We are essentially one full growing season behind in replanting lost trees as the non-assessed portion of the tree budget has not kept pace with current conditions. To date we are deferring approximately 80 trees to the spring planting cycle due to insufficient funds. We are requesting an additional \$9,240.00 in the 2016 budget to get us current with our planting needs.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Respectfully submitted,

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