

Street Tree Planting Program Spring 2026

Our spring street tree planting program will be 155 trees. This year we will be soliciting requests for qualified contractors to plant these trees. This will allow full-time staff to focus on the work of pruning and removals. The planting numbers indicate the minimum we expect to plant this spring. There were a small number of plantings sites available at newly finished homes. We prioritize planting in these locations where there is little tree canopy after the development of new subdivisions.

We continue to focus on increasing diversity of our urban forest by reducing the population of maple trees through attrition. We have moved to reactive removals of ash trees that are showing signs of decline from the effects of the borer.

Our spring planting program will include 18 new development plantings. They are located in aldermanic district 10, 12, and 15.

We have been able to procure the species we prefer through at least 5 different nurseries providing trees for this spring's planting.

Thank you for your continued support!

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