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### Street Tree Planting Program Fall, 2017

Our fall street tree planting program will be relatively small this season consisting of approximately 113 trees. Of these trees, 34 or 30% will be replacement trees which have resulted from the removal of declining and storm related injuries as well as many ash trees removed due to the Emerald Ash Borer. We are continuing an aggressive approach to removing unprotected ash trees which are starting to show signs of decline or have died from the effects of the borer. This fall we will be utilizing the remainder of our replacement budget for the year. All remaining trees that have been or will be removed this year will be held off for replacement until next year as funds for replacements become available. Currently this is 238 trees.

Our fall planting program will also consist of 26 **new development plantings**. These plantings will continue to be primarily in the Rolling Ridge South and Howell Oaks Estates subdivisions. New home construction has seemed to slow down this summer but looks to increase due to the level of building activity in these subdivisions. We have 46 project trees to plant which resulted from road reconstruction projects through the Engineering Dept. Oscar St., Arcadian Ave. and the E Sunset Dr. widening project are among these. Five park trees will be replaced in River Hills Park.

Finding available trees from nurseries continues to be a challenge but not so much this fall due to the small planting program. 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.

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