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The Community Forestry Program is supported and promoted in the field with technical assistance and support provided by your [District and Community Forester](#). ([/kansas_forest_services/district_offices/index.html](#)) The Kansas Forest Service provides and can assist your community with the following activities:

- *Technical assistance* - Foresters help communities complete assessments, inventories and management plans, as well as developing ordinances, plant health care practices and training programs.
- *Education and Training* - Educations and training is provided to develop, facilitate, and coordinate programs and materials for forestry professionals, arborists, officials, planners, developers, school children and volunteers.
- *Resource Development* - The Program administers federal cost sharing programs and assists in finding and developing alternate sources of funding, staff, and support for community programs.
- *Public awareness* - The Community Forestry program also develops awareness and support of the value of urban forests and their need for management through media, recognition programs, celebrations and events.

For specific questions on tree health (i.e. why is my tree sick), please seek out your [local Extension Office](#). (<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/about/statewide-locations/>)

Grant Opportunities

Inflation Reduction Act Community Forests Grant

The Kansas Forest Service wants to revitalize the state's community forests through strategic partnerships with local government, non-governmental and community-based organizations, and other strategic partners that will lead to long-term growth and development of community forests in underserved communities. These efforts will increase the resiliency, sustainability, and equitable access to community forests, make the environment and population healthier, and mitigate the effects of heat islands and climate change. Kansas Forest Service is taking a focused sub-award grant program approach to implement widespread community forestry revitalization which will provide long-term and widespread positive impacts for disadvantaged community forests by increasing the resiliency, sustainability, and canopy equity of community forests.

Kansas Forest Service is offering ten grant awards to improve our community forests with a maximum award amount of \$100,000. This competitive grant funding will go towards managing trees in open spaces, greenbelts, roadside screens, parks, campgrounds, woodlands, curb areas, and residential developments to increase equitable access to the community tree canopy. These treatments will focus on publicly accessible community forests that need pruning, removal, planting, procuring material, and increasing the resiliency of the community forests. Extra consideration will be given to projects and programs that have long-lasting effects on underserved communities. Outcomes are trees planted, pruned, and removed.

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Applications are due on November 8th, 2024, by 5 pm CST. Late applications will not be eligible.

Community Foresters will offer the below help sessions to answer questions or help communities navigate the grant requirements. For additional questions, please reach out to your [Kansas Forest Service Community Forester](#) ([/about/staff/index.html](#)).

[KFS IRA RFP Application \(/community_forestry/IRA%20Application.pdf\)](#)

[KFS IRA Commonly Asked Questions \(/community_forestry/IRA%20FAQ%20.pdf\)](#)

Date	Time	Event	Location
Aug 5, 2024	10:30AM	Applications Open	
Aug 15, 2024	3PM - 4PM	Online Office Hours	Join the meeting now (https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NDBiNGRiN2QtNGJkYy00MGE0LWFkZjgtYThiZjM4ZjM5Mjc0%40thread.v2/0)

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Aug 21, 2024 1:30PM - 2:30PM Online Office Hours

[Join the meeting now \(https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZjU3NDUxYjQtY2Y0Ni00YWM5LTlhM2YtNjU3ZDc4NDgzZjY4%40thread.v2/?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d9a2fa71-d67d-4cb6-b541-06ccaa8013fb%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%226d43c015-c325-452e-98f5-3928d02dfd44%22%7d](#)

Meeting ID: 271 691 946 406
Passcode: 59Drjw

Sept 12, 2024 3:00PM - 4:00PM Online Office Hours

[Join the meeting now \(https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OWl3ODI1YTgtODg3ZS00YjI3LTlhM2YtNjU3NWYzNWQxZGI4%40thread.v2/?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d9a2fa71-d67d-4cb6-b541-06ccaa8013fb%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%226d43c015-c325-452e-98f5-3928d02dfd44%22%7d](#)

Meeting ID: 265 785 618 408
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Sept 30, 2024 11:00AM - 12:00PM Online Office Hours

[Join the meeting now \(https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NjQ2NzJjNjAtNDY0ZS00ODU3LTg5ZTAtNjBmNjY0NDRiMWJl%40thread.v2/?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d9a2fa71-d67d-4cb6-b541-06ccaa8013fb%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%226d43c015-c325-452e-98f5-3928d02dfd44%22%7d](#)

Meeting ID: 218 406 298 309
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Oct 25, 2024 3PM - 4PM Online Office Hours

[Join the meeting now \(https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_OTQxMzYxZDctNDMwMS00MjAzLWE3MmMtYjRiNWRIbWJl%40thread.v2/?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d9a2fa71-d67d-4cb6-b541-06ccaa8013fb%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%226d43c015-c325-452e-98f5-3928d02dfd44%22%7d](#)

Meeting ID: 233 381 570 465
Passcode: Wi6DkA

Nov 8, 2024 5:00PM Applications Period closes

Jan 13, 2025 5:00PM Notice of Successful Application

BIL Community Hazard Tree Cost Share Application

*LAKE Area of
Town*

Kansas' mature to over-mature canopy has been degraded by repetitive storms, drought, and flooding over the last decade, along with an invasion of emerald ash borer and other biotic threats and issues. This declining canopy continues to increase the number of defective and potentially hazardous public trees. Many smaller rural communities lack the funding to properly address hazardous and dead or dying trees.

This October the Kansas Forest Service Community Forestry Program is planning to release grant funds to assist with hazard tree removals in rural communities. This competitive process with eight total awards available ranging from \$5,000 to \$9,500. The grant requires a 50/50 match. Eligible communities need to have a population of 50,000 or less. Last year's application is below to allow future applicants to understand more about this opportunity.

- [Learn more about the program \(/community_forestry/23.7.25%20Community%20Hazard%20Tree%20Cost%20Share%20Description.pdf\)](#)
- [Community Hazard Tree Cost Share Application \(/community_forestry/23.7.25%20Community%20Hazard%20Tree%20Cost%20Share%20Application.pdf\)](#)

Updated: 8/16/24

Community IRA Grant Description

Kansas Forest Service

2024

The Kansas Forest Service is seeking local government, non-governmental and community-based organizations, and other strategic partners to apply for competitive grant funding to implement science-based community forestry efforts. The Kansas Forest Service is offering ten grant awards. The maximum award amount is \$100,000. This competitive grant funding will go towards managing trees in open spaces, greenbelts, roadside screens, parks, campgrounds, woodlands, curb areas, and residential developments increasing equitable access to the community tree canopy. These treatments will focus on publicly accessible community forests that need pruning, removal, planting, procuring plant material, and increasing the resiliency of the community forests. Extra consideration will be given to projects and programs that have long-lasting effects on underserved communities. Outcomes are trees planted, pruned, and removed.

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and/or International Society of Arboriculture credentialed arborists. Projects need to be completed within a two years of the award date. The estimated award date is January 13th, 2025.

All applicants are required to include a planting plan that specifies species, maintenance and watering schedules for new trees installed after the removals. Plantings need to be at least two plantings to every removal. New trees do not need to be at the same location or on the same street as the removals. Shrubs are not considered trees for the purpose of this grant. New tree locations should ensure tree equity for all in the community. Communities should work with their Kansas Forest Service District Forester to select appropriate tree species. Applications that include ash, pin oak, and other undesirable, invasive, or overplanted species will be ineligible.

Applications, questions or comments can be directed to Matt Norville, Community Forestry Program Coordinator at mnorville@ksu.edu.



2610 Claflin Rd.
Manhattan, KS 66502
(785) 532-3300

Community IRA Grant Application

Completed applications need to be emailed to your district forester and mnorville@ksu.edu. For best consideration, the application deadline is November 8th, 2024, by 5 pm CST.

Title of Proposed Project: Anthony Trees for Tomorrow

Community or Organization Name: Anthony, KS Anthony Tree Board

Population Served: 5,475 - which includes county residents and recreational visitors from adjacent counties

Contact Name and Title: Bill Moyer, Anthony Tree Board Chairman

Mailing Address: 1111 N. Anthony Ave. Anthony, KS 67003

Phone Number: Bill Moyer 620-899-4917, Bryce Osborn 316-253-8691 or Cyndra Kastens 620-842-5434

Email Address: bvosborn66@gmail.com or billmoyer1942@gmail.com

Partnering Agencies/Organizations: City of Anthony, KS and Anthony Tree Board

Project Start Date: January 30, 2025

Project End Date: December 31, 2026

Date you contacted your District Forester to discuss the project: October 1, 2024

Did you include an attachment of:

Budget Sheet ☒

Map showing the location of work being done ☒

Confirmation that the work is being conducted in a CEJST area ☒

Contractor Bid(s) if applicable ☐

Project Description:

The project will include the removal of 50 dead or dying Siberian Elm trees located on street right of ways (ROW), and city property within parks and recreation areas, such as the Anthony City Lake. The project will also provide 32 new trees within the new Sunrise housing addition ROW and tree planting along a new walking path which will tie the City of Anthony to the city lake's existing walking path. All plantings to occur on city property. The project will also provide a 5 year maintenance program for tree establishment including planting, staking, soil amenities, fertilization, and tree bole protection from mowing, weed whips, and deer rubbing. Trees will also be watered on a weekly schedule. Four planting seasons will be utilized for tree planting - Spring, March - May 31, and Fall, September 15 - December of each year. Planting and tree maintenance will be supervised by a professional forest and tree committee member. A semi annual report on progress and maintenance will be provided to Anthony City Commission and district and state level offices and in addition to any required party with the grant agreement.

Best Practices to be Engaged:

- A) Tree removal by City of Anthony maintenance personnel. Stump removal by City of Anthony maintenance personnel with a rented stump removal machine. The city would also have the option to bid out the tree/stump removal.
- B) Tree planting to be accomplished with volunteer labor over a 2 year period utilizing Spring and Fall planting periods. Emphasis will be placed on Arbor Day as a major community event.
- C) Trees will have soil amenities added, with liquid root stimulator.
- D) Tree stakes will be installed, with 2 stakes in wind prone areas along new residential area and walking path, and 1 stake in current residential areas. Stakes will be removed in year 3.
- E) Fertilizer spikes will be installed September of each year.
- F) Tree protection from mowing, weed whips, deer rubbing, and sun scald protection will consist of 4" foundation drain tubing, split to encompass tree bole.
- G) Watering cycle: First and second year, twice a week with 10 gallons per tree, per watering. Third year, once a week minimum dependent on rain or drought conditions. 10 gallons per tree, per watering. Fourth year, once every two weeks minimum. 10 gallons per tree, per watering. Fifth year, once a month minimum, 10-20 gallons per tree, per watering.

Detailed Budget Items by Object Class Categories	Requested Amount \$	Community Match \$	Other Match \$	Source of "Other Match"
* a. Personnel <i>city or Contract *</i>	\$50,000			
* b. Fringe Benefits				
c. Travel	None anticipated			
* d. Equipment				
e. Supplies	\$48,289			
	See Attached			
f. Contractual <i>Tree Removal / stump removal</i>				
g. Construction	<i>None Anticipated</i>			
h. Administrative *				
<i>supply Bid Process & Budget Tracking</i>				
i. Other	\$1,711			
<i>(Fuel for Equipment & Repair)</i>				
i. Total Direct Charges (sum of a-i)	\$100,000			
j. Indirect Charges				
k. Totals (i + j)	<i>100,000</i>			
l. Program Income	<i>100,000</i>			

Official Authorized Signature _____

*City Administrator / Budget ⁴ to fill in Numbers at *
(not to exceed 50,000⁰⁰)*

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d. Equipment				
e. Supplies				
f. Contractual				
g. Construction				
h. Administrative				
i. Other				
i. Total Direct Charges (<i>sum of a-i</i>)				
j. Indirect Charges				
k. Totals (i + j)				
l. Program Income				

Official Authorized Signature _____

October 7, 2024

Kansas Forest Service
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To whom it may concern,

The City of Anthony is located in Southern Harper County Kansas within the Climate and Economic Justice Screen Tool (CEJST) designated area. Established in 1878 with settlers engaged in the cattle and agricultural industry, Siberian elms were planted due to its fast growth and ability to withstand weather patterns on the Kansas plains. Harper County supports a population of +/- 5,475 with approximately 2,108 living within the city limits of Anthony. A tree board was established in the last 1990s, and has been designated a Tree City USA for the past 28 years. Tree board responsibilities include tree planting promotion and advising city leaders of right of way and city owned property tree issues. Due to limited budgets and manpower, tree and stump removals on right of ways are done on an as-time-permits schedule. Recent wind storms and ongoing drought conditions has placed a burden on budgets, manpower, and a declining labor force.

This grant funding would allow for the removal of dead and dying mature Siberian elms, replanting of 150 trees of various species, maintenance for said trees for 3 to 5 years for establishment along new subdivision right of ways, and plantings along a new walking path stretching approximately 1 mile, connecting recreational and residential properties. The City of Anthony is eager to assist in reestablishing tree canopy cover within cities across Kansas.

Sincerely,

Anthony Tree Board

Bill Moyer, Bryce Osborn, Don Jensen, and Conna Livingston

October 14, 2024

Subject: Right-of-Way Trees

Dear Anthony City Council Members,

The trees on the attached list have been marked for removal with an orange "x". Most of these are Siberian elm and have died due to drought, wind damage, or mature age. Anthony Lake trees have not been marked at this time. The Tree Board wishes to gain a better understanding on Lake residents views of reforestation, location of planned bike/walking trail, and potential land development. A planning session with lake residents, city council members, and tree huggers would be welcomed. A work session between Anthony Tree Board and City Council would also be advantageous for long term budget planning for right-of-way tree planting across the city.

Sincerely,

The Anthony Tree Board

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Noyes", is written over the printed name "The Anthony Tree Board". The signature is fluid and cursive.

2025 Tree Removal List

Right-of-way trees in the city of Anthony marked with an orange "x"

404 S. Kansas – 2 Siberian elms
402 S. Kansas – 1 Siberian elm
526 S. Bluff – 1 Siberian elm stub
401 S. Madison – 1 Siberian elm
310 S. Pennsylvania – 1 Siberian elm
325 N. Fifth – 1 Siberian elm
220 N. Santa Fe – 1 Mimosa
507 N. Lincoln – 2 Lace Bark elms
605 N. Franklin – 1 Siberian elm
721 N. Franklin – 1 Siberian elm
801 N. Lincoln – 1 Siberian elm
516 N. Springfield – 1 Siberian elm
400 Block N. Springfield – 1 Chinese Pistache
200 Block N. Bluff – 1 Green Ash
400 Block N. Kansas – 1 Siberian elm
200 Block W Ironton – 1 Siberian elm
100 Block W Evans – 1 American elm
525 E Main – 1 Siberian elm
408 E Main – 1 Silver Maple
200 Block Steadman – 2 Siberian elms
800 W Spring – 1 Siberian elm
City Airport – 2 Siberian elms

Trees Trimmed Dec 06

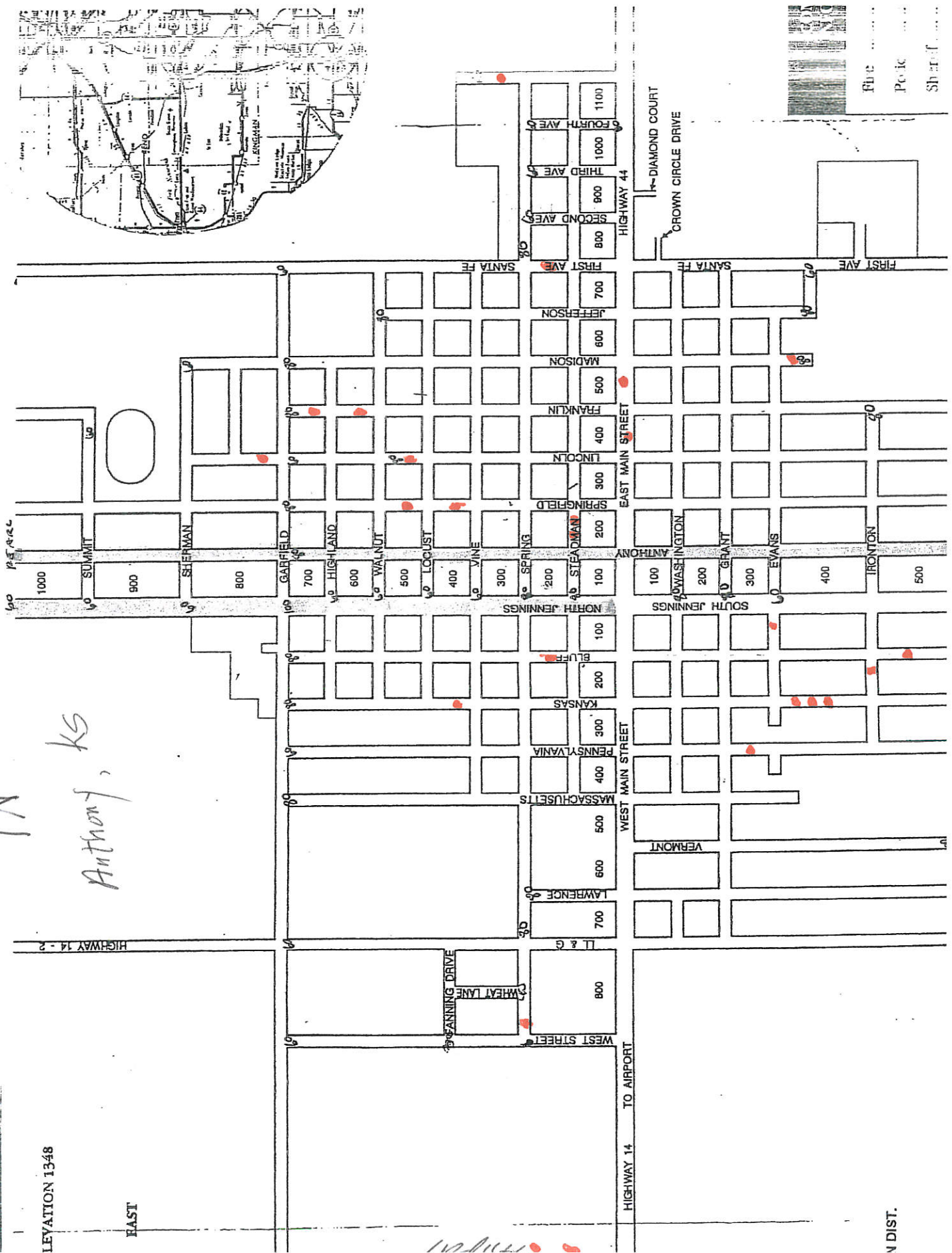
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Anthony, KS

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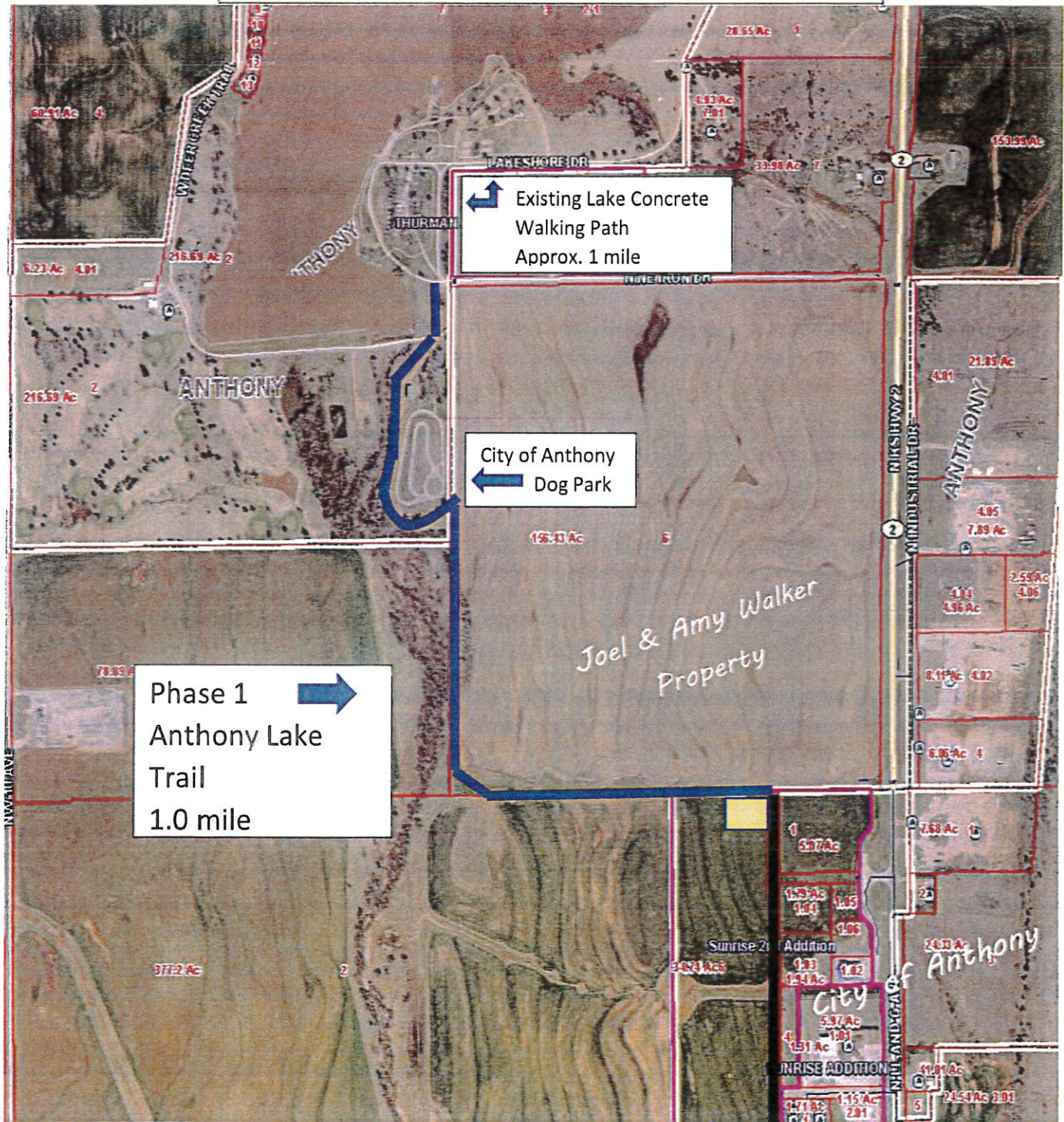
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2025 Tree Removal as of 10/14/24
Anthony Tree Board

N. DIST.

Attachment B – Proposed Route Map



-  Proposed Anthony Lake Trail (Approx. 1.0 mile)
-  West Street (Construction completion Summer 2023 Fully funded project)
-  Proposed Trailhead

Proposed Anthony Lake Trail Phase 1





Budget Projections

Estimated Tree Cost

(1 ½" – 2" minimum caliper or 10 gal container)

- 150 trees at \$250-300 per tree = **\$41,250.00**
- Root Stimulator 4 gallon at \$55 per gallon = **\$220.00**
- Tree fertilizer stakes 150 trees x 3 per tree x 4 years = 1,800 qty
160 fertilizer stakes per box = 12 boxes x \$89.00 per box = **\$1,068**
- 4" Mechanical / wildlife tree guard. 8 rolls x \$95.00/roll = **\$760.00**
- Tree stakes for support. Residential area needs 1 stake per tree
=93 stakes. Walking path and subdivision needs 2 stakes per tree
= 114 stakes. 207 qty stakes x \$4.27 = **\$884.00**
- Tree gators for water. 150 qty (20gal) 12 per box x 13 boxes x
\$99.00 per box = **\$1,287.00**
- Soil amenities. ½ bag per tree. 75 bags \$20.00 per bag = **\$1,500.00**
- Bulk mulch and haul cost = **\$1,000.00**
- Electric water pump (12 volt) with ¾ hose = **\$270.00**
- Water tank = **\$50.00**
- Water trailer (estimated value \$400.00) = Donated
- Tree and stump removal = **\$50,000.00**
- Miscellaneous expenditures = **\$1,711.00**

Species selection dependent on availability and/ or caliper size
and nursery source.

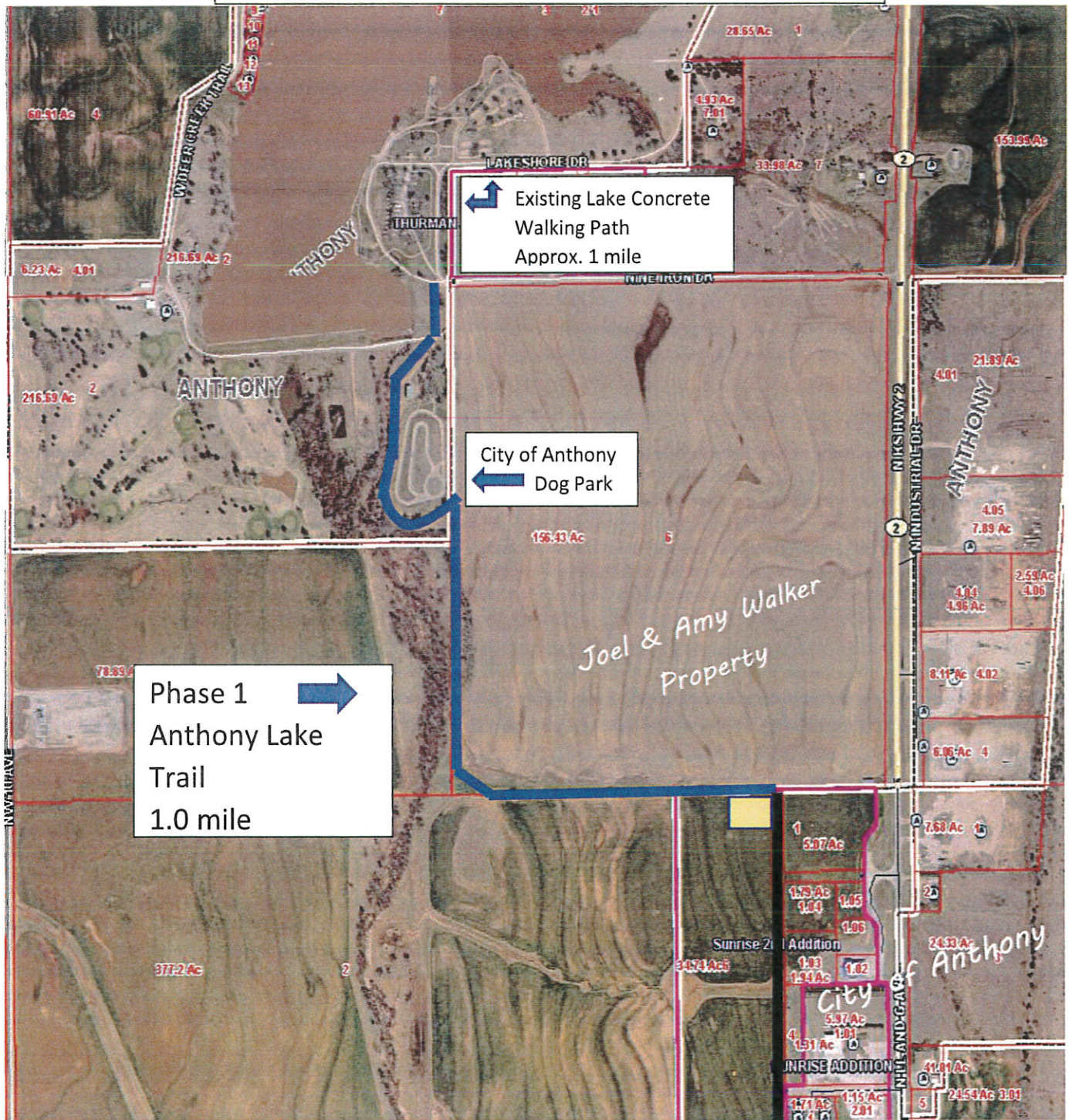
Proposed Tree Species

** Denotes species suitable only for walking path / park areas.*

* Bur Oak	Quercus macrocarpa
* Kentucky Coffee	Gymnocladus dioicus
* Pecan	Carya illinoensis
* Black Walnut	Juglans nigra
* American Sycamore	Platanus occidentalis
* Red Mulberry	Morus rubra
* E Red Cedar	Juniperas virginiana
* N Catulpa	Catalpa speciosa
Hackberry / Sugarberry	Celtis occidentalis / laevigata
Chinkapin Oak	Quercus muehlenbergii
Shumard Oak	Quercus shumardii
Sawtooth Oak	Quercus acutissima
Swamp White Oak	Quercus bicolor
N Red Oak	Quercus rubra
White Oak	Quercus alba
English Oak	Quercus robur
Bald Cypress	Taxodium distiahum
Fruitless Osage Orange	Maclura pomifera (Wichita)
Golden Rain	Koelreuteria paniculata
Lace Bark Elm	Ulmus parvifolia
Crimson Spire Oak	Quercus 'Crimschmidt'
London Plane Tree	Platanus x acerifolia
Ginko (male)	Ginkgo biloba

ACET HARD Maple ACER SACCHARUM Caddo

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Attachment A

Rural Connection Trails Projects

