



Report to Village Board

Item Name: Oak Wilt Ordinance

Meeting Date: August 10, 2026

Referring Body:

Committee Contact:

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The Village Board asked CLIPP to review the current Oak Wilt Ordinance and make any necessary changes that seem fit.

Currently our oak wilt ordinance requires an annual inspection in the designated oak wilt areas of the Village with a duly appointed tree inspector. The Village does not have a tree inspector on staff nor does the Village have a contracted individual or firm to inspect any areas or specific trees. If we receive a complaint about an oak wilt diseased tree staff can't follow the ordinance with sending out a tree inspector.

The Wisconsin DNR has a guideline sheet for residents to follow which mirrors parts of the ordinance.

On August 3, 2026 CLIPP made a recommendation to the Village Board to eliminate the oak wilt ordinance as well as the oak wilt reimbursement policy (PW-008), based on the elimination of funding as well as the vacancy of a tree inspector.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: To eliminate the Oak Wilt Ordinance as well as the Oak Wilt Reimbursement Policy (PW-008)