

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

## City Council

Meeting Date: May 13. 2026

**Submitted By:**

Staff on behalf of Councilmember Kevin Schell

**Agenda Item:**

Discussion and possible action on the development of an oak wilt prevention, mitigation, and remediation program

**Description:**

Rollingwood has experienced active oak wilt infection centers within its city limits since at least 2015. Previous trenching efforts in 2017 demonstrated partial effectiveness, but the disease has continued to spread beyond the containment area.

The Texas A&M Forest Service has confirmed that trenching is no longer a cost-effective urban management tool. A comprehensive approach combining awareness, prevention, early detection, and treatment incentives is necessary to protect the City's tree canopy. Investment of city resources signals the seriousness of the threat and incentivizes resident participation in containment efforts.

[Link to January 25, 2022, City of Rollingwood Oak Wilt Town Hall](#)

**Action Requested:**

Discuss the creation of an oak wilt prevention, mitigation, and remediation program, and request feedback from the Utility Commission regarding their support for the use of water resources as part of the program.

**Fiscal Impacts:**

No fiscal impacts at this time, but funds would need to be allocated in future budgets if the program is created.

**Attachments:**

- Oak Wilt Prevention Program concept
- 2022 Oak Wilt 'Hot Zone Map'