

Forestry Report 11-7-23

| | Completed this year | On the priority list |
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| Ash treated for EAB | 605 | 0 |
| Stumps Ground | 149 | 409 |
| Trees Pruned | 1,485 | 362 |
| Trees Planted | 759 | 0 |
| Branch Down/Hanger Branches Cleaned up | 333 | 0 |
| Trees Removed | 285 | 88 |

The Forestry division has focused heavily on training pruning and tree planting this year. The division has been fully staffed since June but have incorporated a lot of training for our newer hires. Our stump grinding numbers are lower than we would like but we plan on catching up next year with possible additional budget funding to be used for contracting a portion of them out.

The city owns unmaintained wooded areas that are becoming an issue because of dead ash trees. We spent about \$7,000 on contracting some of those removals out this year. I have applied for a \$25,000 DNR grant for next year. If awarded, it would help offset similar ash removals with a project cost of \$50,000.

I have ordered 717 trees to be planted next year. The plan is to plant 311 in the spring and 406 will go into our gravel bed to be planted in fall. Tree planting requests are being taken at this time on the DPW website.

On November 1st, 50 trees were planted with the help from North High School students on the east side of Vollrath Park. This area is called the buffalo pit and will be used as a new disc golf hole.

