

2-4-2025 Forestry Report

DPW - Forestry 2024 Year Totals	
Trees Planted (Street)	709
Trees Planted (Parks)	31
Trees Pruned	2386
Trees Removed	310
Stump Removals	533
Treated Ash Trees	607
Citizen Tree Concern	1192
Branch Down Work Order	392

Overall 2024 was a good year for the Forestry Division.

- We had a retirement in January and was able to fill that position in late January with a previous seasonal employee who is an ISA certified arborist
- One of our current arborists became ISA certified in June
- We planted more than two times the number of trees we removed*
- We caught up on stump grinding*
- We pruned a lot of trees but didn't reach our goal of 4000
- We received 3 DNR grants totaling about \$230,000
 - \$25,000 Urban Forestry grant - complete
 - Postcards
 - EAB injection equipment
 - Dead ash removals
 - \$30,000 Catastrophic Storm Grant - Complete
 - Removed 29 damaged street trees and ground and restored stumps
 - \$175,000 IRA Urban Forestry Grant - Ongoing
 - 250 stumps ground (1/2 done currently)
 - Insecticide to treat 500-1000 ash for EAB (\$24,600 purchased so far)
 - Purchase of 660 trees to be planted (220 purchased so far)
- With an increased budget we were able to hire removals of 1200 dead ash trees in various park and other city owned properties that endangered parks users and/or private property

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maywood park (N 40th St. entrance) – 20 ash ○ Wildwood cemetery (NW corner) – 39 ash ○ Maywood park (near 34th St) – 100 ash ○ Penn. Ave woodlot (near 25th St) – 80 ash ○ Polk Ct – 2 ash ○ Kiwanis Park – 120 ash ○ Najacht Rd (right of way) – 350 ash ○ Weeden Creek & Lakeshore Dr – 32 ash 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rolling Meadows woodlot – 25 ash ○ Jaycee park – 300 ash ○ Vollrath park 20 ash ○ Evergreen park 12 ash ○ Moening Rd (park) 2 ash ○ S wildwood Ave woodlot – 58 ash ○ Maywood park (Taylor Dr) – 40 ash ○ Total cost \$117,000
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- Goals for 2025
 - Plant more that we remove
 - Keep up with stump grinding
 - Prune 4000 trees