

Marina, Parks & Forestry Quarterly Meeting
November 3, 2026
Forestry Report

The Forestry Division has had a safe and productive year to date. Highlights include:

2026 Accomplishments

- Completed the annual Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment cycle, treating 580 ash trees.
- Ground out or contracted for removal of all street tree stumps as of early October. (371)
- Completed training pruning of 1,145 trees, including 3-year, 6-year, and 10-year old trees.
- Planted 400 street and park trees during October.

November 2026 - March 2027 Priorities

- Street tree removals
- Street tree clearance pruning

Grant Updates

IRA Urban Forestry Grant

The DNR \$175,000 IRA Urban Forestry Grant is nearing completion, with all major project components complete and one final planting phase remaining.

Completed Accomplishments

- Planted 220 trees in Fall 2025.
- Planted 220 trees in Fall 2026.
- Prepared 305 planting sites through stump removal and site restoration.
- Treated 632 ash trees to protect against Emerald Ash Borer.
- Inventoried 2,306 vacant planting sites within grant-eligible areas, representing approximately 50% of the city.
- Conducted 15 public outreach meetings, reaching approximately 300 residents.
- Ordered 220 trees for planting in April 2027.

Remaining Work

- The final planting phase will complete all remaining grant activities and close out the grant.

2026 Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant

\$25,000 Grant with \$25,000 City Match

Final Results

- Destree Forestry Consulting completed a comprehensive Forest Management Plan for the 98-acre Evergreen Park, providing guidance for long-term forest stewardship and management activities.
- A hazard tree inventory identified approximately 1,600 hazardous trees, many located adjacent to roads, trails, picnic areas, playgrounds, and other heavily used park amenities.
- Shufflebotham Tree Service removed nearly 600 hazardous trees, significantly reducing risks to park users and infrastructure.
- Sixty-eight trees were planted with assistance from Sheboygan County Cycling volunteers, improving species diversity, canopy sustainability, and long-term forest resilience.
- Forestry Division staff attended two days of professional training at the Wisconsin Arborist Association Winter Conference, enhancing staff knowledge and professional development.

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