

2018 Annual Parks & Forestry Report

Forestry Overview

Our primary focus since EAB was first detected in 2012 was to remove hazardous trees and begin replanting. This was our last year of major removals stemming from EAB. We have done this in several phases based on the level of hazard and potential targets. Pruning has been done mainly on our smaller trees to promote proper structure for the future. Now that removals will slow down it will give us an opportunity to focus on the entire tree inventory. Our objective is to have a pruning cycle of seven years.

- Removed 244 street trees mainly comprised of Ash and Norway Maple.
- Planted 326 street trees consisting of 20 different varieties.
- Structurally pruned over 500 street trees.
- Performed soil injections on 250 Ash trees of 10" or less.
- Removed 100+ trees consisting of Ash, other declining hazardous trees and invasive species from Guenther pond.
- Removed 125 Ash trees from Upper lake park
- Planted 175 native shrubs (7 varieties) and 85 trees (20 varieties) throughout Guenther pond and Upper lake.
- Planted 650 (24 varieties) of seedling and sapling trees in the city nursery with a local Boy Scout group.
- Planted over 700 native seedlings in Birchwood Hills nature preserve with the high school environmental studies group.
- Were awarded two grants in the amounts of \$5,000 (Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission) and \$25,000 (Wisconsin DNR) to assist in our planting and nursery startup.