

**AGENDA
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 7:00 P.M.
CENTURY STATION 112 N RIVERSIDE AVE, CITY TRAINING ROOM**

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call.

3. Minutes – Review and Approval.

Motion to accept and place on file the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Natural Resources Commission meeting.

4. New Business.

A. Boards and Commissions Meeting.

5. Old Business.

A. Vice Chair. Position.

B. NRC Plan Commission Liaison.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach.

B. Engagement.

C. Advisory.

D. Ad-Hoc.

7. Communications.

Motion to accept and place on file Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports for July and August 2026.

8. Public Comment.

9. Additional Items from Commissioners and City Staff.

10. Adjourn.

Next meeting Tuesday, October 13, 2026.

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**MINUTES
CITY OF ST. CHARLES
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING
LOREN NAGY, CHAIRMAN
AUGUST 11, 2026**

1. Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was convened at 7:01 p.m. by Chair. Nagy.

2. Roll Call.

Commissioners Present: Doug Denz, Tom Galante, Lee Haggas, Steve Leffler, Suzi Myers, Loren Nagy, Pam Otto, Meagan Provencher, Nick Smith.

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Mengler, Brian Pohrte.

Student Members Present: Josie Baird.

City Staff Present: Marcelline D'Argento, AJ Reineking.

Visitors Present: Zoe Kohler, Patrick Laskosz.

3. Minutes Review and Approval.

Motion to approve and place into the public record the minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting of the City of St. Charles [City] Natural Resources Commission [NRC or Commission]. Motion by Comm. Haggas, second by Comm. Denz to approve the minutes. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:02 p.m.

4. New Business.

A. Motion to Support Pear Tree Replacement Program.

Chair. Nagy reported that Pear trees are now on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources' [IDNR] invasive species list, and grant funding may be available to replace Pear trees that have been removed. Chair. Nagy proposed submitting a recommendation from the NRC to City Council to remove and replace ornamental Pear trees located on City property with grant funds. Motion to proceed with the above-referenced recommendation. Motion by Comm. Otto, second by Comm. Denz. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 7:18 p.m.

B. Consideration of Resident Beautification Contest.

Comm. Provencher proposed that the NRC encourage residents to improve their front yards with pollinator gardens, planter boxes, etc. Local businesses could possibly sponsor the improvements and offer mini-grants to residents. Chair. Nagy assigned this initiative to the NRC's Education and Outreach Committee to write a draft a proposal for NRC review prior to forwarding the proposal to City Council for consideration.

C. Consideration of the Creation of a Vice Chair Position.

Chair. Nagy recommended that the NRC re-establish a Vice Chairman position and requested that the Commissioners consider this role. A vote will be taken for the Vice Chair position at the September NRC meeting.

5. Old Business.

A. UP Railroad Bridge Update.

Chair. Nagy reported that the Union Pacific Railroad responded to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency [IEPA] violation notice with a plan regarding the lead paint falling from the railroad bridge. No additional information regarding the plan is available at this time.

B. Tree Protection Ordinance.

A draft of a tree protection ordinance written by the NRC is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Motion to present and recommend a tree protection ordinance to City Council for consideration. Motion by Comm. Leffler, second by Comm. Provencher. Role Call Vote: In Favor – Comms. Denz, Galante, Haggas, Leffler, Myers, Nagy, Otto, Provencher. Opposed – Comm. Smith. Absent – Comms. Mengler and Pohrte. Motion carried at 7:35 p.m.

Motion to amend the above referenced tree protection ordinance. Motion by Comm. Leffler, second by Comm. Provencher. Role Call Vote: In Favor – Comms. Denz, Galante, Haggas, Leffler, Myers, Nagy, Otto, Provencher. Opposed – Commissioner Smith. Absent – Comms. Mengler and Pohrte. Motion carried at 7:36 p.m.

Motion to present and recommend an amended version of the above referenced tree protection ordinance to City Council for consideration. Motion by Comm. Provencher, second by Comm. Haggas. Role Call Vote: In Favor – Comms. Denz, Galante, Haggas, Leffler, Myers, Nagy, Otto, Provencher. Opposed – Comm. Smith. Absent – Comms. Mengler and Pohrte. Motion carried at 7:40 p.m.

C. NRC Plan Commission Liaison.

Deferred.

6. Committee Reports.

A. Education and Outreach. – None.

B. Engagement. – Comms. Denz and Smith discussed the NRC's annual pumpkin smash event which will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Public Works. Expanded activities were recommended for this year's event including a food truck, a pop-up informational tent promoting the NRC's mission and initiatives, a target for smashing pumpkins and other possible activities.

C. Advisory. – Chair. Nagy requested that the Advisory committee develop recommendations from the NRC to City Council regarding the City's new electric contract, including renewables.

D. Ad-Hoc. – None.

7. Communications. – Public Services Division Tree Activity Reports.

Deferred.

8. Public Comment. – Ms. Kohler introduced herself to all present and stated that she is a resident of St. Charles and recent graduate of Ohio State University. She is interested in local policy and sustainability. Chair. Nagy invited her to continue to attend NRC meetings, although she is no longer eligible to be a Student Member of the NRC.

9. Additional Items.

A. Commissioners.

Chair. Nagy congratulated NRC Student Member Josie Baird on her recent Spirit of St. Charles Award.

B. City Staff.

Mr. Reineking reported the Police Department Community Room will not be available for the September NRC meeting. An alternate location will be determined.

- 10. Adjournment.** – Motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion by Comm. Myers, second by Comm. Denz to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: unanimous; nays – none. Motion carried at 8:20 p.m.

CITY OF ST. CHARLES
Natural Resources Commission

RECOMMENDATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Clint Hull and Members of the St. Charles City Council

FROM: Natural Resources Commission, City of St. Charles

DATE: August, 11 2026

RE: Recommendation to Adopt a Legacy Tree Protection Ordinance (Chapter 12.21)

NRC File: 2026-ENV-TREE

I. Purpose

The St. Charles Natural Resources Commission (NRC) by a vote of __ recommends that the City Council adopt a new Chapter 12.21 of the Municipal Code establishing a Legacy Tree Protection Program. This program would: (1) create a voluntary Heritage Tree Registry recognizing trees of exceptional ecological, historical, or aesthetic significance; and (2) establish a permit requirement for the removal or substantial alteration of designated Legacy Trees on both public and private property.

II. Background and Need

A. The St. Charles Urban Forest

St. Charles is home to a diverse urban forest with particular concentrations of large-canopy trees along the Fox River corridor, in established neighborhoods, and within the city's parks and natural areas. Species of special significance include bur oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*), chinkapin oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*), red oak (*Quercus rubra*), black walnut (*Juglans nigra*), sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*) and Linden (*Tilia americana*) — many of which predate European settlement or trace to the earliest decades of the city's founding in the 1830s.

These legacy trees represent centuries of ecological capital. A single large bur oak may sequester more carbon, intercept more stormwater, and support more biodiversity than dozens of newly planted trees. Once lost to development, disease, or neglect, they cannot be replaced on any meaningful human timescale. Furthermore, due to the lack of fire in our urban environment, bur oaks are not reproducing at their normal replacement rate.

B. Regulatory Gap

St. Charles Municipal Code Chapter 12.20 governs trees and shrubs only within public rights-of-way and city-owned property. It contains no provisions protecting large-canopy trees on private property, no designation mechanism for trees of exceptional value, and no permit requirement for legacy tree removal. This gap leaves the city's most significant trees unprotected against removal for development, landscaping, or other private purposes.

C. Precedents in Neighboring Communities

A growing number of Illinois municipalities have addressed this gap. Notable examples include:

- Wheaton (DuPage County): Heritage and landmark tree designations with special permit requirements based on species and diameter.
- Orland Park: Heritage trees defined as any healthy tree ≥24 inches diameter at breast height (DBH) on any lot, with mandatory permits.
- Glenview: Voluntary Heritage Tree Registry (70+ trees), paired with a tree protection ordinance, launched by its Natural Resources Commission in 2007.
- Northbrook: Cited by the Illinois DNR as a premier example of local tree preservation ordinance practice.
- Urbana: Voluntary "Legacy Tree" program covering both public and private trees.

The Morton Arboretum's Chicago Region Trees Initiative has developed model ordinance language specifically for Illinois municipalities, which this recommendation draws upon.

D. State Authority

Illinois grants municipalities broad authority to regulate trees under the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-20-7 and 5/11-20-8), which authorizes cities to regulate the planting, maintenance, and removal of trees within their corporate limits, including on private property, where the public health, safety, welfare, or aesthetic interests of the community are at stake. The Illinois DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program (17 Ill. Adm. Code Part 1538) supports development and implementation of local tree ordinances.

The state does not confer direct legal protection to heritage trees; protection must come from local ordinance.

III. Summary of Proposed Ordinance

The NRC recommends adoption of a new Chapter 12.21 structured in two integrated parts:

Component	Key Elements
Heritage Tree Registry	Voluntary, owner-consented designation of exceptional trees; bronze marker; no removal without permit. Nominations reviewed by City Arborist and NRC.
Legacy Tree Threshold	Any tree >30" DBH on any parcel; or >18" DBH for bur oak, chinkapin oak, and other listed heritage species. Permit required for removal or critical root zone disturbance.
Permit Process	Application to City Arborist; ISA-certified arborist report; 30-day review; appeal to NRC; replacement or fee-in-lieu for approved removals.
Exemptions	Imminent hazard (documented by certified arborist); disease threatening other trees; utility emergencies.
Enforcement	Civil fine schedule; stop-work authority; replacement plantings; NRC oversight.

IV. NRC Findings

The NRC finds that:

1. In 2022, residents responded to the Strategic Plan Social Pinpoint website indicating that preserving history was a high priority.
2. The loss of mature legacy trees in St. Charles is irreversible and represents a significant and permanent diminishment of the city's ecological and aesthetic character.

3. When these heritage trees are lost, it not only affects the value of the property the tree was on, but it also affects the property values of surrounding owners properties.
4. Existing Chapter 12.20 provides no protection for trees on private property and no mechanism to recognize trees of exceptional community value.
5. Comparable Illinois municipalities have successfully implemented legacy/heritage tree programs without undue burden on property owners.
6. A two-part approach – voluntary registry plus threshold-based permit requirement – balances property rights with community interests, consistent with Illinois Municipal Code authority.
7. The NRC, as the body charged with advising the City on natural resource matters, is well-positioned to serve as the appeals body and steward of the Heritage Tree Registry.

V. Recommendation

The Natural Resources Commission unanimously recommends that the City Council:

1. Direct City staff and the City Attorney to prepare a final draft of Chapter 12.21 (Legacy Tree Protection) for introduction and first reading, drawing on the model ordinance language in Part II of this document;
2. Direct the City Arborist to conduct a preliminary survey of candidate Heritage Trees on public property within 90 days of ordinance adoption;
3. Open the Heritage Tree Registry to public nominations within 120 days of adoption; and
4. Authorize the NRC to serve as the Legacy Tree appeals board and registry oversight body.

Respectfully submitted by the St. Charles Natural Resources Commission.

Loren W. Nagy

Chair, Natural Resources Commission

PART II – DRAFT ORDINANCE LANGUAGE

For Review and Revision by City Attorney Prior to Introduction

ORDINANCE NO. — — — —
AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 12.21 TO THE ST. CHARLES MUNICIPAL CODE
ESTABLISHING THE LEGACY TREE PROTECTION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the City of St. Charles recognizes that large-canopy and old-growth trees are irreplaceable components of the city's natural heritage, history, ecological infrastructure, and community character; and

WHEREAS, mature and legacy trees provide substantial and exponentially increasing public benefits including carbon sequestration, stormwater retention, urban heat island mitigation, wildlife habitat, increased property values, and other aesthetic and economic value; and

WHEREAS, the existing Municipal Code Chapter 12.20 does not protect trees on private property or provide a mechanism to recognize and preserve trees of exceptional community significance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to establish a Legacy Tree Protection Program consistent with the authority granted to municipalities under 65 ILCS 5/11-20-7 and 5/11-20-8;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles, Kane and DuPage Counties, Illinois, as follows:

12.21.010 — Title

This Chapter shall be known and may be cited as the "St. Charles Legacy Tree Protection Ordinance."

12.21.020 — Purpose

The purposes of this Chapter are to:

7. Recognize and preserve trees of exceptional ecological, historical, aesthetic, or cultural significance within the City of St. Charles;
8. Establish a voluntary Heritage Tree Registry to honor and protect such trees;
9. Require permits for the removal or substantial disturbance of Legacy Trees, as defined herein, on both public and private property within the corporate limits of the City;
10. Ensure that when Legacy Trees must be removed, adequate mitigation is provided; and
11. Authorize the Natural Resources Commission to administer the Heritage Tree Registry and serve as the appeals body for permit decisions under this Chapter.

12.21.030 — Definitions

As used in this Chapter:

City Arborist	The individual designated by the Director of Public Works to administer tree-related programs under this Chapter, or a qualified designee.
Critical Root Zone (CRZ)	The area of soil surrounding a tree defined by a radius equal to one foot for each inch of trunk diameter at breast height (DBH), but not less than eight feet from the trunk.

DBH	Diameter at Breast Height: the trunk diameter of a tree measured at 4.5 feet above existing grade. For multi-stemmed trees, DBH is calculated as the square root of the sum of the squares of the individual stem diameters.
Heritage Tree	A tree listed on the St. Charles Heritage Tree Registry pursuant to Section 12.21.050.
Heritage Species	The following native tree species, which are afforded additional protection under this Chapter due to their ecological significance in the Fox River corridor and Kane County region: All oaks (<i>Quercus</i>), Kentucky coffeetree (<i>Gymnocladus dioica</i>), bald cypress (<i>Taxodium distichum</i>), sugar maple (<i>Acer saccharum</i>), shagbark hickory, (<i>Carya ovata</i>), bitternut hickory (<i>Carya cordiformis</i>), eastern white pine (<i>Pinus strobus</i>), hackberry (<i>Celtis occidentalis</i>), northern catalpa (<i>Catalpa speciosa</i>), linden (<i>Tilia americana</i>), walnut (<i>Juglans nigra</i>), cottonwood (<i>Populus deltoides</i>), and any other species designated by the City Council upon recommendation of the NRC.
ISA-Certified Arborist	An individual holding current certification from the International Society of Arboriculture.
Legacy Tree	Any tree meeting one or more of the following criteria on any parcel within the corporate limits: (a) any tree with a DBH of 30 inches or greater; or (b) any Heritage Species tree with a DBH of 18 inches or greater.
NRC	The Natural Resources Commission of the City of St. Charles.
Removal	The cutting, felling, girdling, poisoning, or any other action that causes or is reasonably anticipated to cause the death or destruction of a tree. Removal includes topping that removes more than 25% of the live crown.
Substantial Disturbance	Any excavation, grading, fill, trenching, paving, or compaction activity within the Critical Root Zone of a Legacy or Heritage Tree.

12.21.040 — Applicability

This Chapter applies to all Legacy Trees and Heritage Trees located on any lot or parcel within the corporate limits of the City of St. Charles, including public and private property, and rights-of-way. It supplements, and does not replace, the provisions of Chapter 12.20.

12.21.050 — Heritage Tree Registry

A. Establishment

The City hereby establishes the St. Charles Heritage Tree Registry, to be administered by the City Arborist with oversight by the NRC. The Registry shall be a public record and shall be published on the City's website.

B. Nomination

Any person may nominate a tree for Heritage Tree designation by submitting a completed nomination form to the City Arborist. A nomination shall include:

12. The address and parcel number of the parcel on which the tree is located;
13. Species identification, DBH, and estimated height;

14. A written statement of the basis for nomination, which may include size, age, historical association, ecological value, aesthetic significance, or any other quality of community interest;
15. Written consent of the property owner, if the tree is on private property; and
16. Such photographs and supplementary materials as the nominator deems relevant.

C. Review and Designation

Upon receipt of a complete nomination, the City Arborist or qualified designee shall conduct a field inspection within 45 days and prepare a written assessment. The NRC shall review the assessment at its next regular meeting and vote on designation. A Heritage Tree designation requires a majority vote of the NRC and, for private property trees, written consent of the property owner.

D. Effect of Designation

A Heritage Tree designation:

17. Entitles the tree to a City-issued bronze identification marker placed at the base of the tree;
18. Requires a Legacy Tree Removal Permit under Section 12.21.060 before the tree may be removed, topped, or subjected to Substantial Disturbance;
19. Is recorded in the Registry and noted in City records associated with the parcel; and
20. For trees on private property, runs with the property and binds subsequent owners until formally removed from the Registry.

E. A Heritage Tree Removal from Registry

A Heritage Tree may be removed from the Registry upon: application of the property owner and an affirmative vote of the NRC.

12.21.060 — Legacy Tree Removal Permit

A. Permit Required

No person shall remove any Legacy Tree or Heritage Tree, or cause Substantial Disturbance within the Critical Root Zone of any Legacy Tree or Heritage Tree, without first obtaining a Heritage Legacy Tree Removal Permit from the City Arborist. A Heritage Tree will also require an affirmative vote from the NRC following a notice of public hearing. This requirement applies to both public and private property.

B. Application

A permit application shall be submitted to the City Arborist and shall include:

21. The address and parcel identification number;
22. Species, DBH, and location of the tree(s) to be removed or disturbed;
23. A written arborist report prepared by an ISA-Certified Arborist describing the condition of the tree, the reason for proposed removal or disturbance, and any feasible alternatives;
24. A site plan showing the location of the tree, proposed construction or activity, and proposed replacement plantings; and
25. The permit fee as established by the City's feeschedule.

C. Review Standards

The City Arborist shall review the application and may approve, approve with conditions, or deny the permit based on the following criteria:

26. Whether the tree poses an imminent hazard to persons or property, as documented by an ISA-Certified Arborist;
27. Whether the tree is dead, dying, or severely diseased and poses a significant risk of infection to adjacent trees;
28. Whether removal is necessary to accommodate a permitted structure, utility, or use, and whether feasible alternatives exist;
29. The condition, species, size, age, and ecological value of the tree;
30. Whether the applicant proposes adequate replacement or mitigation; and
31. Consistency with the City's Urban Forestry Plan, and related policy documents.

D. Decision Timeline

The City Arborist shall issue a written decision within 30 days of receipt of a complete application. Failure to issue a decision within 30 days shall be deemed a denial, subject to appeal.

E. Conditions and Mitigation

As a condition of permit approval, the City Arborist shall require:

32. Replacement plantings of legacy species on-site at a ratio of not less than 3 caliper inches of replacement for each 1 caliper inch of removed Legacy Tree DBH;
33. Where on-site replacement is not feasible, payment of a fee-in-lieu of replacement into the City's Urban Tree Fund at a rate of \$2,000 per inch of removed Legacy Tree DBH or as otherwise established by the City Council. A combination of replacement plantings and a payment of a fee-in-lieu of replacement plantings may also be allowed so long as the net benefit to the community is the same as determined by the City Arborist; and
34. Tree protection measures for adjacent Legacy Trees during construction or other activity.

F. Exemptions

The following activities are exempt from the permit requirement but shall be documented and reported to the City Arborist within 5 business days:

35. Emergency removal necessary to address an imminent risk of injury or death to persons, where there is insufficient time to obtain a permit;
36. Removal ordered by the City Arborist, City Engineer, or other authorized official pursuant to a public safety determination; and
37. Utility emergency work by a franchised utility in compliance with ANSI pruning standards.

12.21.070 – Appeals

Any applicant aggrieved by a decision of the City Arborist under this Chapter may appeal to the NRC by filing a written notice of appeal within 20 days of the decision. The NRC shall conduct a hearing at its next regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the appeal, with not less than 10 days' notice to the applicant and to the property owner. The NRC's decision on appeal shall be final, subject to review by City Council and super-majority vote.

12.21.080 – Urban Tree Fund

There is hereby established a restricted fund designated the "St. Charles Urban Tree Fund." Monies deposited into the Fund, whether as fee-in-lieu payments under Section 12.21.060(E) or by appropriation, shall be used exclusively for the planting, establishment, and care of trees on public property within the City, with priority given to the Fox River corridor and public parks. The

Fund shall be administered by the Director of Public Works and reported annually to the City Council.

12.21.090 — Enforcement and Penalties

A. Stop-Work Orders

The City Arborist or any Code Enforcement Officer may issue a stop-work order upon finding a violation of this Chapter in progress. Any person who fails to comply with a stop-work order shall be subject to the penalties set forth herein.

B. Civil Penalties

Any person who violates this Chapter shall be subject to a civil penalty as follows:

38. Removal of a Legacy Tree or Heritage Tree without a permit: not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$25,000 per tree, in addition to mandatory replacement at a ratio of 3: 1 caliper inches or fee-in-lieu equivalent;
39. Substantial Disturbance of a Critical Root Zone without a permit: not less than \$500 nor more than \$2,500 per tree; and
40. Failure to report an emergency exemption as required by Section 12.21.060(F): not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Each day of a continuing violation constitutes a separate offense. Penalties shall be recoverable in a civil action by the City.

C. Replacement Obligation

Any unauthorized removal of a Legacy Tree or Heritage Tree shall create a mandatory replacement obligation, enforceable as a lien against the property, in addition to any civil penalty. The replacement obligation shall be calculated at 3 caliper inches of replacement planting per caliper inch of DBH of the removed tree, to be planted within 12 months.

12.21.100 — NRC Oversight and Reporting

The NRC shall:

41. Maintain the Heritage Tree Registry and make it available for public inspection;
42. Review and act on permit appeals under Section 12.21.070;
43. Recommend amendments to the Heritage Species list to the City Council;
44. Submit an annual report to the City Council summarizing Registry status, permit activity, Urban Tree Fund expenditures, and enforcement actions; and
45. Recommend updates to the Urban Forestry Plan as appropriate to implement the purposes of this Chapter.

12.21.110 — Relationship to Other Laws

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to limit the authority of the City under Chapter 12.20 or any other provision of the Municipal Code. Where this Chapter and Chapter 12.20 conflict, the more protective provision shall apply. This Chapter does not limit the applicability of state or federal law governing tree protection, wetlands, or related matters.

12.21.120 — Severability

If any provision of this Chapter or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the Chapter and the application of its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected.

12.21.130 – Effective Date

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of St. Charles this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Clint Hull
Mayor, Clint Hull

Jessica Bridges
City Clerk, Jessica Bridges

City Attorney

DRAFTING NOTES (for City Attorney Review)

- DBH thresholds (30" general/ 18" Heritage Species): drawn from Orland Park and Wheaton models; the City Attorney may recommend adjustment based on current canopy inventory data.
- Heritage Species list: the NRC should formally adopt and may expand this list by resolution. Consider adding silver maple, given Fox River corridor prevalence.
- Fee schedule: penalty amounts and fee-in-lieu rates should be set by separate resolution to allow administrative adjustment without re-opening the ordinance.
- Private property application: 65 ILCS 5/11-20-7 and 5/11-20-8 support municipal tree regulation on private land where public welfare is at stake. The permit/ consent structure is consistent with Northbrook and Wheaton practice.
- ISA Arborist requirement: consider whether the City Arborist position currently requires ISA certification, and whether a companion resolution should formalize that requirement.
- Urban Tree Fund: confirm whether an existing parks/forestry fund can be repurposed or whether a new restricted fund requires Council action under the City's budget ordinance.

TREE REPORT TOTALS JULY 2026**TRIMMING - 143****REMOVALS - 153****TREE REMOVAL DATA**

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
In-House Removal	NW	Pear Autumn Blaze	8	rot, decay, blight
In-House Removal	SE	Maple Crimson King	15	severe deadwood, rot, decay
In-House Removal	SE	Maple Sugar	5	rot, decay
In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple Spring Snow	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SW	Maple Sun Valley Red	2.5	vehicle strike
In-House Removal	NE	Hornbeam European	6	blight
In-House Removal	SW	Hemlock Eastern	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	SE	Linden Littleleaf Greenspire	8	verticillium wilt
In-House Removal	SW	Pear Redspire	38	poor structure, weak branch attachments
In-House Removal	SW	Maple Burgundy Belle Red	3	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple	11	Public Works Engineering project
In-House Removal	SW	Hornbeam American	8	storm damage
In-House Removal	FW	Blue Spruce	8	fungal issues
In-House Removal	SE	Maple Norway	14	storm damage
In-House Removal	SW	Beech American	3	rot
In-House Removal	SW	Ash White	8	50% deadwood from EAB
In-House Removal	SE	Maple Norway	18	storm damage
In-House Removal	FW	Maple Sun Valley Red	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Pear Redspire	6	canopy deadwood, weak branch attachments
In-House Removal	SW	Baldcypress Shawnee Brave	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Sugar	13	50% canopy deadwood
In-House Removal	SE	Maple Crimson King	15	deadwood, rot, decay
In-House Removal	NW	Tulip Tree	6	verticillium wilt
In-House Removal	SE	Baldcypress Shawnee Brave	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Sugar Crescendo	7	90% canopy dead
In-House Removal	SE	Ash Blue	13	50% deadwood from EAB
In-House Removal	SW	Linden Littleleaf	39	included bark, condition
In-House Removal	NE	Ash White	14	EAB
In-House Removal	SW	Oak Urban Pinnacle	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SE	Pine White	5	condition - tree planted by builder for sub-div
In-House Removal	SW	Ash White	8	50% deadwood from EAB
In-House Removal	SW	Serviceberry	2.5	new tree did not survive

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
In-House Removal	NW	Maple Red	11	rot, decay
In-House Removal	NE	Serviceberry Allegheny	4	condition
In-House Removal	FW	Baldcypress Shawnee Brave	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SW	Hemlock Eastern	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple	7	deadwood, rot, decay
In-House Removal	SW	Spruce White	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Pear Redspire	8	deadwood, weak branch attachments
In-House Removal	NW	Oak Northern Pin	3	condition
In-House Removal	FW	Spruce White	9	condition
In-House Removal	SW	Pine Eastern White	4	condition
In-House Removal	SW	Sweet Gum American	6	severe girdling root issue 50% dead
In-House Removal	NW	Maple Red	4	dieback at top
In-House Removal	NW	Linden Sterling Silver	3	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Norway	8	central lead dead
In-House Removal	SW	Redwood Dawn	2.5	new tree did not survive
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In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple	9	Public Works Engineering project
In-House Removal	SE	Elm New Horizon	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NW	Oak Urban Pinnacle	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple	4	rot, decay
In-House Removal	NW	Coffeetree Kentucky	7	condition
In-House Removal	SW	Tupelo Black	3	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SE	Pear Redspire	8	main stem broke in half, very poor structure
In-House Removal	SE	Oak Shingle	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	SW	Linden Sterling Silver	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	NW	Maple Red	4	dieback at top
In-House Removal	NE	Ash Rosehill White	15	EAB
In-House Removal	NW	Hawthorn Thornless Cockspur	6	rot, decay, poor pruning cuts by private source
In-House Removal	SW	Maple Sugar	5	main dead and top of tree are dead
In-House Removal	SW	Linden Littleleaf	12	Public Works Engineering project
In-House Removal	SW	Birch White Satin	3	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	FW	Maple Sun Valley Red	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Ash Rosehill White	15	EAB
In-House Removal	SW	Oak Urban Pinnacle	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SE	Crabapple Spring Snow	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple	11	50% dead
In-House Removal	SW	Crabapple Harvest Gold	2.5	new tree did not survive

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In-House Removal	SE	Maple Norway	12	deadwood, poor structure
In-House Removal	SW	Hornbeam American	2.5	Public Works Engineering project
In-House Removal	NW	Maple Sun Valley Red	3	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Pear Redspire	6	deadwood, weak branch attachments
In-House Removal	FW	Elm Princeton	6	rot, decay
In-House Removal	NW	Planetree Exclamation	2.5	new tree did not survive
Contract Removal	NE	Pear Chanticleer	13	weak branch unions 50% deadwood
Contract Removal	NE	Linden Littleleaf	14	condition
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Silver	23	storm damage
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	12	rot, decay
Contract Removal	FW	Maple Norway	10	50% canopy deadwood
Contract Removal	SE	Linden Basswood	30	trunk decay from carpenter ant damage
Contract Removal	SW	Crabapple	18	condition
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Norway	11	50% canopy dieback
Contract Removal	SW	Elm Siberian	34	rot, decay
Contract Removal	NE	Pear Chanticleer	10	storm damage
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	10	rot, decay
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Sugar	18	40% canopy dieback
Contract Removal	NW	Linden Littleleaf	15	storm damage
Contract Removal	SW	Crabapple Red Jewel	8	condition
Contract Removal	NW	Zelkova Japanese	10	root failure or late spring freeze
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Crimson King	22	canopy dieback
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	18	40% deadwood
Contract Removal	SE	Ash Cimmarron	16	EAB
Contract Removal	SW	Linden Littleleaf	13	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	26	storm damage
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	16	50% canopy deadwood
Contract Removal	NE	Boxelder	9	storm damage, rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Boxelder	16	condition
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Norway	16	rot, decay
Contract Removal	FW	Maple Sugar	10	trunk decay
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	20	rot, decay, declining canopy
Contract Removal	NE	Linden Littleleaf	18	verticillium wilt
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	24	canopy dieback, included bark, poor structure
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	24	structural damage, rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Green Mountain Sugar		anthracnose
Contract Removal	NW	Ash White	16	EAB

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Contract Removal	NE	Maple Red	7	condition
Contract Removal	FW	Maple Norway	12	condition
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Crimson King	16	condition
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Sugar	21	crown dieback, trunk decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	21	rot, decay, weak branch unions
Contract Removal	SE	Ash White	11	EAB
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	11	condition
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Silver	23	deadwood, thinning canopy
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	21	40% canopy dieback, poor structure
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	12	tree split in half
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	13	rot, decay, deadwood
Contract Removal	NE	Linden Littleleaf	16	verticillium wilt
Contract Removal	NE	Boxelder	25	tree split
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	18	rotted central leader
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	13	canopy dieback
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Sugar	28	severe crown dieback, weak branch attachments
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	23	rot, decay, included bark
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Green Mountain Sugar	15	extreme frost damage
Contract Removal	SW	Cherry Black	32	storm damage
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Silver	24	deadwood, thinning canopy
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Norway	13	rot, decay, 75% dead
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Sugar	26	rot, decay, poor structure
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Norway	14	entire top of tree is dead
Contract Removal	NW	Linden Redmond	10	verticillium wilt
Contract Removal	SE	Ash Cimmaron	15	EAB
Contract Removal	NE	Oak White	20	oak decline
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Deborah	10	half dead
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Autumn Blaze	7	Public Works Engineering project
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Silver	30	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SW	Linden Littleleaf Greenspire	17	verticillium wilt
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Norway	37	storm damage
Contract Removal	NE	Ash Green	18	dead, broken at base
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	26	40% canopy dieback, poor structure
Contract Removal	NE	Maple Sugar	23	canopy dieback, rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Silver	22	severe deadwood, rot
Contract Removal	SE	Ash Cimmaron	18	EAB
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Norway	13	50% deadwood in canopy

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Contract Removal	NE	Maple Norway	15	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Silver	28	rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Maple Silver	18	50% canopy deadwood, poor structure
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Norway	22	40% canopy dieback, rot, decay
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Crimson King	29	deadwood in canopy, thinning foliage
Contract Removal	NE	Elm Princeton	11	deadwood, rot, decay
Contract Removal	SE	Ash Windy City White	16	EAB
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Norway	15	dead center lead
Contract Removal	NE	Honeylocust Thornless Shademaster	23	Public Works Engineering Project
Contract Removal	SW	Maple Green Mountain Sugar	17	severe canopy dieback, rot, decay

TREE REPORT TOTALS AUGUST 2026**TRIMMING - 120****REMOVALS - 26****TREE REMOVAL DATA**

WORK	QUAD	SPECIES	DBH	NOTES
In-House Removal	SE	Cedar Northern White	17	condition
In-House Removal	SE	Cedar Northern White	7	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Norway	13	storm damage
In-House Removal	NW	Elm American	12	over 50% dead, fungal fruiting bodies
In-House Removal	FW	Elm Princeton	5	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Tupelo Black	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Crabapple Spring Snow	3	condition
In-House Removal	NW	Linden Littleleaf	7	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Japanese Tree Lilac Ivory Silk	4	vehicle accident
In-House Removal	NW	Maple Sugar	16	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Maple State Street	7	late spring freeze, decay at base
In-House Removal	NE	Yellowwood	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SE	Coffeetree Kentucky	7	sight obstruction
In-House Removal	SE	Crabapple Red Jewel	2.5	condition
In-House Removal	NE	Linden Littleleaf	16	strom damage
In-House Removal	SE	Linden Littleleaf	10	verticillium wilt
In-House Removal	SE	Oak English	14	rot, decay
In-House Removal	NE	Linden Littleleaf	14	storm damage
In-House Removal	NE	Baldcypress Shawnee Brave	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	NE	Maple Black	2.5	new tree did not survive
In-House Removal	SE	Oak White	4	center lead 100% dead
In-House Removal	NW	Maple Norway	13	storm damage
Contract Removal	SE	Tree of Heaven	35	storm damage
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Norway	12	decay, over trimming for utility lines
Contract Removal	NW	Maple Norway	10	decay, over trimming for utility lines
Contract Removal	SE	Locust Black	38	dead limbs, weak trunk

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NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

SUMMARY FY 2026/2027	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	TOTAL
Trimming	152	83	143	120									498
Removals	20	17	153	26									216
Plantings	186	0	0	0									186
COMMENTS													