

Office of the Director of Public Works

To: City of Milton Public Works Committee
From: Howard Robinson, Director of Public Works
Date: November 5, 2019
cc: Mayor Anissa Welch, Common Council Members
Subject: Update Regarding Emerald Ash Borer Tree Abatement Progress

Discussion

Since 2017, we have been working on EAB Hazardous Tree Removal. The following shows the number of tree removal letters that were sent and the number of trees the city assessed to property owners.

Removal Due Date	Number of Tree Letters Sent	Number of trees cut by city and assessed to owners
10/1/2017	135	9
5/1/2018	70	0
12/18/2018 (Extended to 5/1/2019)	240	6
5-1-2020	97	
Total	542	15

Due to bad weather the Dec 2018 deadline was extended to May 2019. The 2017-2018 requests were for trees that would fall in the streets/sidewalks/right-of-ways. The 2020 deadline also includes trees on private property that would affect adjoining properties. Going forward, we will enforce the tree ordinance on an individual basis as situations arise.

We continue to remove and replace dead trees in the parks and on City properties. We have assistance for this from the WI DNR Tree Grant and a grant from ATC.

Part of the DNR Tree Grant is a requirement that we update our hazardous tree ordinance.

Staff Recommendation

No action is necessary.