



# City of Longview

## Agenda

### Parks and Recreation Board

Monday, September 15, 2025

5:00 PM

1525 Broadway  
Longview, WA 98632  
[www.ci.longview.wa.us](http://www.ci.longview.wa.us)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with RCW Chapter 42.30, that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board of the City of Longview, Washington, will be holding a meeting on September 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. in the Training Room, on the 2nd floor of City Hall 1525 Broadway St., Longview. The meeting is also available online and/or via telephone.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

25-00871 PRAB Draft Meeting Minutes 08.18.2025

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

6. CONSTITUENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

25-00872 URBAN FOREST DISEASE TREATMENT PLAN

SUMMARY: Staff is presenting an overview of the City's strategy to address current and

emerging threats to our urban forest, with a focus on Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The plan outlines a proactive approach that balances treatment, phased replacement, and species diversification to ensure long-term canopy health and sustainability.

**Dutch Elm Disease (DED):**

- Implement a 2-year fungicide treatment cycle for high-value elms
- Use a geographically phased plan for efficiency
- Proactively replace 20–25 elms per year (~40 years for full replacement)

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):**

- Treat only the largest and most significant ash trees on a 2-year cycle
- Replace 40–50 ash trees annually, prioritizing green and white ash most at risk
- Replant with diverse species to strengthen canopy resilience

The combined approach emphasizes proactive management over reactive removals, while maintaining flexibility as conditions evolve. Staff believes time is on our side, but early action will help preserve canopy coverage and manage long-term costs.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Motion to recommend that City Council approve Option A: Treatment Plan and Option A: Tree Removal & Replacement for managing urban forest disease.

**STAFF CONTACT:** Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director

10. **ADJOURNMENT**



# City of Longview

## Minutes

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### Parks and Recreation Board

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Monday, August 18, 2025

5:00 PM

Recreation Office,  
2920 Douglas Street, Longview WA

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **FLAG SALUTE**

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Members Present: Board Member Jenny Oskey, Board Member Oliver Black, Board Member Steven Pond, Board Member Manon Kaufman*

*Members Absent: Board Member Glenda Johnson*

*Constituents Present: Mike Barbee, Mike Street & Leah White*

*Council Members Present: N/A*

*Staff Present: Justin Brown, Melissa Harbour, Kevin Beaty*

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**25-00696 PRAB Draft Meeting Minutes 07.21.2025**

*A motion was made by Board Member Oskey and seconded by Board Member Kaufman to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed with the following vote:*

*Ayes: Jenny Oskey, Oliver Black, Steven Pond, Manon Kaufman*

*Nays: None*

*Abstain: Glenda Johnson*

*Yes 4, No 0, Abstained 1*

5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

*N/A*

6. **CONSTITUENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

*N/A*

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

*N/A*

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

**25-00752 A. CENTRAL SANDLOT 2025 SEASON OVERVIEW**

**SUMMARY: Mike Barbee and Mike Street will present an overview of the Summer 2025 season.**

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Action - Discussion Only****STAFF CONTACT: Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director**

*Mike Barbee, Mike Street and Leah provided a presentation on the Summer 2025 season.*

**25-00753 B. SIDEWALK CHALK IN PARKS**

**SUMMARY:** We are currently addressing situations where groups are using chalk in parks and other public rights-of-way. While most messages are appropriate, the markings are often left uncleaned. This requires staff to spend extra time preparing rental areas so they are presentable for the next user group. The issue also raises free speech considerations and is under review by the Assistant City Attorney. We are evaluating the potential of implementing a new park rule through the Longview Municipal Code to address this matter.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: No Action - Discussion Only****STAFF CONTACT: Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director**

*Justin Brown, Director, provided a brief overview of issues related to sidewalk chalk. No Action.*

**25-00754 C. DUTCH ELM DISEASE OVERVIEW**

**SUMMARY:** Staff will provide a brief presentation to the Board introducing Dutch elm disease, including what it is and a high-level overview of its potential impact on the City of Longview. This overview will serve as an introduction to the topic in advance of a more in-depth presentation scheduled for September.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** No Action - Discussion Only. Will bring back in September for official recommendation.

**STAFF CONTACT: Justin Brown, Parks & Recreation Director**

*Justin Brown, Director, provided a presentation to the board introducing Dutch Elm Disease. Additional information is forthcoming with a goal of providing City Council with information on the subject in October 2025.*

**25-00755 Justin Brown, Director, will provide a verbal report on Golf, Urban Forestry, Recreation and Parks.**

*A verbal report was provided.*

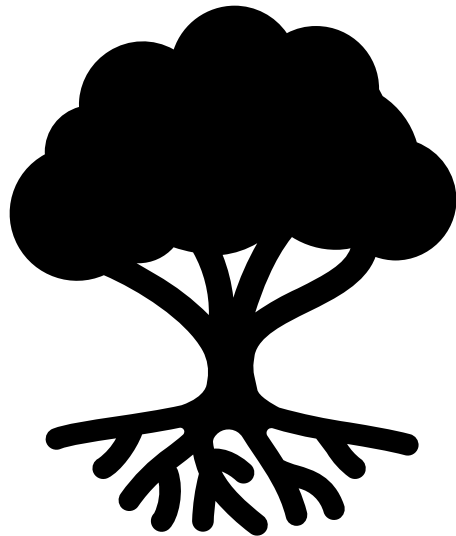
**10. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 06:12 PM. The next meeting is scheduled for 09-15-2025.*

# Preserving Our Urban Forest: Disease Treatment Plan

October 2, 2025  
Longview Parks and Recreation  
Urban Forestry Division

# Threats to Our Urban Forest



## **Dutch Elm Disease (DED):**

Deadly fungal infection spread by elm bark beetles. Blocks water flow, causing leaves to wilt and trees to die.

- [Identifying DED](#) – Video Link

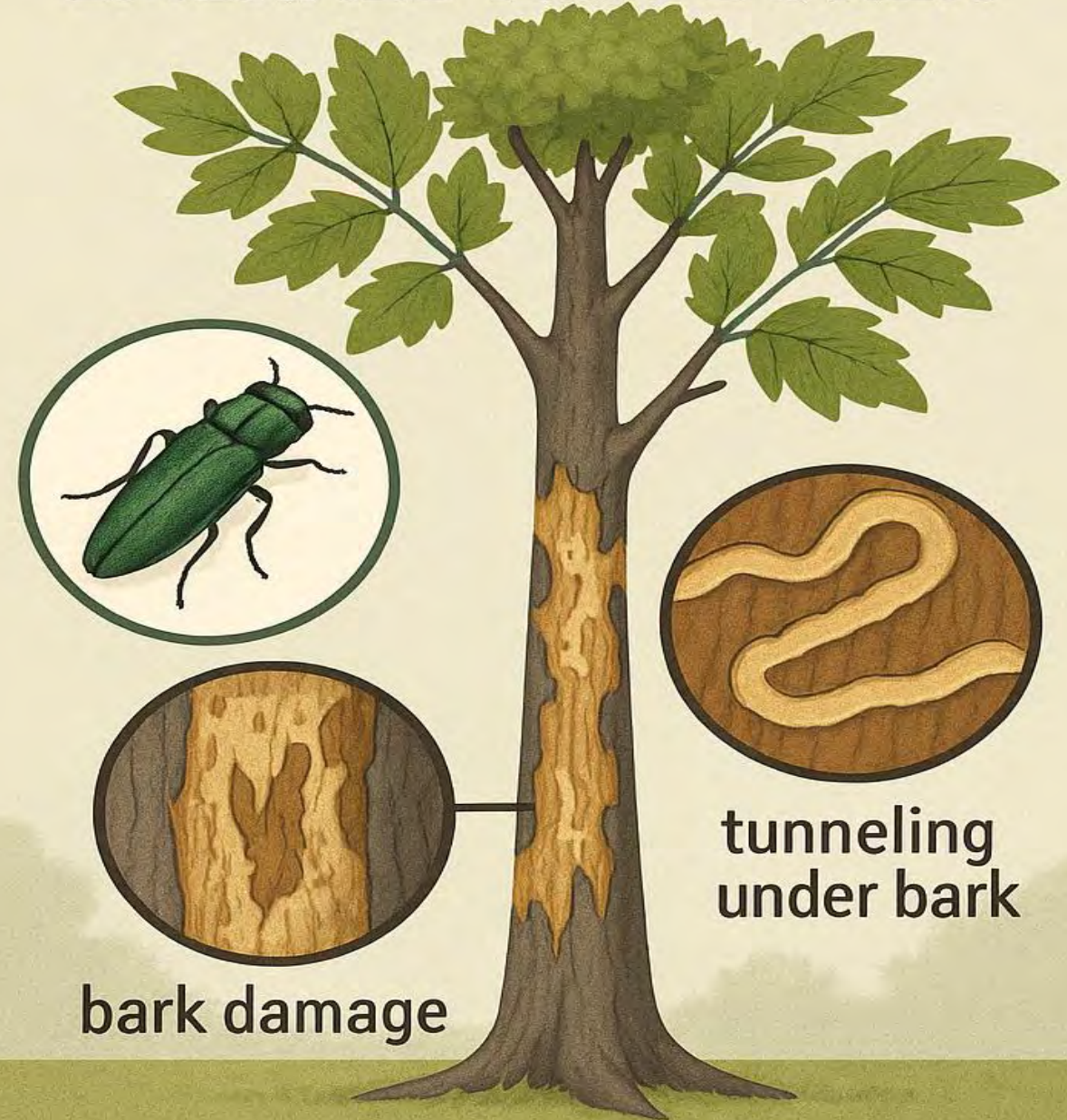
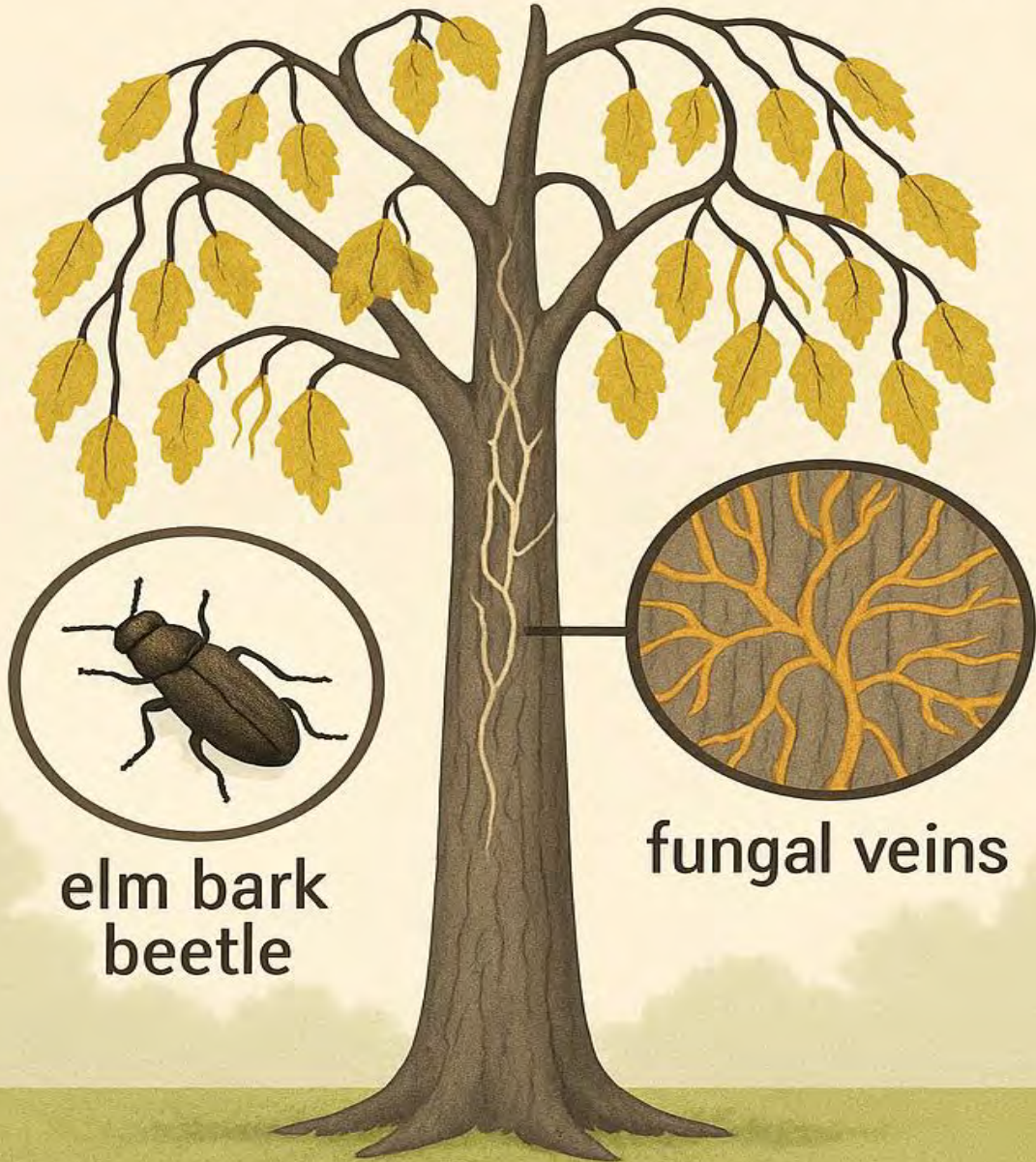
## **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):**

Invasive beetle that tunnels under bark, cutting off water and nutrients, eventually killing ash trees.

- [Identifying EAB](#) – Video Link

# DUTCH ELM DISEASE

# EMERALD ASH BORER



elm bark beetle

fungal veins



bark damage



tunneling under bark

# How To Spot a DED Infected Tree:

## Elms:

- Flagging Leaves
- Plugged Xylem
- Root Grafting
- Bark Beetle Galleries

DED spreads fast! Early detection is critical.



# How To Spot an EAB Infected Tree:

## Ash:

- D Shaped Holes
- Bark Scar / S-Shaped Galleries
- Crown Dieback
- Abnormal Branch Shoots

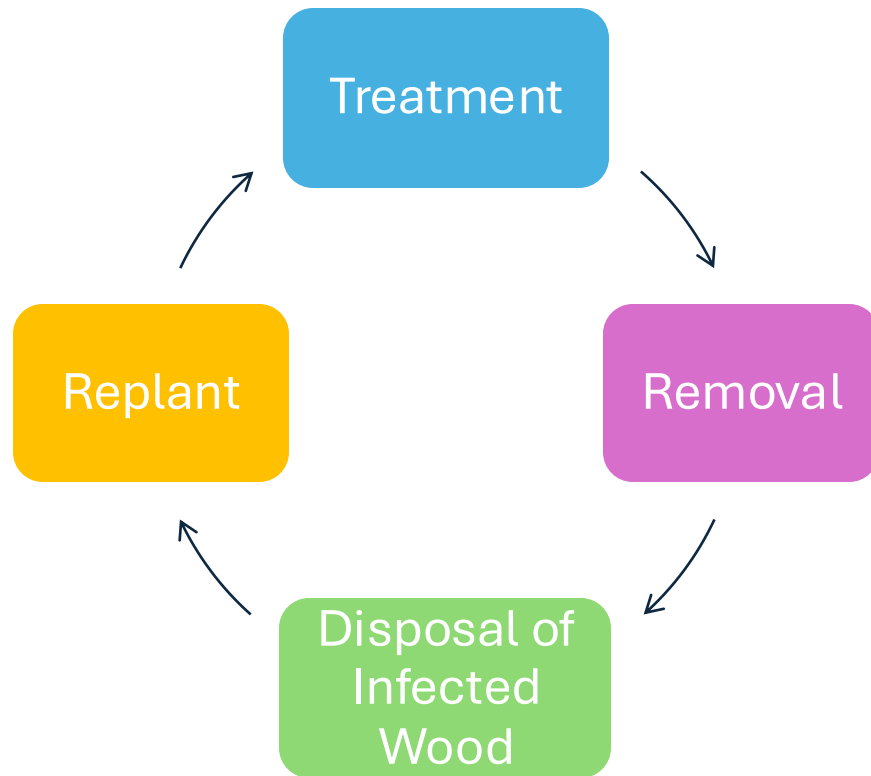


# How Beetles Kill Trees

Ultimately, each beetle infects the tree in different ways, but the result is the same: the **tree loses its ability to transport water**, leading to its gradual decline and death.

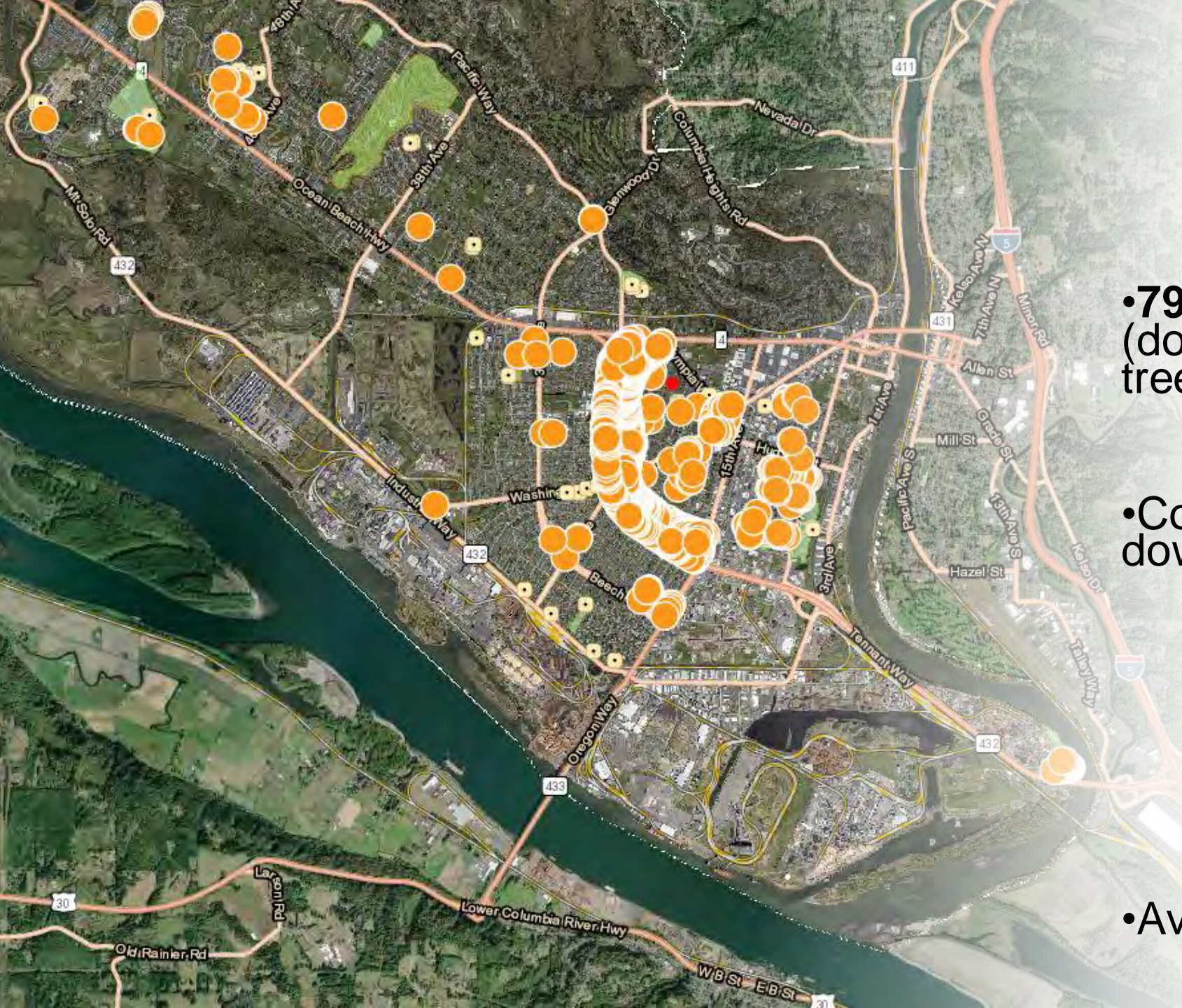


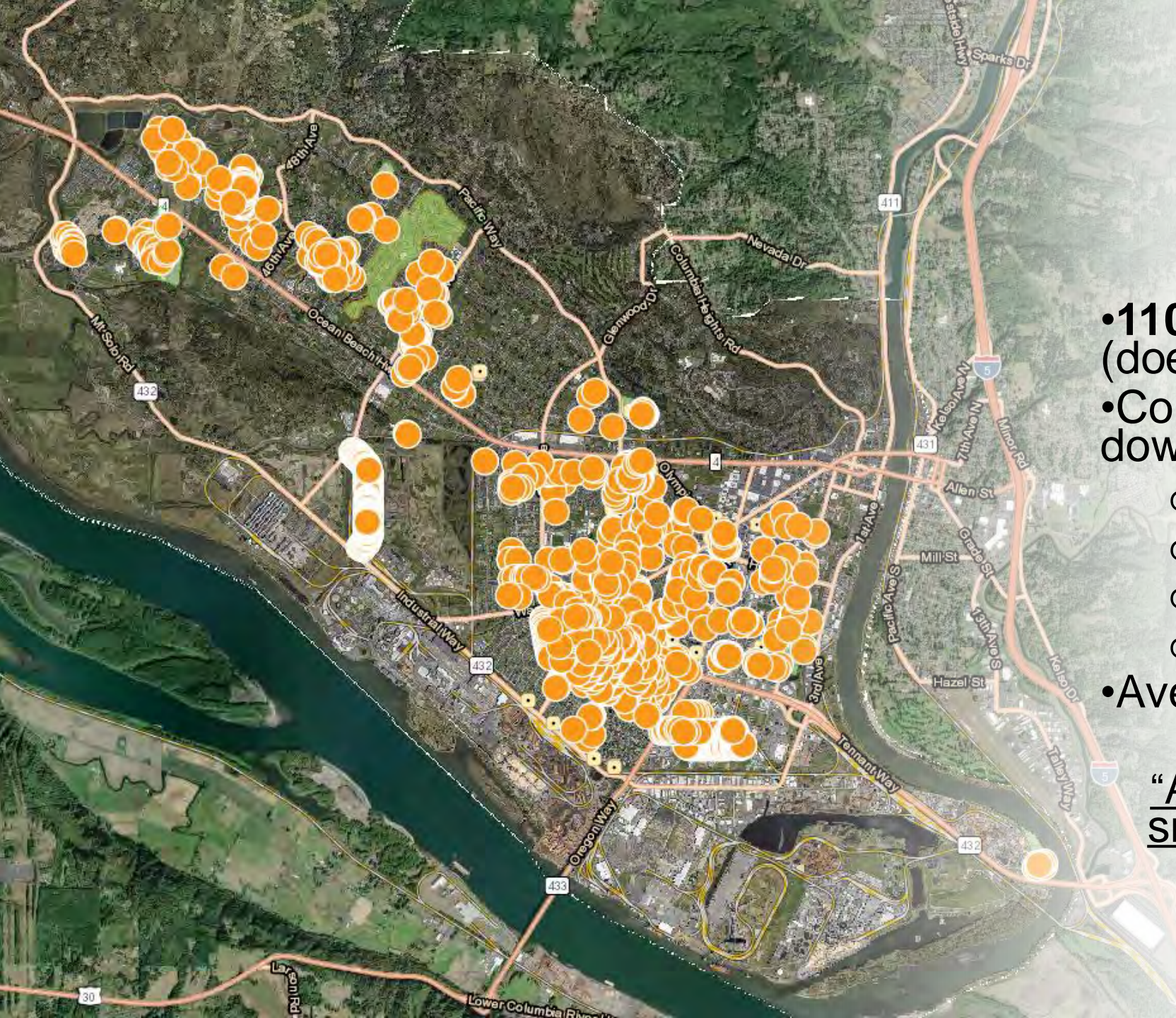
# How do we Protect our Urban Forest?



# Current Elm Inventory

- **793 Elm trees** citywide (does not include private trees)
  - 592 targeted for treatment (shown below)
- Concentrated Areas broke down by location:
  - Nichols (Non-Lake side): 90
  - Around the Lake: 397
  - Kessler (Non-Lake side): 96
  - R.A. Long Park: 23
  - Library: 4
- Average DBH 36"





# Current Ash Inventory

- **1108 total Ash trees** citywide (does not include private trees)
- Concentrated Areas broke down by location:
  - Beech Street: ~30
  - Roy Morse Park: 47
  - Lake Sacajawea: 52
  - Mint Farm: **160**
- Average DBH: 10-12 inch

“Ash trees are younger and smaller, but concentrated in vulnerable clusters”

# Why Acting Now Matters



**DED & EAB** threatens a **significant portion** of our historic tree canopy.



Elm trees add value to our parks, neighborhoods, and historic identity.

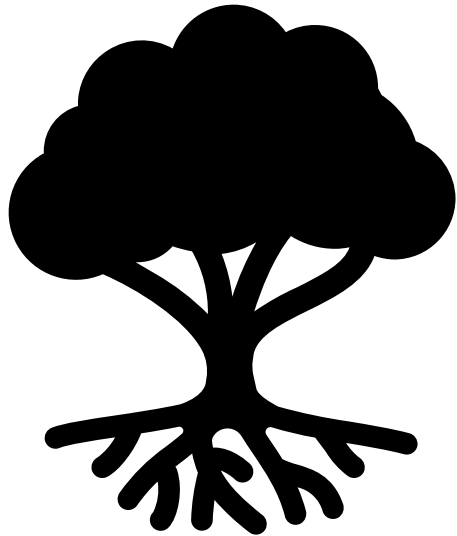


Once infected, must be removed within 2-5 years, **costing more** in the long run and impacting our landscape legacy.



Combined, these diseases affect ~1900 trees in our Urban Forest (~14% of our trees).

# Strategic Approach



## Dutch Elm Disease (DED)

- 2-year treatment cycle
- Geographically phased approach
- Replace 20–25 trees/year (~40 years)
- Balance proactive and reactive replacement

## Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

- 2-year treatment cycle (largest Ash trees only)
- Replace 40–50 trees/year
- Prioritize Green & White Ash removals
- No known cases in Cowlitz County yet; presence in Portland suggests arrival in 18 months–3 years

**Budget will include species diversification**

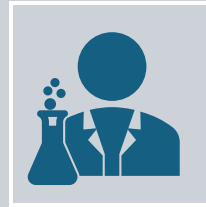
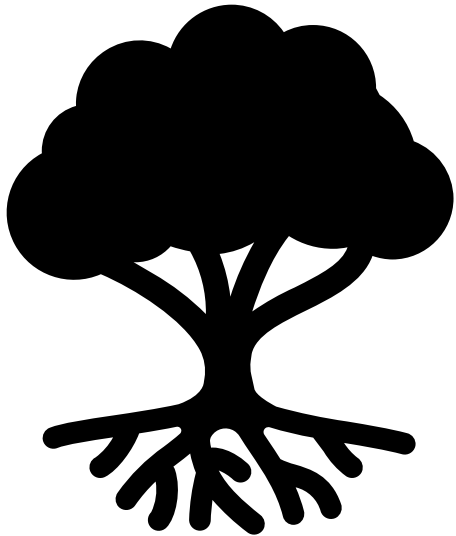
# Treatment Plan

## Option A: In-House

- **Fungicide:** Propoconazole 14.3
  - 115 gallons required
- **Insecticide:** Carbaryl 4L
  - 3ft band around each tree
- **Product Cost:** ~\$12,500
- **Equipment needs:** 5 macro-injection systems = ~\$5,000
- **Staffing:** 1 COL \*NEW\* FTE = Up to \$110,000
- **Total:** \$127,500 per year



# Treatment Plan Option B: Contracted



Same chemical plan  
as Option A, done  
by outside  
contractor:

Chemical Cost:  
~\$12,500

Equipment  
Cost:~\$5,000

Contracted  
Yearly Labor:  
\$127,000



Total Costs Year One: **\$144,500**

# Treatment Plan Option Summary

<b>Option A: Treatment - Yearly</b>	<b>Option B: Treatment - Yearly</b>
Chemical Cost: \$12,500	Chemical Cost: \$12,500
NEW FTE: \$110,000	Contractor Cost: \$127,000
Total: \$122,500	Total: \$139,500
Cost over 10 Years: \$1,225,000	Cost over 10 Years: \$1,395,000

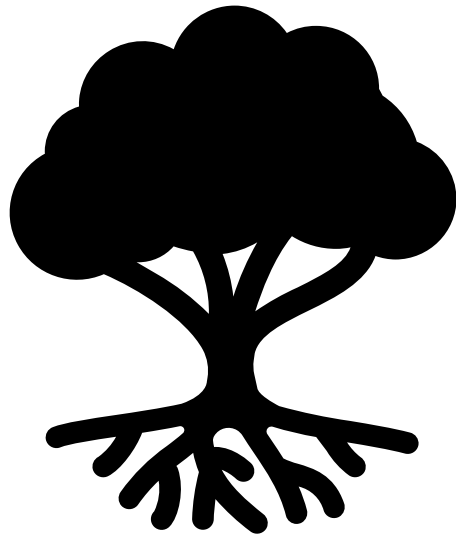
# Tree Removal & Replacement Option A

- **Startup Cost (~\$1.45M) Financed over 5 years**
  - [Sennebogen 728E Tree Care Handler](#) – \$920,000 (15-yr useful life)
  - **Large Diameter Chipper** – \$361,000 ([Bandit 2090](#)) (15-yr useful life)
  - **Skid Steer** - \$150,000 (10-yr useful life)
  - **Tree Replacement Budget Increase** – \$10,000
  - Yearly Depreciation: \$177,000
- **Key Benefits**
  - ✓ Cost Savings
  - ✓ Safety
  - ✓ Long-Term Value

Investing in this equipment strengthens our ability to **protect the urban forest, manage DED & EAB, and respond to future challenges.**



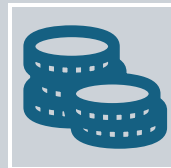
# Tree Removal & Replacement Option B



**Contract cost: ~\$375,000**  
(Outside Contractor)



Includes removal of 25 trees  
yearly

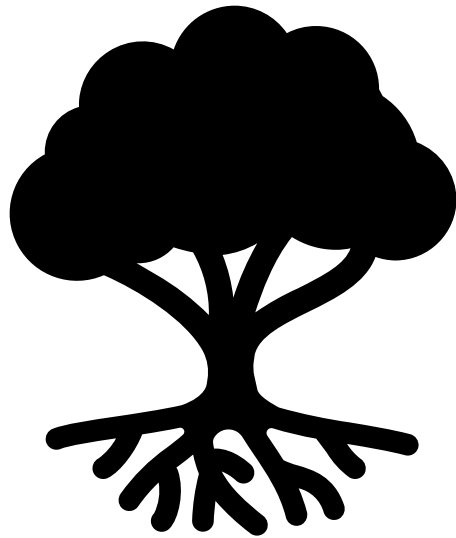


Replacement Tree Budget  
Increase: \$10,000

# Removal & Replacement Plan Option Summary

Option A: Removal & Replacement	Option B: Removal & Replacement
Equipment: \$333,000 (yearly for 5 years)	Contractor: \$375,000 (yearly)
Vehicle Depreciation: \$177,000	Replacement Tree Budget Increase: \$10,000
Replacement Tree Budget Increase: \$10,000	Yearly Total: \$385,000
Yearly 1-5 Total: \$520,000	
Yearly 6-10 Total: \$177,000	
Total Cost over 15 Years: \$4,366,000	Cost over 15 Years: \$5,775,000

# Funding Options



Include Increase from General Fund

Increase Stormwater Rate

Vendor Financing or Private Bank  
Financing



# **Our Ask: A Forward- Thinking, Preservation- Focused Plan**

## **Recommended Action**

- Direction to bring back a formalized plan for funding of preferred Treatment and Removal Options, with discussed preference for funding.