



City of Longview

1525 Broadway
Longview, WA 98632
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Agenda

Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, September 22, 2025

5:30 PM

Small Conference Room, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-00775 Please click the link to join the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88111913944>
Webinar ID: 881 1191 3944
Or Telephone: (253) 205 0468; or (253) 215 8782; or (346) 248 7799

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-00776 MINUTES FROM MARCH 24, 2025
NO MEETING HELD IN APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY or AUGUST

4. **CONSTITUENT COMMENTS**

5. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

6. **WORKSHOP**

25-00777 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA 2025-3 THE MERK MURAL AT 1339
COMMERCE AVE
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND CONSIDER UNDER NEW BUSINESS

25-00886 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA 2025-4 JAPANESE GARDEN FENCING AT
LAKE SACAJAWEA
RECOMMENDED ACTION: RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND CONSIDER UNDER NEW
BUSINESS

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-00778 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA THE MERK MURAL AT 1339 COMMERCE
AVE
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE MERK MURAL AT 1339
COMMERCE AVE
(ATTACHMENTS IN THE WORKSHOP ITEM)

25-00887 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA JAPANESE GARDEN FENCING AT LAKE
SACAJAWEA
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION FOR APPROVAL TO PROCEED WITH CEDAR SPLIT
RAIL FENCING
(ATTACHMENTS IN THE WORKSHOP ITEM)

25-00888 URBAN FOREST DISEASE TREATMENT PLAN – INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION
RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUESTED FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AT THIS TIME.

- 9. **REPORTS**
- 10. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
- 11. **ADJOURNMENT**



Minutes

Historic Preservation Commission

Monday, March 24, 2025

5:30 PM

Small Conference Room, City Hall

1. HYBRID MEETING DETAILS

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2. ROLL CALL

*The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
In attendance: Mike Chapman, Chair; Gena Graham; Rick Johnson; Jerame Moore; Angela Stephenson;
Excused: Summer O'Neill, CoChair
Unexcused: Reed Hadley
Staff: Nick Little, CD Director; Irene Rutikanga, Planner; Samantha Van Laer, Deputy City Clerk; Nancy Vandehey, Admin*

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

25-00308 **MINUTES FROM JANUARY 27, 2025
NO MEETING HELD IN FEBRUARY**
The minutes were approved as written. This passed unanimously.

4. CONSTITUENT COMMENTS

5. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

6. WORKSHOP

25-00309 **CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA 2025-2 LAKE SACAJAWEA INTERPRETIVE
PANEL
RECOMMENDED ACTION: RECEIVE PRESENTATION & CONSIDER IN NEW BUSINESS**
*This item was delayed until after the RA Long Award item to allow the applicants time to arrive from the Parks Board meeting.
Cal Fowler spoke on behalf of this item. At the Parks Board meeting, it was determined that this will be placed by the picnic tables across from 1024/1028 Kessler.
Angela Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Rick Johnson to consider this item under New Business. This passed unanimously.*

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS**25-00311 RA LONG AWARD NOMINATION REVIEW
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO SELECTION RECIPIENT OF RA LONG AWARD FOR 2025**

Nancy Vandehey gave a brief overview. Scorecards were given to the board members. Each member individually ranked the nominees. Nick Little reviewed the nominees. Scorecards were collected and tallied by Nick. Information was shared by Arleen Hubble on a few of the nominees. This item was paused while we considered the Interpretive Panel item and scorecards could be totaled. After the Interpretive Panel item, the board returned to this item. The scorecard tallies narrowed the group to the top two: Reed Hadley and Virginia Rubin. After a discussion, Reed Hadley was selected as the 2025 recipient. A motion was made by Jerame Moore, seconded by Rick Johnson, for the RA Long Award for 2025 be given to Reed Hadley. This passed unanimously.

**25-00310 CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA 2025-2 LAKE SACAJAWEA INTERPRETIVE PANEL
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CA 2025-2 LAKE SACAJAWEA INTERPRETIVE PANEL
(ATTACHMENTS IN THE WORKSHOP ITEM)**

Angela Stephenson made a motion, seconded by Jerame Moore, to approve CA 2025-2 Lake Sacajawea Interpretive Panel with the undated placement discussed in the workshop. This passed unanimously.

**25-00315 HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH PROCLAMATION
RECOMMENDED ACTION: MOTION TO SELECTION RECIPIENT OF PROCLAMATION AT CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 8TH**

Mike Chapman volunteered to be present at City Council to accept the Proclamation and present the RA Long award.

25-00316 DEMO FEES FOR HISTORICAL GRANTS

Nick Little spoke about the possibility of creating a grant for historical renovation projects from demo fees. The board was excited about this idea and in support.

9. REPORTS**10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mike Chapman and Nick Little will work on wording for presenting the award at Council.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA 2025-3 THE MERK MURAL AT 1339 COMMERCE AVE
RECOMMENDED ACTION:
RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND CONSIDER UNDER NEW BUSINESS

Attachments:

1. HPC App 091625
2. HPCAPP~1

**Application For A
CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS
Longview Historic Preservation Commission
Longview, Washington**

Application No. CA2025-3 Date Sept. 15, 2025

Instructions: Print neatly or type. Submit by the 3rd Thursday of the month in order to be considered at the regular meeting on the 4th Thursday of that month. Insufficient documentation and incomplete applications will be returned or placed on hold. **Please be aware that the issuance of Building Permits is dependant on obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness.**

Application is hereby made for issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness (under Longview Ordinance 16.12.060 (1) & (3) for work as described below, and on plans, drawings, photographs, and descriptive material (attached) :

Address of Proposed Work 1339 Commerce Ave. Longview, WA 98632

Name of Building or Site The Merk

Owner of Building or Site Barry Isenhardt Phone 360-560-8177

Home Address 1339 Commerce Ave. 98632

Name(s) & Address of Agent Liz Borders, President of The Broad Strokes Project

205 N Maple Hill Rd. Kelso, WA 98626 Phone 859-420-8626

Name & Address of Architect or Designer Neiloni Davis, Artist

Phone 510-927-7671

Name & Address of Builder or Contractor n/a

Phone _____

Approximate date of Starting Work October 4, 2025 Completion October 14, 2025

Information required for processing of application:

- n/a 1. Plot Plan and /or floor plan
- 2. Two sets of plans and or drawings to scale, of all elevations on all sides affected. Drawings submitted must look professional or be of high quality and detail if applicable to the project, or for structural or substantial alterations.
- 3. Clear photographs of existing structure or property and listed features.
- 4. Samples of material and color (roofing, siding, windows, etc...)
- 5. Required permits from Community Development and/or Public Works Departments:
Circle (Building) (Plumbing) (Electrical) (Mechanical) (Demolition) (Windows, Siding) (R-O-W)

DESCRIPTION OF WORK (check appropriate categories):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Historic Restoration	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dwelling	<input type="checkbox"/>	Siding	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fence
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renovation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Porch	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wall
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Construction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Garage	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parking	<input type="checkbox"/>	Steps
<input type="checkbox"/>	Demolition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Addition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Walks	<input type="checkbox"/>	Signs
<input type="checkbox"/>	Foundation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Awnings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roof
<input type="checkbox"/>	Chimney	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skylights	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Color Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Painting

Itemize and describe all categories of proposed work. Include size, style, material and color: Provide information on the exact products that will be used: (product brochures, specifications, etc.) to assist the Commission in their review. Approved product choices will be stamped, and verified on final inspection.

*****Please attach or submit additional pages as necessary*****

1. Material and Color: Mural to be painted with Rodda/ Miller exterior paint.
2. Subject of the mural to be squirrel tails that people can pose with as a way to invite community participation with the artwork. There will be a background of a sun and rain creating a rainbow in classic PNW weather in the signature style of the artist.
3. Size: Mural will span between the back corner on the building on the Broadway side to the second window from the edge of the building.

IMPORTANT:

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Any proposed Changes must be Reviewed and Approved by the Commission as an addendum to the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Certificate of Appropriateness is valid for 12 months from date of issuance.
 Certificate may be renewed at discretion of the Historic District Commission.

Do you intend to apply for Special Property Tax Valuation for Historic Property Renovation? no

Signature of Owner(s) of Record
 x Barry Isenhardt 09/15/25 x

Signature of Applicant(s)
 x Neiloni Davis 09/16/25 x _____

Signature of Agent (s)
 x Elizabeth Borders 09/15/25 x _____

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The following information to be completed by the Historic Preservation Commission:

Date application received _____

Date of Public Meeting _____

Inspected prior to hearing _____

Commissioners _____

Inspection upon Completion _____

Commissioners: _____

Planning & Building Dept. _____

The Historic Preservation Commission has made the following determination:

Approved (Conditions) _____

Denied (Findings) _____

Chair, Historic Preservation Commission:

Date:

X _____

Accompanying info for Certificate of Appropriateness for The Merk Mural

1. N/A
2. Sketch of Design:



3. Clear photograph:



4. Color Swatches/Paint Samples



5. Permit:

- a. Right of Way Permit: ready for payment/ pickup, number PWD2025-0194.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS CA 2025-4 JAPANESE GARDEN FENCING AT LAKE SACAJAWEA

RECOMMENDED ACTION: RECEIVE PRESENTATION AND CONSIDER UNDER NEW BUSINESS

City staff will present a proposal to replace the deteriorating fencing at the Japanese Island Overlook. The existing fencing has reached the end of its useful life and requires replacement to ensure visitor safety, protect surrounding landscaping, and maintain the visual integrity of the site.

Staff is recommending replacement with cedar split rail fencing. This option was selected as it is more durable, easier to maintain, cost-effective, and remains aesthetically compatible with the historic character of the Japanese Garden.

Attachments:

1. Japanese_Garden_Fencing_Proposal HPC
2. CERTIF~1
3. JIO Overhead Map
4. Japanese garden entrance
5. Missing fence panels
6. Rotten and damaged fencing
7. Sample fence

Japanese Island Overlook Fencing

9/22/2025



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Current Fencing
Condition

Proposed
Fencing
Replacement
Plan

Our ask



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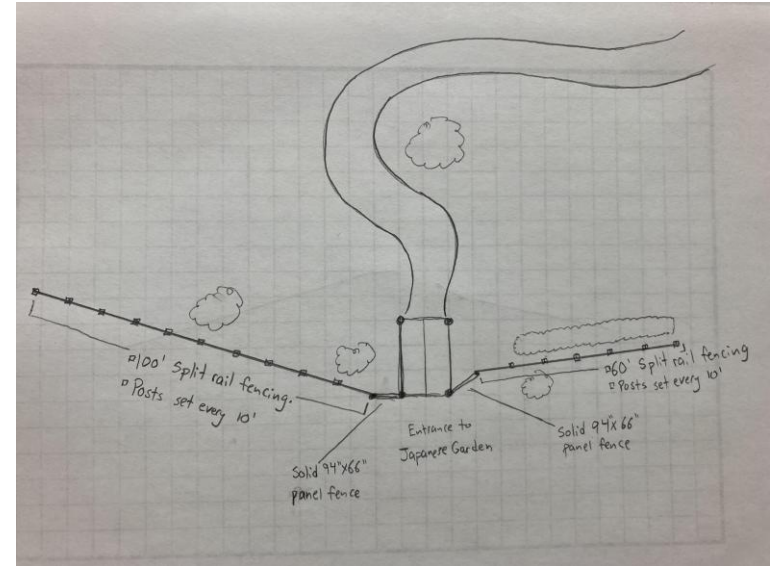
Current Fencing Condition

- - Existing lattice fencing is deteriorating (rotting wood, structural instability)
- - Damage at base and compromised sections
- - No longer effective in guiding visitors or protecting landscaping



Proposed Replacement

- - Cedar split rail fencing
- ☒ - Quicker and easier to install
- 📦 - Natural, affordable
- 👤 - Historically compatible
- 👤 - Directs patrons to designated entrance
- 👤 - Protects garden shrubs and prevents soil compaction



Summary & Request



- Current lattice fencing is failing and needs replacement

- Split rail fencing is cost-effective, durable, and historically appropriate

Request approval to proceed with cedar split rail installation

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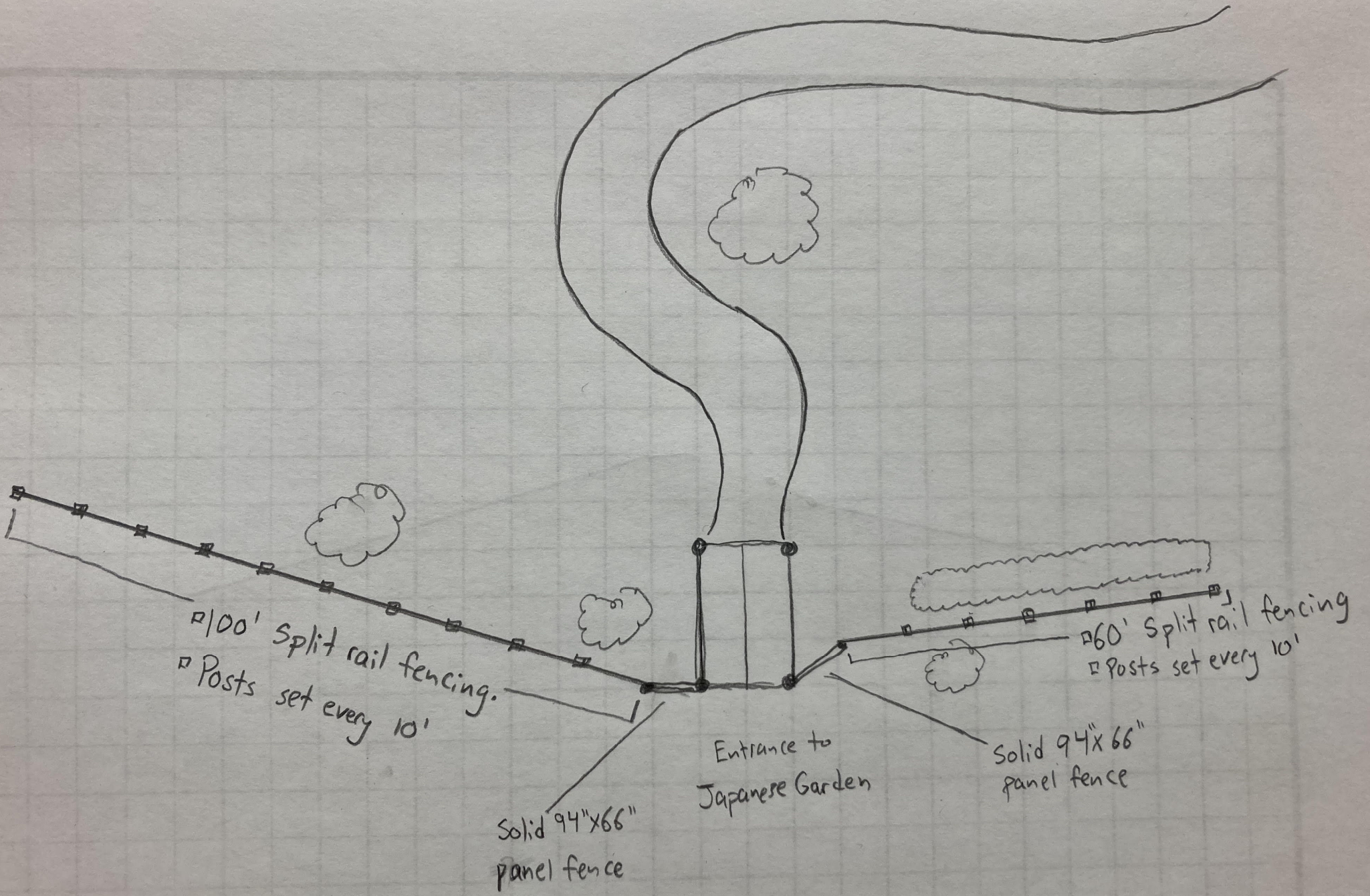
Date:

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Lake
Sacajawea
Park Japanese
Gardens

Kessler Blvd



100' Split rail fencing.
Posts set every 10'

Solid 94"x66"
panel fence

Entrance to
Japanese Garden

Solid 94"x66"
panel fence

60' Split rail fencing
Posts set every 10'









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URBAN FOREST DISEASE TREATMENT PLAN – INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY. NO ACTION IS REQUESTED FROM THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION AT THIS TIME.

City staff will provide an informational overview of the Urban Forest Disease Treatment Plan addressing threats from Dutch Elm Disease (DED) and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). The presentation will include background on the scope of the issue, current inventory of impacted trees, and the City's proposed treatment and replacement strategies.

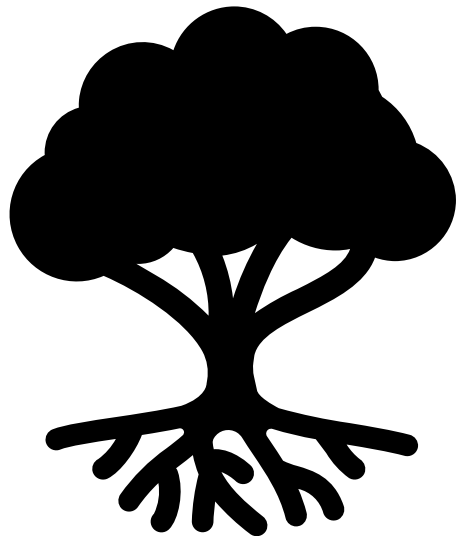
Attachments:

1. Dutch Elm Council Presentation - HPC

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

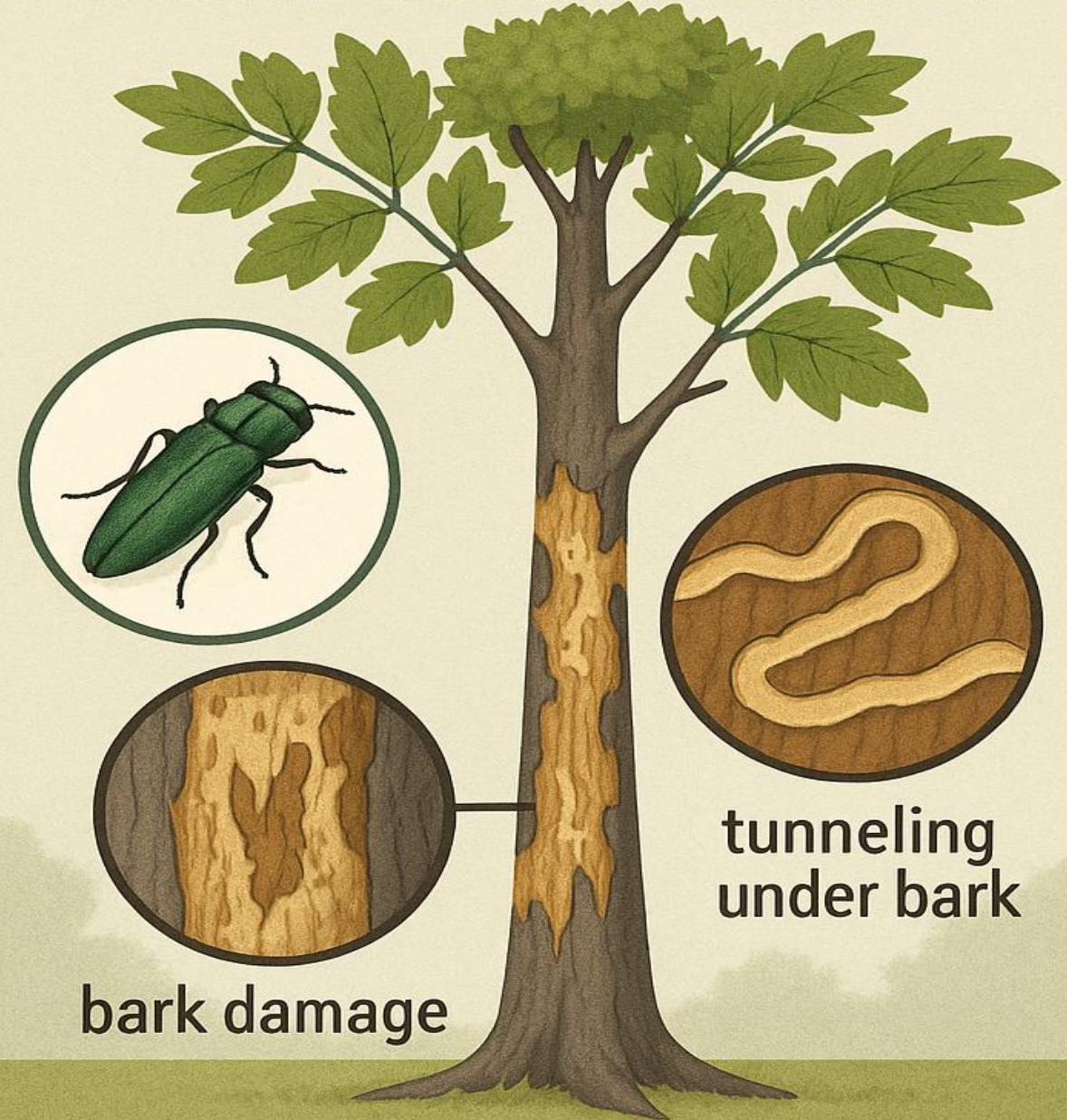
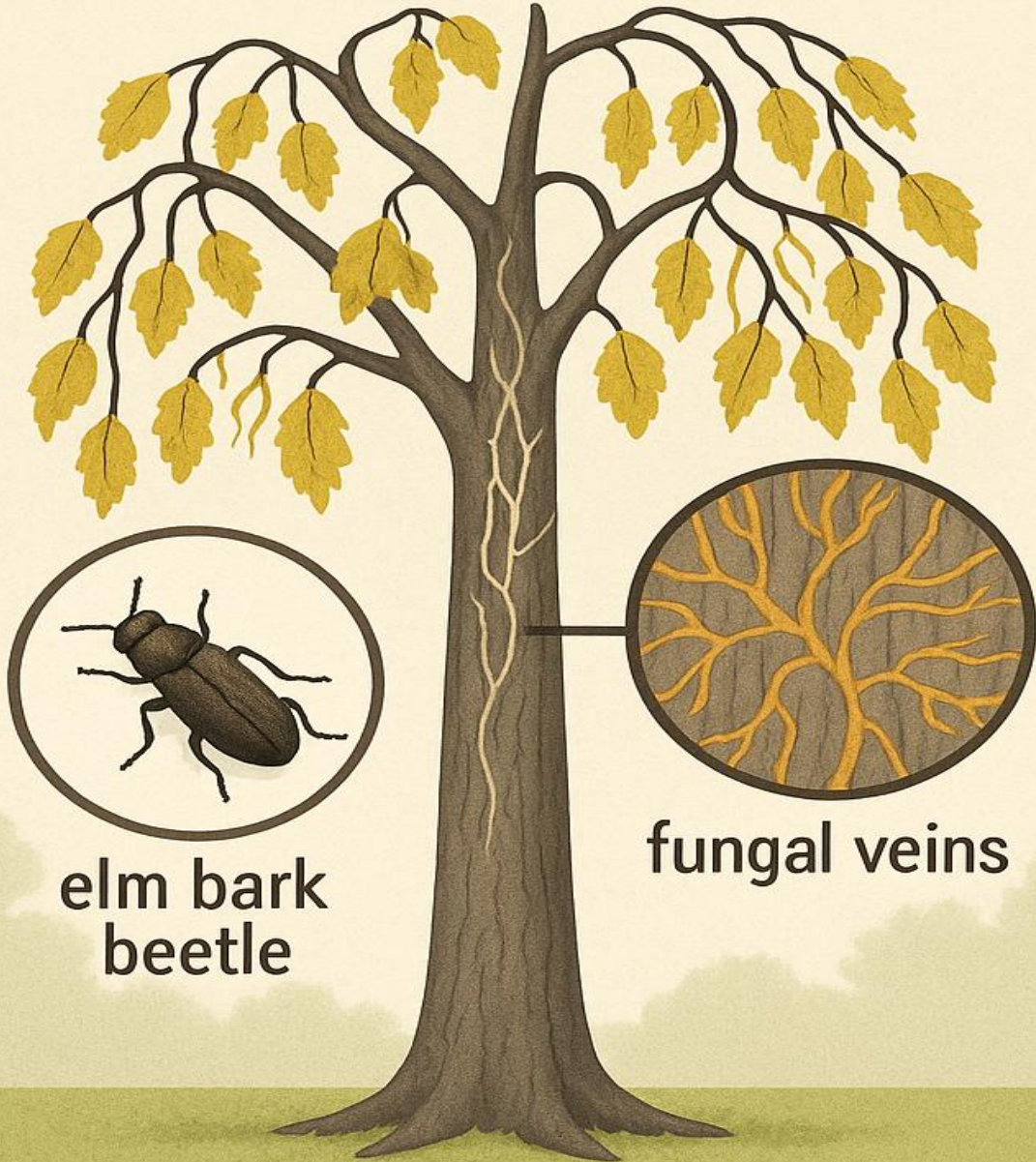
Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):

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

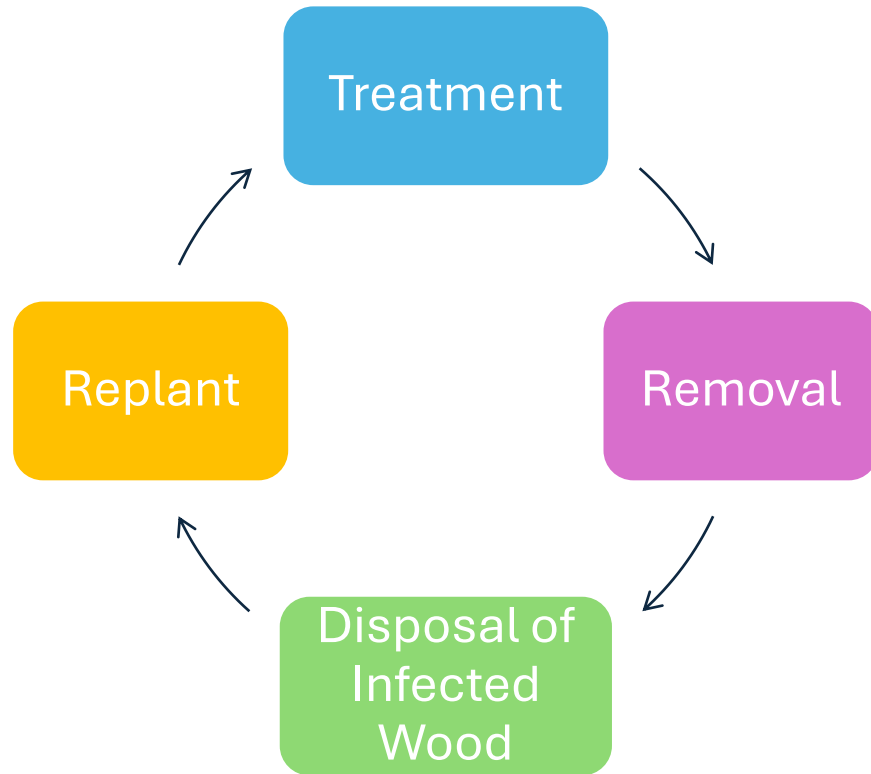


How Beetles Kill Trees

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.

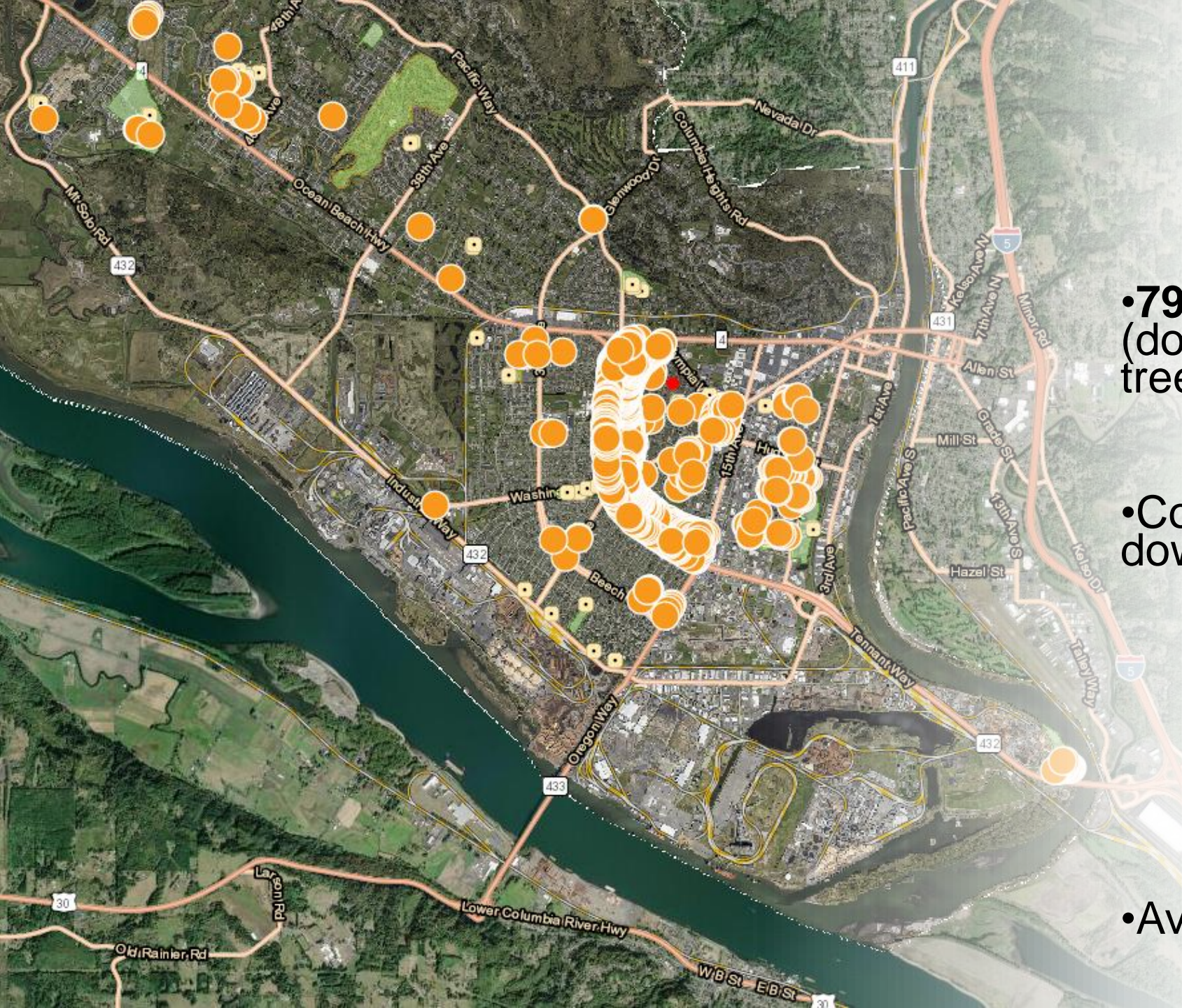


How do we Protect our Urban Forest?

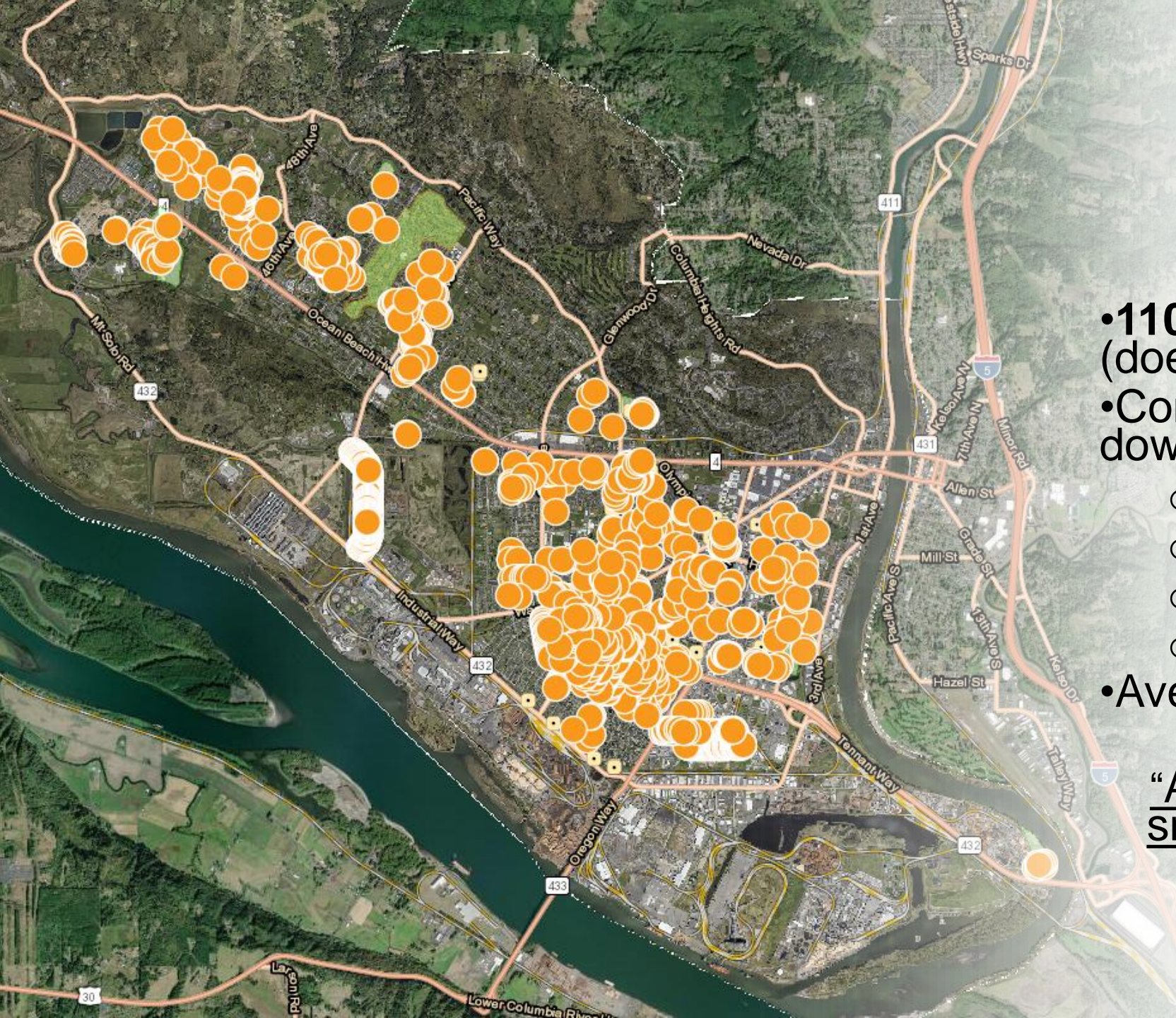


Current Elm Inventory

- **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.

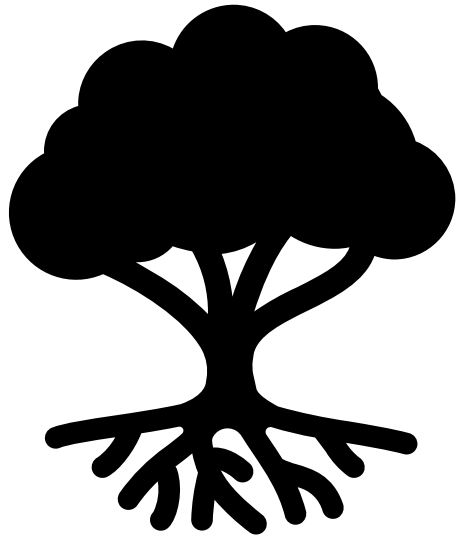


Once infected, must be removed within 2-5 years, **costing more** in the long run and impacting our landscape legacy.



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**