



City of Longview

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Agenda

Public Works SubCommittee

Wednesday, October 15,
2025

3:00 PM

Training Room
2nd Floor, City Hall

1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-00792 To Join the Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85191031903>
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2. **CALL TO ORDER**

3. **ROLL CALL**

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-00793 MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2025
MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 17TH WAS CANCELLED.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-00931 URBAN FORESTRY DISEASED TREE PLAN REVIEW & STORMWATER RATE
DISCUSSION

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

7. **CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES**

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

9. **ADJOURNMENT**



Minutes

Public Works SubCommittee

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

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1. **HYBRID MEETING DETAILS**

25-00659 To Join the Webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85191031903>
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2. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm.

3. **ROLL CALL**

*Present: Councilmember Keith Young; Councilmember Ruth Kendall; Mayor Spencer Boudreau; Public Works Director/Assistant City Manager Chris Collins
Excused: Councilmember Erik Halvorson;
Staff: Steve Hansen, Assistant Public Works Director; Mike Ward, PW Maintenance Supervisor; Sam Barham, City Engineer; Nancy Vandehey, Admin*

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

25-00660 **MINUTES FROM JUNE 18, 2025
MEETING ON JULY 16, 2025 WAS CANCELLED.**

The minutes were approved as presented. This passed unanimously.

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

25-00661 **SIDEWALK POLICY**

*Chris Collins reviewed the current sidewalk policy and proposed changes. The board was in concurrence with the proposed changes, stating that this may be a great way to make headway on the existing list.
Sam Barham shared a pilot program to remove centerlines on few selected streets. Discussion included safety concerns on removing the centerlines on streets without a fog line and the timeline for the centerline to actually fade away. The board reviewed the list and provided direction on which roads to begin the pilot program.
Chris Collins asked the board for direction on how to allocation funds in our Capital Improvement Program. Direction was provided to present LPD Structure \$60k, LFD Chief vehicle \$60k, Archie Anderson Restroom \$30k and Golf Clubhouse furniture \$20k (total \$440k with 10k for overrun) to Council for approval.*

There was a short discussion on our EMS alert system.

25-00746 TRAFFIC SAFETY PILOT PROGRAM: CENTERLINE REMOVAL

Chris Collins shared a presentation on Sidewalk policy. After a short discussion, the board provided concurrence to move forward with a policy change to work with Urban Forestry to identify locations for tree removal/replacement areas for grinding. This should make a significant difference in the existing outstanding sidewalk repair list.

Sam Barham shared the pilot program for centerline removal. There was a discussion about some areas up in hill where there is no fog lines and safety concerns.

The recommendation on the CIP discussion focused on LPD Garage (band aid) 60K, LFD Chief vehicle 60k, Archie Anderson restroom 30k and golf clubhouse 20k and leaving 10k for buffer.

There was a discussion on the EMS alerting system.

25-00763 CIP DISCUSSION/RECOMMENDATION

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. CURRENT PROJECT UPDATES

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Preserving Our Urban Forest: Disease Treatment Plan

October 15, 2025
Longview Parks and Recreation
Urban Forestry Division



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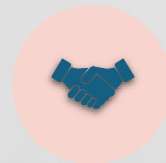
Tonight's Agenda



Purpose & Overview



Urban Forest Threats



Why It Matters



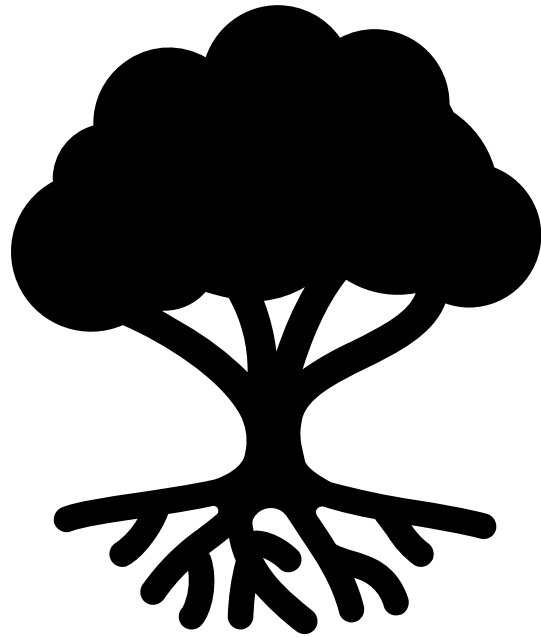
Options for Treatment & Removal



Funding Pathways



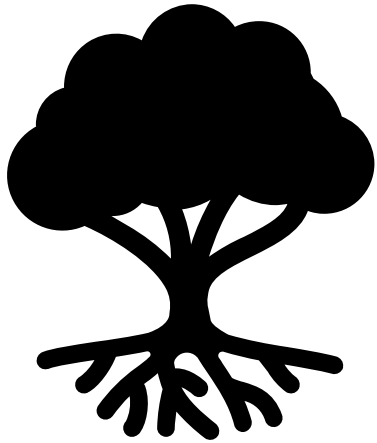
Recommendation & Next Steps



What & Who is Urban Forestry

- Division founded in early 1960s
- Funded through General Fund until 2014, now Stormwater funded
- UF cares for ~13,000 trees
 - ~10,500 Street Trees & 2,500 Park Trees
 - ~396 Different Tree Species
- 6 Full-Time, 2 Part-Time, & Summer Seasonals
- 1984 - Designated Tree City USA
- 2020 - Designated Tree City of the World

Threats to Our Urban Forest – Trees in Danger

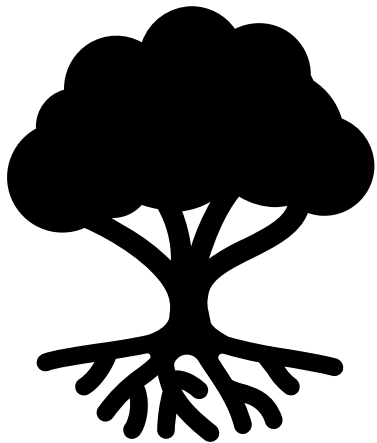


Elm Trees: 793

Ash Trees: 1108

Total: ~1900 Trees; 14% of Urban Forest

Threats to Our Urban Forest – Beetles!



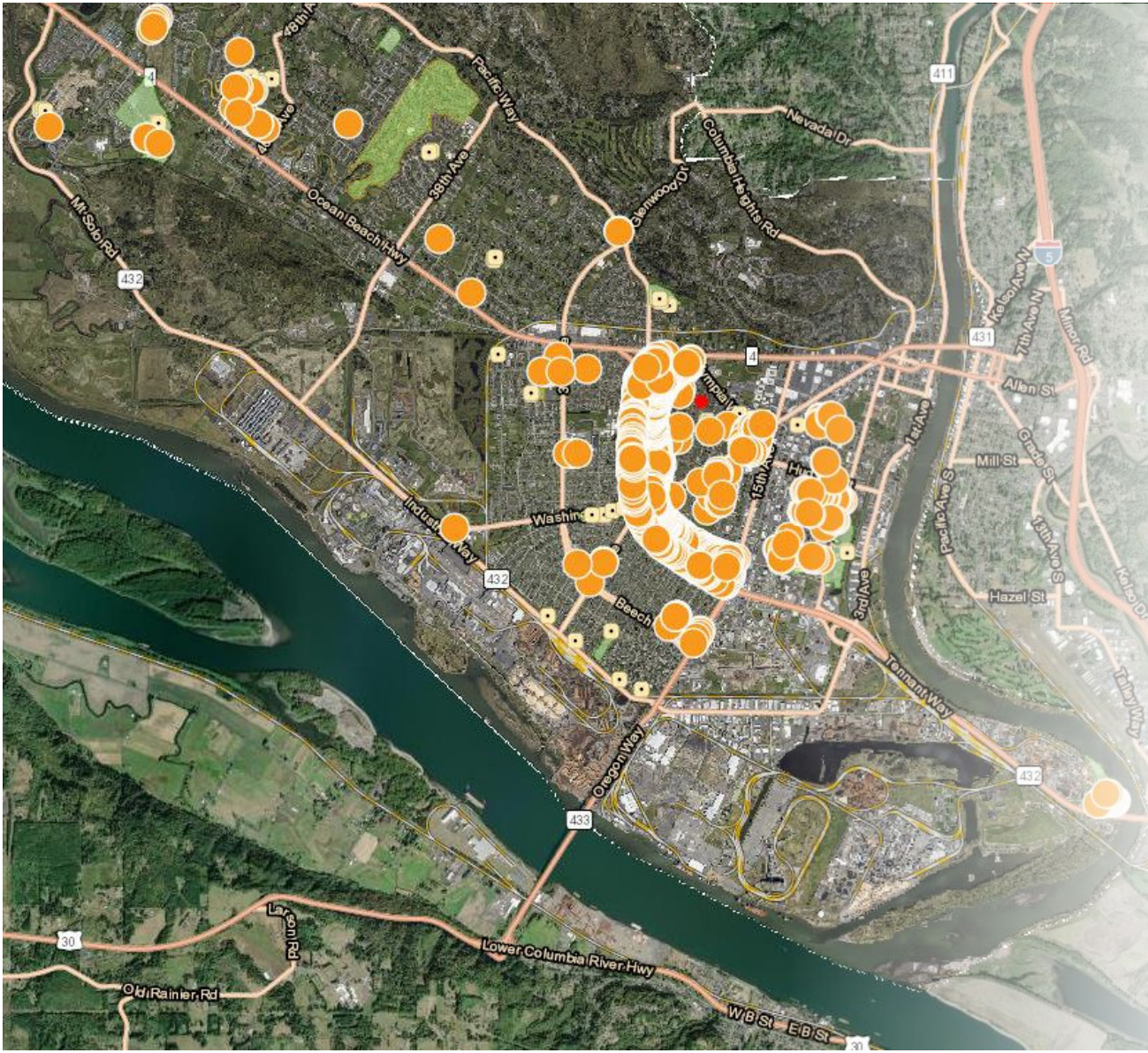
Dutch Elm Disease (DED):

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

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):

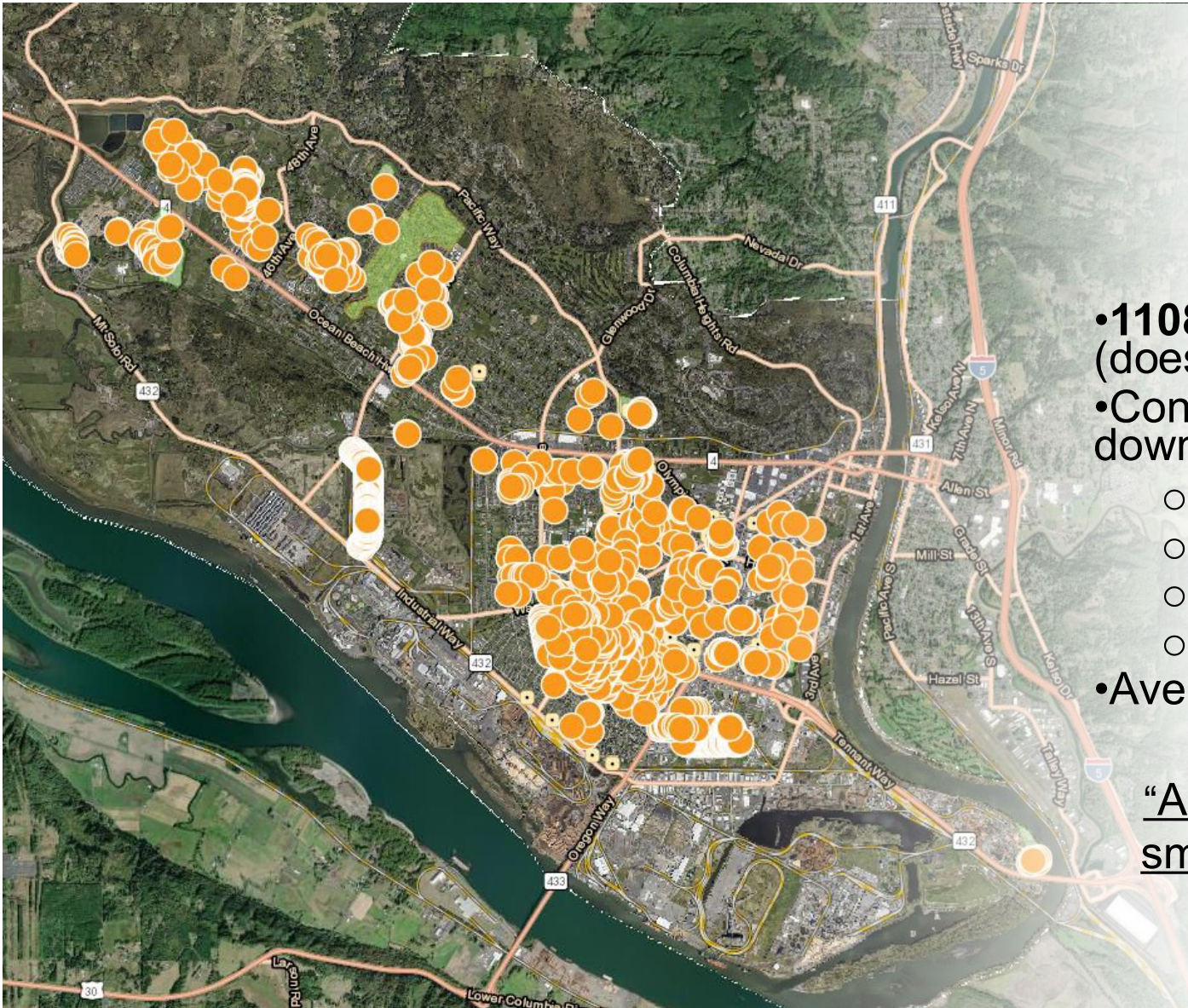
Invasive beetle that tunnels under bark, cutting off water and nutrients, eventually killing ash trees.

Current Elm Inventory



- **793 Elm trees** citywide (does not include private trees)
 - 610 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"

“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.

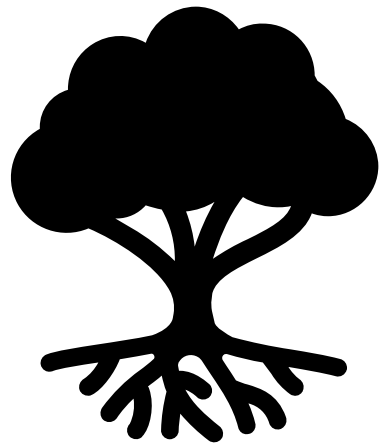


Once infected, trees must be removed within 2-5 years, **costing more** in the long run and impacting our landscape legacy.



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

Strategic Approach



Dutch Elm Disease (DED)

- 2023 – First DED Tree identified in Longview
- 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 (~40 years)
- Prioritize Green & White Ash removals
- No known cases in Cowlitz County yet; presence in Portland suggests arrival in 1.5 - 3 years

Tree Preservation Strategy

Option A: Internal	Option B: Contracted
Treatment: \$127,500 (staff & treatment supplies)	Treatment: \$144,500 (labor & treatment supplies)
Removal & Replacement: ~\$343,000 (tree harvester, large chipper, tracked skid-steer, tree replacement funds)	Removal & Replacement: \$585,000 (labor & tree replacement funds)
Yearly Cost: ~\$470,500	Yearly Cost: \$729,500
Total Cost over 10 Years: ~\$4,765,000	Cost over 10 Years: \$7,295,000

ELM Tree Removal Cost Comparison

• Sennebogen Removal

- Equipment Per Hour: ~\$250
- Staff per hour: 2 x ~\$65 = \$130
- Hours per tree: ~5
- Total cost per tree: ~\$1,900

• UF Traditional Removal

- Equipment per hour: ~\$110
- Staff per hour: 3 x ~\$65 = \$195
- Hours per tree: ~36
- Total cost per tree: ~\$11,000

Savings per tree = \$11,000 – \$1,900 = \$9,100

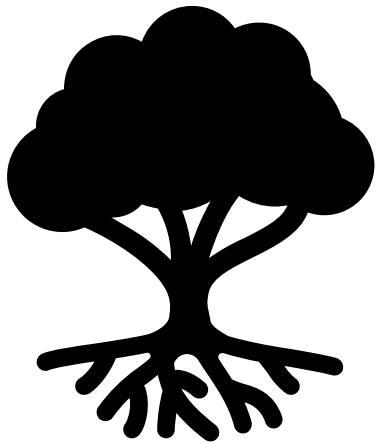
Annual savings (25 trees/year)

25 × \$9,100 = \$227,500 saved per year

Break-even point (equipment cost = \$920,000)

\$920,000 ÷ \$227,500 = 4.04 years

Options for Funding & Implementation



Loan Option

- Private Financing (ex. US Bank)



Loan Payment

- Stormwater Utility Rate Adjustment

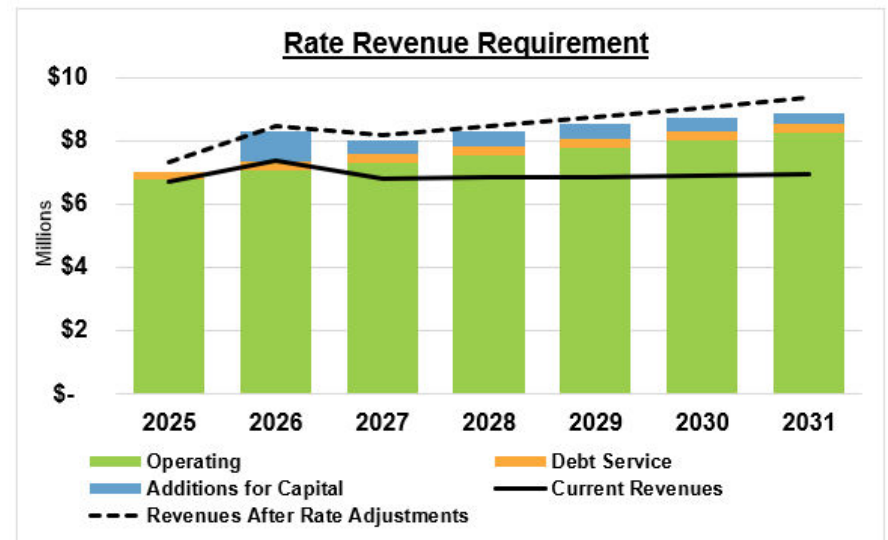
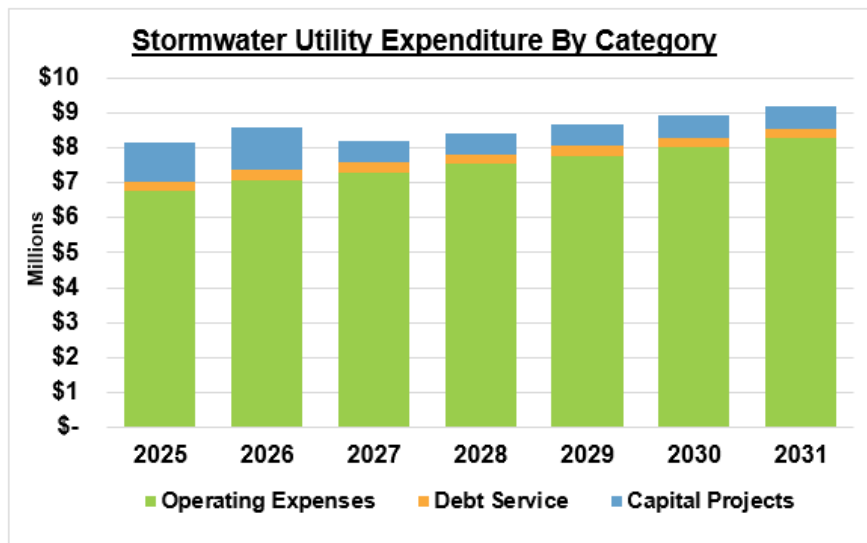
Proposed 2026 Stormwater Rate Adjustment

**Monthly increase of \$1.31
to \$19.96 per ERU**

Rate adjustment includes the following enhancements/CIPs:

- **Cloney Park Emergency Storm Culvert Replacement (\$400,000)**
- **Stormwater Infrastructure Condition Inventory (\$150,000)**
- **Columbia Heights Road Reconstruction (\$500,000)**
- **Urban Forestry DED/EAB Treatment (\$127,500)**
- **Urban Forestry DED/EAB Removal/Replacement (\$343,000)**

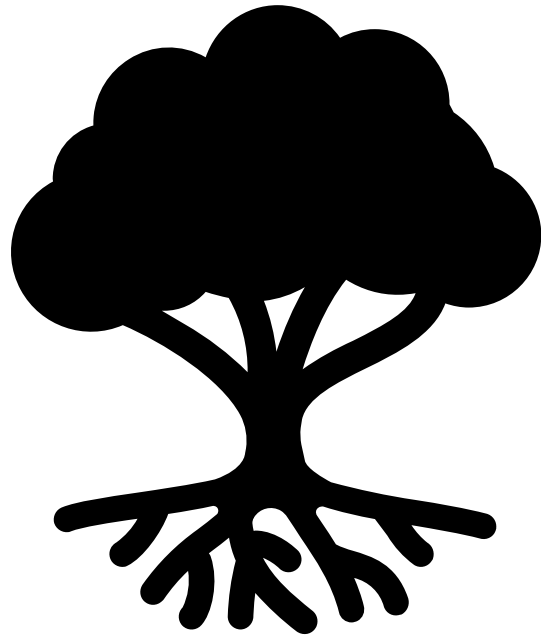
Future Stormwater Expenditure & Revenue Model Forecast



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

Recommended Action

- Direction to proceed with the proposed 2026 Stormwater Rate Adjustment as presented, a monthly increase of \$1.31.



**Questions or
Comments?**