

MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT
NATURAL
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION
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Forestry Supervisor Report:

PM Contract- Continuing to work with procurement to move the process along with the goal of the contract(s) going into effect Oct 31st. Will cover neighborhoods of HYDE PARK, EVANSTON, EAST WALNUT HILLS, COLLEGE HILL, MT. AIRY, & NORTHSIDE. In-House Crews continuing working on PM for these 6 neighborhoods as well. College Hill is complete.

Planting Contract- Current planting contract was granted an extension by CFS with new expiration of Feb 1, 2027. This will allow staff adequate time to update the contract, review bids, and make recommendations without interrupting the program.

Contracts:

25/26 PM - Northeast Neighborhoods

PM North neighborhood markings; Neighborhoods are inline to start audits for new contracts in 2026. Marking in coordination with in-house tree crew is essential to lowering PM cost, by the tree crew pruning small trees. Kurt has been informed by our in-house tree crew that they will save 40% on bidding contracts that will be going out. This includes a total of 1950 trees pruned across WS, MAI, and CH. We will only bid on approximately 2757 trees. This will be continued with good success. Still requires good communication. Kurt will also be marking dead & dying trees to be removed by TCI, under "em". But the emphasis will be on the three neighborhoods.

2024/2025 PM– East Neighborhoods

Complete.

2024/2025 PM - South/West neighborhoods-

Work underway for six sections of the PM contract. Saylor Park, Riverside, and Sedamsville are 90% completed, and West Price Hill has just started.

Planting Contract

As for the latest invoice: Fall '24, 5 trees left on city wide contract. 2 trees are left on downtown contract. Spring '25, 25 trees left on city wide contract and 2 downtown contracts. Fall '25 has 137 trees left on city wide contract & 12 trees left on downtown contract. Spring '26 remaining 229 on city wide and 46 on downtown. That leaves a total of 458 trees left. Since weather has improved, they have been getting caught up on planting. Spring 2026 planting order: 350 trees for city wide contract, 126 trees for downtown contract.

EM Contract

TCI completed 8 work orders and 3 storm call outs in March, while grinding 39 stumps. 38 new work orders were assigned, leaving us with a current backlog of 54 work orders.

Stump Contract

Jacob Edwards has taken over the city wide stump contract as of February 17th. There is a current backlog of 1400 stumps in the database. Jacob has organized stumps based off community and started to hand off stump lists per community to Gray's. On top of Gray's, we have used TCI to help reduce our backlog. So far completed all stumps in Camp Washington, Avondale, Evanston, East Price Hill, West Price Hill, East Westwood, English Woods, Millvale, North and South Fairmount, Riverside, Roll Hill, and Sayler Park. As of 3.9.26, contractors have completed almost 500 stumps as apart of the backlog.

Utility Work:

Kurt has received and completed 28 total maps, that have also been inspected & audited.

Have been called by Wright tree on 11 sites to have Kurt look at all possible tree removals.

Received 4 new maps from Duke as pre audit for the start of 2026.

The second DUKE removal list of 2026 has been compiled, money may not be available in 2027.

Still asking for any new removals.

Have started new list for Duke removal of city trees for the first quarter (21 trees so far).

Duke will also be installing new overhead lines along Liberty St. Working with Duke to increase height of poles to give greater vertical clearance to existing street trees (65' vs 55' poles) this is still on going.

ReLeaf:

Attended ReLeaf at MadTree Brewing and assisted with tree pick-up orders.

Doug met with Mark Hand to discuss the timeline for the 2026 ReLeaf. He will be assuming most of the ReLeaf responsibilities this year.

Let's Grow Local in Madisonville

Continuing to work with community partners to refine scope of project and required logistics for October event.

Development Projects:

South– Doug Fritsch

1. Reviewed the pruning needs for a new pole installation at 1912 Elm St.

East – Marianne Prue

1. No new updates.

West – Matt Dickman

1. No new updates.

North -Kurt Kastner

1. Still waiting for others to be planted. West side of reading road (in project) is ready to be planted this Spring. Still waiting for 4 more trees to be planted on the east side of Reading Road.

Community Outreach: Community Outreach:**South – Dough Fritsch**

1. Walked Jefferson Ave with John Martini of UC and Jacob Edwards to discuss pruning needs of street trees to increase the visibility of UC students.
2. Attended the monthly meeting with 3CDC. 3CDC will be watering 16 trees that were planted by Urban Forestry Downtown and in OTR. They will also water the trees planted by the developer at the mercantile building on 4th St & 5th St.
3. Had a busy Memorial Day weekend full of storm call throughout the city.

West – Matt Dickman

1. No new updates

North – Kurt Kastner

1. Met with community personnel to prune city trees on ROW & new plant sites. This representative has been trained in our basic policy and procedures as to how to prune and mulch. Basic trees care; Met with Citizens to have requested more training in tree care, and replant new trees in business district. Auditing PM neighborhoods.
2. Went to RLCC meeting to discuss planting more trees. Attended adopt-a-class in California Woods to discuss with the class about insects, animals, and tree species.

East – Marianne Prue

1. Continue to be in contact with Madisonville, Hyde Park, Evanston, Walnut Hills, Mt. Lookout and Linwood and East End Community Councils regarding tree plantings and preventative maintenance work.
2. Several lists have been given to DUKE to have remove trees for us. Priority has been given to junk pears and oaks that have had their centers taken out, along with declining silver maples. They have removed all of them for free. We have just had to pick up wood/trunks. Removal list is complete, and replacement trees are planned for spring. Working on new list.

3. Met with DOTE regarding several locations with sidewalk repairs to be done, discussing plans, an approval for saving trees by diverting sidewalks around them or expanding cutouts.
4. Attended April's UFAB meeting.
5. Met with Duke regarding their reconstruction of a line in Madisonville on Anderson Pl and agreed to let them do some pruning work if they remove a few poor condition pears & maples that they have continued to trim in the past.

	<u>May Program Statistics:</u>			
	Investigation Requests	MAY	YTD	PREV. YEAR 2025
	Number of requests received May 2026	17	53	310
	* Number resolved by staff at end of May 2026	8	32	320
	Backlog carried over to June 2026	8	23	29
	<i>(* Figures may reflect backlog from previous months/years)</i>			
	Street Tree Work Orders	MAY	YTD	2025 YTD
	Number of work orders assigned May 2026	32	113	69
	Backlog from April 2026	54		21
	Number of work orders completed May 2026	20	63	20
	Backlog carried over to June 2026	65		36
	Emergency Work	MAY	YTD	2025 YTD
	Number of storm emergencies received May 2026	55	154	89
	Stumps Removed	MAY	YTD	2025 YTD
	Number of stumps removed May 2026	55	676	
	Street Trees Planted	MAY	YTD	2025 YTD
	Oberson's Nursery and Landscape	0	469	
	<i>Redo Plantings (Replaced under guarantee)</i>			142
	Customer Service Requests	MAY	YTD	2025 YTD
	Number of requests received May 2026	367	870	439
	Number resolved by staff for May 2026	405	860	203
	Number of requests carried over to June 2026	22		30
	Number of requests over 30 days old	0	2	4