

**MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SECTION**  
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**DECEMBER 2022**

**Urban Tree Canopy Longitudinal Assessment (ODNR Grant for 2020 Flyover)**

1. The UTC data was integral in the assessment increase.
2. Still waiting on our website planting app for the county.
3. Below is a link to the dashboard that has all the UTC data in an interactive map where you can click on any neighborhood for canopy percentage.
  - i. <https://cagisportal.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/077c8ec66d68459a94d3a7091c5a4938>

**Street Tree Inventory:**

- a. As of **October 2022 – ~41,210 trees** surveyed.
  - a. Matthew Dickman -11,600
  - b. Marianne Prue – 6,700
  - c. Matthew DiBona – 5,500
  - d. Doug Fritsch – 4,400
  - e. Crystal Courtney – 1,100
  - f. Kurt Kastner – 2,700
  - g. Robin Hunt – 710
  - h. Jacob Edwards – 2,900
  - i. Park Employees and Urban Forestry Technicians – 5,000+ (Number may be more/less due to other plantings in Parks outside DNR)
  - j. Urban Forestry Intern – 3,500

\*Starting in October, Urban Forestry Intern Mark Hand began collecting inventory data as “Urban Forestry Intern”

**Forestry Supervisor Report:**

1. Forestry staff made recommendations to most qualified and lowest priced bidders, and contracts were fully executed to, 1. Gray’s Tree Service and, 2. De La Sierra Tree for PM Pruning for Area B (Bond Hill, Carthage, Hartwell, Kennedy Heights, Paddock Hills, Pleasant Ridge and Roselawn).
2. Additional Recreation Specialist, Mark Hand continuing to provide much assistance with inventory in Mt. Washington, Roselawn and Bond Hill.
3. Forestry/Conservation Land Manager with DNR Division Manager and Parks HR Division Manager to continue to review and work with HR on job reclassification of Forestry/DNR positions. Forest Technician (Florist) under consideration for reclassification as new Arborist 1 position.
4. DNR Manager and UF team continue to consider work order system. Raj Chundur, Deputy Director of ETS, provided excellent presentation on EDGE Work Order System to CPB Director and staff.

5. DNR staff continues to review plans to upgrade old District -5 Police Station.
6. Forestry submitted vehicle request for new pickup truck for Supervisor of Urban Forestry.

### **Contracts:**

1. **PM Pruning 2019/2020:**

- PM 2020:**

- a. 17/18 PM in North District Neighborhoods (last pruned in 2011): Spring 2020 did not happen; this has been moved to fall 2022. Bids are in for north district, zone B. Bids are due by October 6, 2022.

- 19/20 PM West District Neighborhoods (last pruned in 2013): Due spring 2021, actual start in Fall of 2021.

North and South Fairmont, English Woods, Millvale, South Cumminsville, Fay Apartments, East Westwood, Westwood, Camp Washington and CUF. Camp Washington and CUF awarded to Gray's Tree Service. Camp Washington is apx. 90% complete and CUF, is apx. 60% complete.

Zone A & B; Westwood 100% complete. South Cumminsville, Fay Apartments, English Woods, and Millvale awarded to Davey Tree. Last 1/3 of Westwood awarded to Tree City Inc. and is now underway. North and South Fairmount, and East Westwood received no qualifying bids.

- 22/23 PM - Northeast Neighborhoods**

Bids for PM Pruning in Roselawn, Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, Carthage, Hartwell, Bond Hill, and Paddock Hills have been awarded. Gray Tree will prune Paddock Hills and Kennedy Heights. De La Sierra will prune Bond Hill, Roselawn, Carthage, Hartwell and Pleasant Ridge.

- 2021/2022 PM Marking – East Neighborhoods**

Linwood, East End, Columbia-Tusculum planning complete. Lots of small tree pruning for the technicians and only a handful of removals to be done under EM. Planning will continue for Mt. Lookout, Mt. Washington, California, Oakley, and Madisonville, with an initial focus on checking for removals. Removals for these neighborhoods were also completed under EM. Pruning numbers will be assessed early in 2023 or as budget allows.

- Planting Contract**

Stumps continue to be a major issue. After communication issues and lack of completed work in spring, Urban Forestry met with Sprecta Scapes to assure that after several personal issues they are back on track and promise to have all unfinished work completed this fall. Only 95 additional trees ordered for fall 2022 planting. A total of 356 trees left to plant. Fall planting delayed due to dry weather and nurseries unable to dig trees. Deliveries expected second half of November and early December.

*Update:* Planting underway. Awaiting invoice to confirm completed plantings so far.

**Utility Work:**

1. Duke Gas continues working on Phase 2 of main replacements with a nine-year plan to replace 100% of service taps. Individual locations are being inspected as needed.
2. Kurt Kastner inspected utility feeder map Silverton (B), Lateral (49) and Amberley (D).
3. Kurt Kastner met in the field with officials from Duke Energy, Burford Tree, and Tree Care, Inc. to discuss trimming on Vine Street from Mulberry – McMillan, also on Klotter from Ravine to dead end. *Update:* Trimming is complete according to plan.
4. Kurt Kastner issued Stop Tree Pruning permit (STP) for pruning of two trees in Roselawn under transmission line that was noticed by LIDAR”.
5. Matt Dickman continues to monitor construction of a Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) project adjacent to Bold Face Park in Sedamsville.

**Development Projects:**

**South**

1. Jacob Edwards working with Stuart I. Roosth, Architect, as they plan out UC housing on Central Parkway.
2. The new trees and development around Hamilton County Library downtown now complete.
3. Jacob Edwards met with Lower Price Hill Community Council and is setting stage for large plantings throughout community for fall, on November 14, 2022. *Update:* completed.

**East**

4. Construction completed on Taft/McMillan two-way realignment. Urban Forestry will not have funding to plant until fall, 2024 so DOTE will fund planting. Planting completed December 2022.
5. Xavier planning small re-development at the corner of Dana and Victory Parkway. Tree removal completed. New landscaping and trees installed. Xavier University to take over all maintenance of site.

**West**

6. CIP–Project areas for 2023 construction anticipated by February 2023. All 2022 phases completed.
7. Sedamsville MSD project 75% complete.

**North**

8. Kurt Kastner reviewed site plans for new wstreet extension in Pleasant Ridge; Burkhardt Avenue, Tudor Drive, and Golf Avenue. Developer installed nine new trees in cutouts along North Bend Road and Hamilton Avenue, as previously agreed.

## **Community Outreach:**

### **South – Jacob Edwards**

1. Jacob Edwards continues to attend monthly Downtown Cincinnati Inc. (3CDC) Safe-and-Clean meetings. Meetings continue via Webex and in-person.
2. Jacob Edwards will attend weekly Coordinated Site Review meetings via Web-ex.
3. Jacob Edward worked with University of Cincinnati to develop their plan to become a Tree Campus USA. *Update:* UC awarded Tree City USA.
4. Jacob Edwards currently working on Climate Resiliency in Avondale, making spots for 2,000 new trees.
5. Jacob Edwards in contact with West End community council as they plan to create new cut-outs to increase canopy.

### **West – Matt Dickman**

6. Matt Dickman met with contractor daily, to inspect preventive maintenance work in Westwood Zone C with Tree Care Inc.
7. Matt Dickman met with crews from Davey Tree to get PM completed in Millvale, South Cumminsville, English Woods, and Fay Apartments.
8. Matt Dickman has been tracking customer service records for three years now. The requests for 2022 were up over 15% compared to 2021, and up over 81% compared to 2020.

### **North – Kurt Kastner**

9. Kurt Kastner continues working on Tree Risk Inventory; 90% completion of all streets. This work has generated eight new Private Orders for the north district.
10. Work will now commence on identifying private and public property or green space that is available for planting. Tree inventory is still on going.
11. Kurt Kastner continues working on the UTC in Roselawn and Bond Hill in conjunction with Ohio River Valley Grounds Works to plant more trees to increase canopy.
12. Kurt Kastner input ideas for Arbor Day possibilities and locations.
13. Kurt Kastner met with Hamilton County Parks and Duke Energy representatives to organize and discuss planning and implementing trimming strategies and procedures for the new year.

### **East – Marianne Prue**

14. Marianne Prue has been in contact with Madisonville, North Avondale, Hyde Park, Evanston, and Mt. Lookout Community Councils regarding tree planting.
15. Marianne Prue in communication with Xavier University regarding assisting their Tree Board after some turn-over this past year.

**DECEMBER PROGRAM STATISTICS:**

**Investigation Requests**

Number of requests received December 2022  
 Number resolved by staff at end of December 2022  
 Backlog carried over to January 2023

*(Figures may reflect backlog from previous months)*

**Street Tree Work Orders**

Number of work orders assigned December 2022  
 Backlog from November 2022  
 Number of work orders completed December 2022  
 Backlog carried over to January 2023

**Emergency Work**

Number of storm emergencies received December 2022

**Number of stumps**

Number of stumps removed December \*corrected figure

**Street Trees Planted**

Spectra Scapes

**Customer Service Requests**

Number of requests received December 2022  
 Number resolved by staff for December 2022  
 Number of requests carried over to January 2023

<b>DEC</b>	<b>YTD</b>
12	590
29	696
1	
<b>DEC</b>	<b>YTD</b>
10	251
9	
28	255
73	209
<b>DEC</b>	<b>YTD</b>
2	405
	*220
	<b>YTD</b>
	237
<b>DEC</b>	<b>YTD</b>
36	887
39	890
5	13

