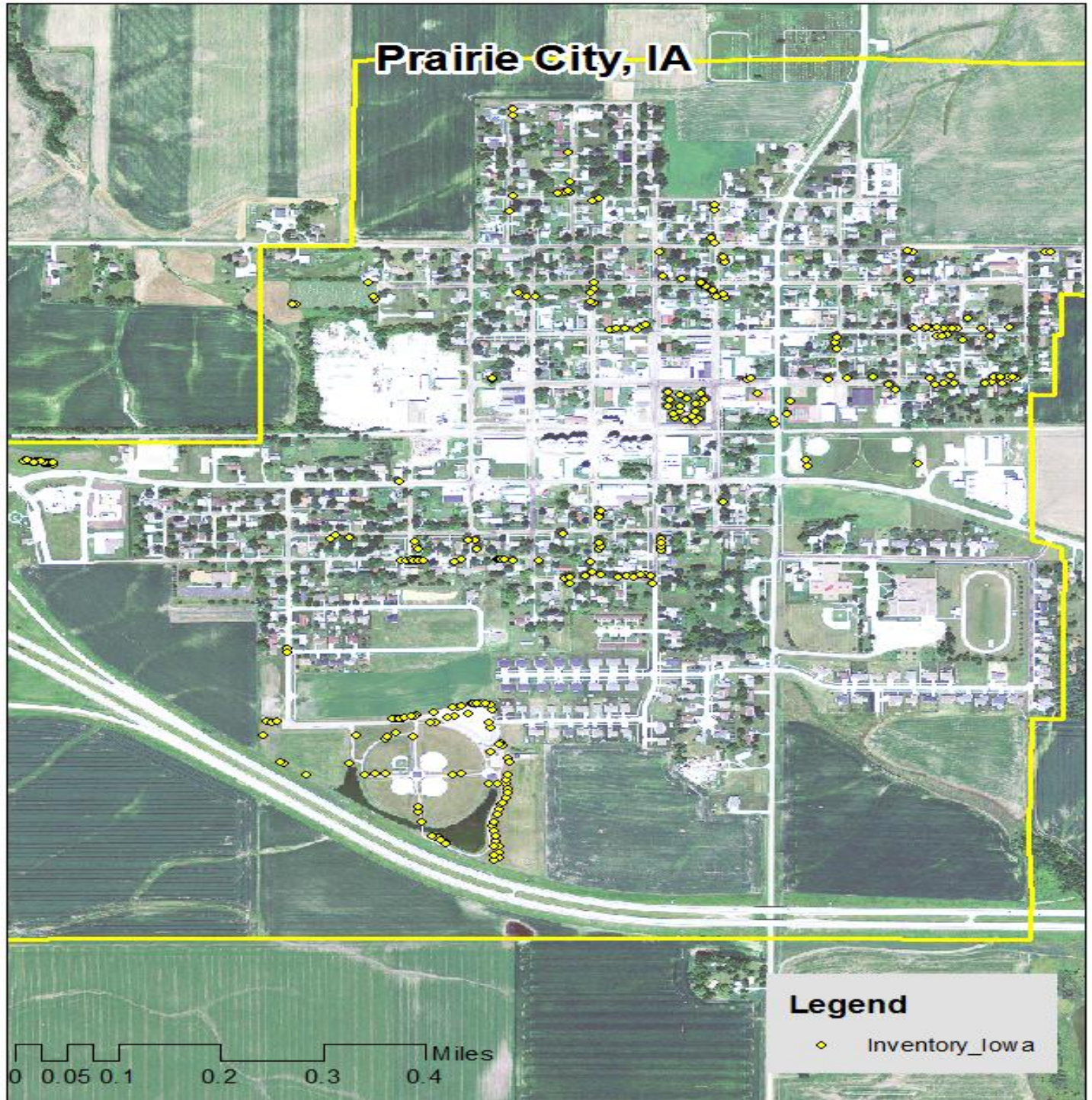


## PRAIRIE CITY, IA



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# Executive Summary

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## Overview

This plan was developed to assist the City of Prairie City with managing its urban forest, including budgeting and future planning. Trees can provide a multitude of benefits to the community, and sound management allows a community to best take advantage of these benefits. Management is especially important considering the serious threats posed by forest pests such as the emerald ash borer (EAB). EAB is an invasive insect imported from Eastern Asia on wood shipping crates that kills all species of ash trees (this does not include mountain ash). There is a strong possibility that 5% of Prairie City's city owned trees (ash) will die once EAB becomes established in the community. With proper planning and management, the costs of removing dead and dying trees can be extended over years, mitigating public safety issues.

## Inventory and Results

In 2013, a tree inventory was conducted using Global Positioning System (GPS) data collectors. The inventory was a complete inventory of city street trees. Below are some key findings of the 522 trees inventoried.

- Prairie City's trees provide \$60,166 of benefits annually, an average of \$115 a tree
- There are over 35 species of trees
- The top three genus are: Maple 27%, Spruce 24%, and Arborvitae 11%
- 25% of trees are in need of some type of management
- 26 trees are recommended for removal

## Recommendations

The core recommendations are detailed in the Recommendations Section. The Emerald Ash Borer Plan includes management recommendations as well. Below are some key recommendations.

- Of the 26 trees needing removal, 9 trees are over 24 inches in diameter at 4.5 ft and must be addressed immediately \*City ownership of the trees recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal\*
- 4 of the 26 ash trees are in need of follow up because they are displaying signs and symptoms associated with EAB
- All trees should be pruned on a routine schedule- one third of the city every other year
- Plant a diverse mix of trees that do not include: ash, maple, evergreen, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Siberian elm, willow or black walnut
- Check ash trees with a visual survey yearly
- With the current budget it could take several years to remove ash and other trees recommended for removal. Suggestion: request a budget increase to \$6,880 annually and apply for grants to plant replacement trees

## Introduction

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This plan was developed to assist Prairie City with the management, budgeting and future planning of their urban forest. Across the state, forestry budgets continue to decrease with more and more of that money spent on tree removal. With the anticipated arrival of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an invasive pest that kills native ash trees, it is time to prepare for the increased costs of tree removal and replacement planting. With proper planning and management of the current canopy in Prairie City, these costs can be extended over years and public safety issues from dead and dying ash trees mitigated.

Trees are an important component of Prairie City's infrastructure and one of the greatest assets to the community. The benefits of trees are immense. Trees provide the community with improved air quality, stormwater runoff interception, energy conservation, lower traffic speeds, increased property values, reduced crime, improved mental health and create a desirable place to live, to name just a few benefits. It is essential that these benefits be maintained for the people of Prairie City and future generations through good urban forestry management.

Good urban forestry management involves setting goals and developing management strategies to achieve these goals. An essential part of developing management strategies is a comprehensive public tree inventory. The inventory supplies information that will be used for maintenance, removal schedules, tree planting and budgeting. Basing actions on this information will help meet Prairie City's urban forestry goals.

## Inventory

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In 2013, a tree inventory was conducted that included 100% of the city owned street trees. The tree data was collected using a handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver. The data collector gives Geographic Information Systems (GIS) coordinates with an accuracy of 3 meters, which can be used in Arc GIS as an active GIS data layer. Because the inventory is a digital document the data can be updated with new information and become a working document.

The programming used to collect tree information on the data collectors was written to be compatible with a state-of-the-art software suite called i-Tree. i-Tree was developed by the USDA Forest Service to quantify the structure of community trees and the environmental services that trees provide. The i-Tree suite is a public domain which can be accessed for free.

To quantify the urban forest structure and benefits, specific data is collected for each tree. This data includes: location, land use, species, diameter at 4.5 ft, recommended maintenance, priority of that maintenance, leaf health, and wood condition. Additionally, signs and symptoms of EAB were noted for all ash trees. The signs and symptoms noted were canopy dieback, epicormic shoots, bark splitting, D-shaped borer exit holes, and wood pecker damage.

## **Inventory Results**

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The data collected for the 522 city trees was entered into the USDA Forest service program Street Tree Resource Analysis Tool for Urban forestry Management (STRATUM), part of the i-Tree suite. The following are results from the i-Tree STRATUM analysis.

### **Annual Benefits**

#### **Annual Energy Benefits**

Trees conserve energy by shading buildings and blocking winds. Prairie City's trees reduce energy related costs by approximately \$15,857 annually (Appendix A, Table 1). These savings are both in Electricity (74.6 MWh) and in Natural Gas (10,402.6 Therms).

#### **Annual Stormwater Benefits**

Prairie City's trees intercept about 861,658 gallons of rainfall or snow melt a year (Appendix A, Table 2). This interception provides \$23,353 of benefits to the city.

#### **Annual Air Quality Benefits**

Air quality is a persistent public health issue in Iowa. The urban forest improves air quality by removing pollutants, lowering air temperature, and reducing energy consumption, which in turn reduces emissions from power plants, and emitting volatile organic matter (ozone). In Prairie City, it is estimated that trees remove 940 lbs of air pollution (ozone (O<sub>3</sub>), particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM<sub>10</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>), and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>)) per year with a net value of \$2,610 (Appendix A, Table 3).

#### **Annual Carbon Benefits**

Carbon sequestration and storage reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, mitigating climate change. In Prairie City, trees sequester about 276,253 lbs of carbon a year with an associated value of \$2,072 (Appendix A, Table 5). In addition, the trees store 2,959,767 lbs of carbon, with a yearly benefit of \$22,198 (Appendix A, Table 4).

#### **Annual Aesthetics Benefits**

Social benefits of trees are hard to capture. The analysis does have a calculation for this area that includes: aesthetic value, property values, lowered rates of mental illness and crime, city livability and much more. Prairie City receives \$16,273 in annual social benefits from trees (Appendix A, Table 6).

#### **Financial Summary of all Benefits**

According to the USDA Forest Service i-Tree STRATUM analysis, Prairie City's trees provide \$60,166 of benefits annually. Benefits of individual trees vary based on size, species, health and location, but on average each of the 522 trees in Prairie City provide a little over \$115 annually (Appendix A, Table 7).

## Forest Structure

### Species Distribution

Prairie City has over 35 different tree species along city streets and parks (Appendix A, Figure 1). The distribution of trees by genus is as follows:

|                           |     |     |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|
| Maple                     | 140 | 27% |
| Spruce                    | 123 | 24% |
| Arborvitae                | 55  | 11% |
| Oak                       | 30  | 6%  |
| Ash                       | 26  | 5%  |
| Hackberry                 | 25  | 5%  |
| Pear                      | 17  | 3%  |
| Apple (Crab)              | 16  | 3%  |
| Linden/Basswood           | 15  | 3%  |
| Pine                      | 12  | 2%  |
| Juniper                   | 6   | 1%  |
| Other broadleaf deciduous | 57  | 11% |

### Age Class

Most of Prairie City's trees (50%) are between 0 and 6 inches in diameter at 4.5 ft (Appendix A, Figure 2). For age, a Bell Curve is preferred and shows the highest amounts of trees are in the 18 to 24 inch size category in diameter at 4.5 ft. Prairie City's size curve is on the smaller side, indicating a younger than average stand.

### Condition: Wood and Foliage

Both wood condition and leaf condition are good indicators of the overall health of the urban forest. The foliage condition results for Prairie City indicate that 87% of the trees are in good health, with only 5% of the foliage in poor health, dead or dying (Appendix A, Figure 3 & Appendix B, Figure 3). Similarly, 73% of Prairie City's trees are in good health for wood condition (appendix A, Figure 4 & Appendix B, Figure 3). Wood condition that is in poor health, dead or dying is about 10% of the population. This 10% is an estimate of trees that need management follow up.

## Management Needs

The following outlines the specific management needs of the street and park trees by number of trees and percent of canopy (Appendix B, Figure 3).

|                 |    |      |
|-----------------|----|------|
| Crown Cleaning  | 92 | 18%  |
| Tree Removal    | 26 | 5%   |
| Crown Raising   | 8  | 1.5% |
| Crown Reduction | 3  | <1%  |

## Canopy Cover

**The canopy cover of Prairie City is approximately 8.7 acres (Appendix A, Figure 5).**

**According to the 2000 census, Prairie City occupies 768 acres. Thus the canopy cover on city land is just over 1%.**

## Land Use and Location

The majority of Prairie City's city and park trees are in front yards and planting strips in single family residential neighborhoods (Appendix A, Figure 6 & Appendix A, Figure 7). The following describes the land use and locations for the street and park trees.

### Land Use

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Single family residential | 51% |
| Park/vacant/other         | 49% |
| Small commercial          | <1% |

### Location

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Planting strip | 50% |
| Front yard     | 47% |
| Median         | 2%  |

# Recommendations

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## Risk Management

Hazardous trees can be a significant threat to both people and property. Trees that are dead or dying, or that have large issues such as trunk cracks longer than 18 inches should be removed. Broken branches and branches that interfere with motorist's vision of pedestrians, vehicles, traffic signs and signals, etc should be removed.

### Hazardous trees

Prairie City has 21 critical concern trees that need immediate removal. These trees can be seen on the Location of Trees with Recommended Maintenance map (Appendix B, Figure 4). It is recommended to start with the large diameter critical concern trees first. There are 4 trees over 24 inches in diameter at 4.5 ft that should be addressed immediately. Please refer to the six year maintenance plan at the end of this section. After all of the critical concern trees are addressed, there should be follow up on the trees marked as needing maintenance that do not include trimming. There are a total of 37 trees with these needs.

### Poor tree species

After the removal of the critical concern trees, ash trees in poor health should be assessed for removal (Appendix B, Figure 3 & Appendix B, Figure 4). Of the 26 removals, none are ash trees. There are a total of 26 ash trees, and 4 of those have signs and symptoms that have been associated with EAB. These trees should be monitored annually. [\\*City ownership of the trees recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal\\*](#)

## Pruning Cycle

Proper pruning can extend the life and good health of trees, as well as reduce public safety issues. In the Management Needs section of the Findings there are four main maintenance issues to be addressed: routine pruning, crown cleaning, crown raising, and crown reduction. Crown cleaning removes dead, diseased, and damaged limbs. Crown raising is the removal of lower branches that are 2 inches in diameter or larger in the case of providing clearance for pedestrians or vehicles. Crown reduction is removing individual limbs from structures or utility wires. It is recommended that all trees be pruned on a routine schedule every five to seven years. Please refer to the six year maintenance plan for further information.

## Planting

Most of the planting over the next 5 years will replace the trees that are removed. It is recommended to plant 1.2 trees for every tree removed, since survival rates will not be 100%. Please refer to the six year maintenance plan at the end of this section. It is not essential that the new trees be planted in the same location of the trees being removed. However, maintaining the same number of trees helps ensure continuation of the benefits of the existing forest in Prairie City.

It is important to plant a diverse mix of species in the urban forest to maintain canopy health, since most insects and diseases target a genus (ash) or species (green ash) of trees. Current diversity recommendations advise that a genus (i.e. maple, oak) not make up more than 20% of the urban forest and a single species (i.e. silver maple, sugar maple, white oak, bur oak) not make up more than 10% of the total urban forest. Presently, the forest is heavily planted with Maple (27%) and Spruce (24%) (Appendix A, Figure 1). Maple and Spruce should not be planted until this percentage can be lowered. Also, ash trees have not been recommended since 2002, due to the threat of EAB.

Other species to avoid because they are public nuisances include: evergreens, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Siberian elm, willow or black walnut, as outlined in section 151.02 of the sample city ordinance (Appendix C). All trees planted must meet the restrictions in city ordinance 151.02 (Appendix C).

## **Continual Monitoring**

Due to the threat of EAB, it is important to continuously check the health of ash trees. It is recommended that ash trees be checked with a visual survey every year for tree death and for the following signs and symptoms: canopy dieback, epicormic shoots, bark splitting, D-shaped borer exit holes, and wood pecker damage.

## **Six Year Maintenance Plan with No Additional Funding**

### **Year 1**

Removal: 4 largest critical concern trees, plus 5 largest remaining recommended for removal

Planting and Replacement: 10 trees to be planted in open locations

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

### **Years 2 through 6**

Removal: 8-9 each year - critical concern trees, those recommended for removal, and additional ash trees with poor health.

Planting and Replacement: 10-11 trees each year in open locations

Routine trimming: Contract to trim 1/3 of the city trees in Years 2, 4, and 6.

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

EAB could potentially kill all ash within 4 years of its' arrival. Estimated cost for tree removal is \$500 per tree (multiplied by 52 = \$26,000). Estimated cost for replacement plantings is \$150 per tree (multiplied by 62 = \$9,300). Estimated trimming cost is \$1,200 in years 2, 4, and 6 (\$3,600 total) and watering and maintenance cost is estimated at \$400 annually (\$2,400 total). The grand total of estimated urban forestry costs equals \$41,300. To remove all ash trees within 6 years, plant replacement trees, do the recommended trimming, plus routine watering and maintenance each year, the budget would need to be increased to about \$6,880 a year. As stated earlier, the city is encouraged to apply for grants to help with the cost of replacement plantings.

# Emerald Ash Borer Plan

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## Ash Tree Removal

Tree removal will be prioritized with dead, dying, hazardous trees to be removed first (Appendix B, Figure 4). Next will be all ash in poor condition and displaying signs and symptoms of EAB (Appendix B, Figure 2 & Appendix B, Figure 3). *\*City ownership of the tree recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal\**

## Treatment of Ash Trees

Chemical treatment can be effective, spreading removal costs out over several years while allowing trees to continue to provide benefits. However, treatment is not recommended if EAB is more than 15 miles away from the community. For more information on the cost of treatment strategies visit <http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/treecomputer/>

## EAB Quarantines

EAB is an extremely destructive plant pest and it is responsible for the death and decline of over 25 million ash trees. Ash in both forested and urban settings constitute a significant portion of the canopy cover in the United States. Current tools to detect, control, suppress and eradicate this pest are not as robust as the USDA would desire. In order to stay ahead of this hard to detect beetle, the USDA is attempting to contain the beetle before it spreads beyond its known positions by regulating articles.

A regulated article under the USDA's quarantine includes any of the following items:

- emerald ash borer
- firewood of all hardwood species (for example ash, oak, maple and hickory)
- nursery stock and green lumber of ash
- any other ash material, whether living, dead, cut or fallen, including logs, stumps, roots, branches, as well as composted and not composted chips of the genus ash (Mountain ash is not included)

In addition, any other article, product or means of conveyance not listed above may be designated as a regulated article if a USDA inspector determines that it presents a risk of spreading EAB once a quarantine is in effect for your county.

## Wood Disposal

A very important aspect of planning is determining how wood infested with EAB will be handled, keeping in mind that quarantines will restrict its movement. Consider who will cut and haul the dead and dying trees? Is there an accessible, secured site big enough to store and sort the hundreds of trees and the associated brush and chips? How will wood be disposed of or utilized? Do you have equipment capable of handling the amount and size of ash trees your tree inventory has identified? Once your county is under quarantine for EAB, contact USDA-APHIS-PPQ at 515-251-4083 or visit the website [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant\\_health/plant\\_pest\\_info/emerald\\_ash\\_b/regulatory.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health/plant_pest_info/emerald_ash_b/regulatory.shtml). Wood waste can be disposed of as you normally would if your county is not part of a quarantine.

## **Canopy Replacement**

As budget permits, all removed ash trees will be replaced. All trees will meet the restrictions in sample city ordinance 151.02 (Appendix C). The new plantings will be a diverse mix and will not include ash, maple, evergreens, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Siberian elm, willow or black walnut.

## **Postponed Work**

While finances, staffing and equipment are focused on the management of ash, usual services may be delayed. Tree removal requests on genus other than ash will be prioritized by hazardous or emergency situations only.

## **Monitoring**

It is recommended that ash trees be checked with a visual survey every year for tree death and for the following signs and symptoms: canopy dieback, epicormic shoots, bark splitting, D-shaped borer exit holes, and wood pecker damage.

## **Private Ash Trees**

It is strongly recommended that private property owners start removing ash trees on their property upon arrival of EAB. Sample City Code 151.06 states “If it is determined with reasonable certainty that any such condition exists (trees or shrubs in the City reported or suspected to be infected with or damaged by any disease or insect or disease pests) on private property and that the danger to other trees or to adjoining property or passing motorists or pedestrians is imminent, the Council shall notify by certified mail the owner, occupant or person in charge of such property to correct such condition by treatment or removal within fourteen (14) days of said notification. If such owner, occupant or person in charge of said property fails to comply within 14 days of receipt of notice, the Council may cause the condition to be corrected and the cost assessed against the property.”

# Budget

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## Suggested Budget

**Total \$41,300 over 6 years (about \$6,880/year on average)**

### **FY 2014 Budget**

Removal: \$4,500

Planting: \$1,500

Watering & Maintenance: \$500

### **FY 2015-2019 Budget**

Removal: \$4,000 to \$4,500 annually

Planting: \$1,500 to \$1,650 each year

Routine trimming: \$1,200 in 2015, 2017, and 2019

Watering & Maintenance: \$500 annually

## Purposed Budget Increase

EAB could potentially kill all ash trees in Prairie City within 4 years of its arrival. To remove all ash trees and plant replacement trees within 6 years, the budget would need to be increased to \$6,883 a year. Additionally, it is recommended that Prairie City apply for grants to fund replacement trees. Utility Company grants are usually between \$500 and \$10,000 for community-based, tree-planting projects that include parks, gateways, cemeteries, nature trails, libraries, nursing homes, and schools.

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## Appendix A: i-Tree Data

Table 1: Annual Energy Benefits

### Prairie City

#### Annual Energy Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/7/2014

| Species              | Total Electricity<br>(MWh) | Electricity<br>(\$) | Total Natural<br>Gas (Therms) | Natural<br>Gas (\$) | Total<br>(\$) | Standard<br>Error | % of Total<br>Trees | % of<br>Total \$ | Avg.<br>\$/tree |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Spruce               | 1.0                        | 79                  | 156.8                         | 154                 | 233           | (N/A)             | 21.1                | 1.5              | 2.12            |
| Northern white cedar | 0.7                        | 53                  | 92.4                          | 91                  | 144           | (N/A)             | 10.5                | 0.9              | 2.61            |
| Silver maple         | 13.9                       | 1,056               | 1,826.6                       | 1,790               | 2,846         | (N/A)             | 10.2                | 18.0             | 53.71           |
| Sugar maple          | 9.3                        | 706                 | 1,270.2                       | 1,245               | 1,951         | (N/A)             | 7.9                 | 12.3             | 47.58           |
| Ash                  | 8.0                        | 607                 | 1,185.7                       | 1,162               | 1,769         | (N/A)             | 5.0                 | 11.2             | 68.03           |
| Northern hackberry   | 9.8                        | 742                 | 1,396.9                       | 1,369               | 2,111         | (N/A)             | 4.8                 | 13.3             | 84.44           |
| Norway maple         | 4.9                        | 368                 | 692.9                         | 679                 | 1,047         | (N/A)             | 3.3                 | 6.6              | 61.62           |
| Pear                 | 0.4                        | 29                  | 65.8                          | 64                  | 93            | (N/A)             | 3.3                 | 0.6              | 5.48            |
| Pin oak              | 5.6                        | 422                 | 760.1                         | 745                 | 1,167         | (N/A)             | 3.3                 | 7.4              | 68.67           |
| Apple                | 0.3                        | 23                  | 46.2                          | 45                  | 68            | (N/A)             | 3.1                 | 0.4              | 4.28            |
| Red maple            | 0.9                        | 68                  | 129.9                         | 127                 | 195           | (N/A)             | 2.9                 | 1.2              | 13.03           |
| American basswood    | 3.4                        | 255                 | 500.1                         | 490                 | 745           | (N/A)             | 2.3                 | 4.7              | 62.11           |
| Norway spruce        | 1.7                        | 127                 | 216.9                         | 213                 | 339           | (N/A)             | 2.1                 | 2.1              | 30.83           |
| Eastern white pine   | 0.6                        | 46                  | 82.9                          | 81                  | 127           | (N/A)             | 1.9                 | 0.8              | 12.74           |
| Maple                | 1.1                        | 86                  | 153.4                         | 150                 | 236           | (N/A)             | 1.7                 | 1.5              | 26.24           |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 1.3                        | 98                  | 194.0                         | 190                 | 288           | (N/A)             | 1.7                 | 1.8              | 31.99           |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 0.0                        | 2                   | 4.4                           | 4                   | 6             | (N/A)             | 1.3                 | 0.0              | 0.87            |
| Catalpa              | 2.1                        | 157                 | 280.1                         | 275                 | 432           | (N/A)             | 1.2                 | 2.7              | 71.99           |
| Eastern red cedar    | 0.7                        | 51                  | 98.7                          | 97                  | 147           | (N/A)             | 1.2                 | 0.9              | 24.57           |
| Northern red oak     | 0.9                        | 67                  | 125.8                         | 123                 | 190           | (N/A)             | 1.2                 | 1.2              | 31.69           |
| Other street trees   | 8.2                        | 620                 | 1,122.8                       | 1,100               | 1,720         | (N/A)             | 10.3                | 10.9             | 31.86           |
| Citywide total       | 74.6                       | 5,663               | 10,402.6                      | 10,195              | 15,857        | (N/A)             | 100.0               | 100.0            | 30.38           |

Table 2: Annual Stormwater Benefits

### Prairie City

#### Annual Stormwater Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/7/2014

| Species              | Total rainfall<br>interception (Gal) | Total<br>(\$) | Standard<br>Error | % of Total<br>Trees | % of Total<br>\$ | Avg.<br>\$/tree |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Spruce               | 15,275                               | 414           | (N/A)             | 21.1                | 1.8              | 3.76            |
| Northern white cedar | 8,640                                | 234           | (N/A)             | 10.5                | 1.0              | 4.26            |
| Silver maple         | 184,616                              | 5,003         | (N/A)             | 10.2                | 21.4             | 94.40           |
| Sugar maple          | 99,790                               | 2,704         | (N/A)             | 7.9                 | 11.6             | 65.96           |
| Ash                  | 90,156                               | 2,443         | (N/A)             | 5.0                 | 10.5             | 93.98           |
| Northern hackberry   | 101,938                              | 2,763         | (N/A)             | 4.8                 | 11.8             | 110.51          |
| Norway maple         | 48,359                               | 1,311         | (N/A)             | 3.3                 | 5.6              | 77.10           |
| Pear                 | 1,277                                | 35            | (N/A)             | 3.3                 | 0.2              | 2.04            |
| Pin oak              | 61,109                               | 1,656         | (N/A)             | 3.3                 | 7.1              | 97.42           |
| Apple                | 1,035                                | 28            | (N/A)             | 3.1                 | 0.1              | 1.75            |
| Red maple            | 7,364                                | 200           | (N/A)             | 2.9                 | 0.9              | 13.30           |
| American basswood    | 35,151                               | 953           | (N/A)             | 2.3                 | 4.1              | 79.39           |
| Norway spruce        | 36,690                               | 994           | (N/A)             | 2.1                 | 4.3              | 90.40           |
| Eastern white pine   | 12,168                               | 330           | (N/A)             | 1.9                 | 1.4              | 32.98           |
| Maple                | 10,262                               | 278           | (N/A)             | 1.7                 | 1.2              | 30.90           |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 13,121                               | 356           | (N/A)             | 1.7                 | 1.5              | 39.51           |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 52                                   | 1             | (N/A)             | 1.3                 | 0.0              | 0.20            |
| Catalpa              | 28,362                               | 769           | (N/A)             | 1.2                 | 3.3              | 128.11          |
| Eastern red cedar    | 9,807                                | 266           | (N/A)             | 1.2                 | 1.1              | 44.30           |
| Northern red oak     | 9,657                                | 262           | (N/A)             | 1.2                 | 1.1              | 43.62           |
| Other street trees   | 86,830                               | 2,353         | (N/A)             | 10.3                | 10.1             | 43.58           |
| Citywide total       | 861,658                              | 23,353        | (N/A)             | 100.0               | 100.0            | 44.74           |

**Table 3: Annual Air Quality Benefits**

**Prairie City**

**Annual Air Quality Benefits of Public Trees by Species**

3/7/2014

| Species              | Deposition (lb) |                 |                  |                 | Total Depos. (\$) | Avoided (lb)    |                  |      |                 | Total Avoided (\$) | BVOC Emissions (lb) | BVOC Emissions (\$) | Total (lb) | Total (\$)  | Standard Error | % of Total Trees | Avg. \$/tree |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|--------------|
|                      | O <sub>3</sub>  | NO <sub>2</sub> | PM <sub>10</sub> | SO <sub>2</sub> |                   | NO <sub>2</sub> | PM <sub>10</sub> | VOC  | SO <sub>2</sub> |                    |                     |                     |            |             |                |                  |              |
| Spruce               | 1.1             | 0.2             | 1.1              | 0.1             | 8                 | 5.1             | 0.7              | 0.7  | 4.7             | 31                 | -6.1                | -23                 | 7.8        | 17 (N/A)    |                | 21.1             | 0.15         |
| Northern white cedar | 0.7             | 0.1             | 0.6              | 0.1             | 5                 | 3.3             | 0.5              | 0.5  | 3.2             | 21                 | -3.1                | -12                 | 5.9        | 14 (N/A)    |                | 10.5             | 0.25         |
| Silver maple         | 30.6            | 5.2             | 15.2             | 1.4             | 166               | 65.6            | 9.6              | 9.2  | 63.0            | 410                | -16.4               | -62                 | 183.3      | 515 (N/A)   |                | 10.2             | 9.71         |
| Sugar maple          | 13.2            | 2.2             | 6.6              | 0.6             | 72                | 44.3            | 6.5              | 6.2  | 42.1            | 276                | -10.4               | -39                 | 111.4      | 309 (N/A)   |                | 7.9              | 7.54         |
| Ash                  | 20.2            | 3.5             | 9.7              | 0.9             | 109               | 39.0            | 5.6              | 5.3  | 36.3            | 241                | -4.6                | -17                 | 116.0      | 333 (N/A)   |                | 5.0              | 12.79        |
| Northern hackberry   | 16.6            | 2.9             | 8.3              | 0.7             | 90                | 47.3            | 6.8              | 6.5  | 44.3            | 293                | 0.0                 | 0                   | 133.4      | 383 (N/A)   |                | 4.8              | 15.32        |
| Norway maple         | 10.3            | 1.8             | 5.0              | 0.5             | 56                | 23.5            | 3.4              | 3.2  | 22.0            | 146                | -2.4                | -9                  | 67.3       | 192 (N/A)   |                | 3.3              | 11.31        |
| Pear                 | 0.2             | 0.0             | 0.1              | 0.0             | 1                 | 1.9             | 0.3              | 0.3  | 1.7             | 12                 | 0.0                 | 0                   | 4.5        | 13 (N/A)    |                | 3.3              | 0.75         |
| Pin oak              | 10.5            | 1.8             | 5.4              | 0.5             | 58                | 26.5            | 3.9              | 3.7  | 25.2            | 165                | -19.7               | -74                 | 57.9       | 149 (N/A)   |                | 3.3              | 8.79         |
| Apple                | 0.3             | 0.0             | 0.1              | 0.0             | 1                 | 1.5             | 0.2              | 0.2  | 1.4             | 9                  | 0.0                 | 0                   | 3.7        | 11 (N/A)    |                | 3.1              | 0.66         |
| Red maple            | 1.7             | 0.3             | 0.8              | 0.1             | 9                 | 4.3             | 0.6              | 0.6  | 4.1             | 27                 | -0.6                | -2                  | 11.9       | 34 (N/A)    |                | 2.9              | 2.25         |
| American basswood    | 4.5             | 0.8             | 2.2              | 0.2             | 24                | 16.4            | 2.4              | 2.3  | 15.3            | 101                | -3.9                | -15                 | 40.1       | 111 (N/A)   |                | 2.3              | 9.26         |
| Norway spruce        | 4.4             | 0.9             | 3.5              | 0.5             | 29                | 7.8             | 1.2              | 1.1  | 7.6             | 49                 | -21.1               | -79                 | 6.0        | -1 (N/A)    |                | 2.1              | -0.08        |
| Eastern white pine   | 1.4             | 0.3             | 1.1              | 0.2             | 9                 | 2.9             | 0.4              | 0.4  | 2.8             | 18                 | -5.6                | -21                 | 3.8        | 6 (N/A)     |                | 1.9              | 0.61         |
| Maple                | 2.6             | 0.4             | 1.2              | 0.1             | 14                | 5.4             | 0.8              | 0.7  | 5.1             | 34                 | -0.8                | -3                  | 15.5       | 44 (N/A)    |                | 1.7              | 4.89         |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 2.8             | 0.5             | 1.3              | 0.1             | 15                | 6.3             | 0.9              | 0.9  | 5.8             | 39                 | -0.6                | -2                  | 18.0       | 51 (N/A)    |                | 1.7              | 5.72         |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 0.0             | 0.0             | 0.0              | 0.0             | 0                 | 0.1             | 0.0              | 0.0  | 0.1             | 1                  | 0.0                 | 0                   | 0.3        | 1 (N/A)     |                | 1.3              | 0.11         |
| Catalpa              | 4.1             | 0.7             | 1.9              | 0.2             | 22                | 9.9             | 1.4              | 1.4  | 9.4             | 62                 | 0.0                 | 0                   | 28.9       | 83 (N/A)    |                | 1.1              | 13.87        |
| Eastern red cedar    | 2.1             | 0.4             | 1.6              | 0.3             | 13                | 3.2             | 0.5              | 0.4  | 3.0             | 20                 | -5.4                | -20                 | 6.1        | 13 (N/A)    |                | 1.1              | 2.19         |
| Northern red oak     | 2.1             | 0.4             | 1.0              | 0.1             | 11                | 4.2             | 0.6              | 0.6  | 4.0             | 26                 | -3.0                | -11                 | 10.0       | 26 (N/A)    |                | 1.1              | 4.38         |
| Other street trees   | 15.2            | 2.5             | 7.4              | 0.8             | 82                | 39.0            | 5.7              | 5.4  | 37.0            | 243                | -4.9                | -18                 | 108.2      | 307 (N/A)   |                | 10.3             | 5.68         |
| Citywide total       | 144.6           | 24.9            | 74.5             | 7.3             | 793               | 357.8           | 52.0             | 49.5 | 338.1           | 2,225              | -108.5              | -407                | 940.1      | 2,610 (N/A) |                | 100.0            | 5.00         |

**Table 4: Annual Carbon Stored**

**Prairie City**

**Stored CO2 Benefits of Public Trees by Species**

3/7/2014

| Species            | Total Stored CO <sub>2</sub> (lbs) | Total (\$) | Standard Error | % of Total Trees | % of Total \$ | Avg. \$/tree |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Spruce             | 9,796                              | 73         | (N/A)          | 21.1             | 0.3           | 0.67         |
| Northern white     | 4,807                              | 36         | (N/A)          | 10.5             | 0.2           | 0.66         |
| Silver maple       | 695,432                            | 5,216      | (N/A)          | 10.2             | 23.5          | 98.41        |
| Sugar maple        | 377,786                            | 2,833      | (N/A)          | 7.9              | 12.8          | 69.11        |
| Ash                | 333,275                            | 2,500      | (N/A)          | 5.0              | 11.3          | 96.14        |
| Northern           | 249,415                            | 1,871      | (N/A)          | 4.8              | 8.4           | 74.82        |
| Norway maple       | 170,478                            | 1,279      | (N/A)          | 3.3              | 5.8           | 75.21        |
| Pear               | 4,139                              | 31         | (N/A)          | 3.3              | 0.1           | 1.83         |
| Pin oak            | 273,576                            | 2,052      | (N/A)          | 3.3              | 9.2           | 120.70       |
| Apple              | 4,138                              | 31         | (N/A)          | 3.1              | 0.1           | 1.94         |
| Red maple          | 18,680                             | 140        | (N/A)          | 2.9              | 0.6           | 9.34         |
| American           | 160,167                            | 1,201      | (N/A)          | 2.3              | 5.4           | 100.10       |
| Norway spruce      | 53,970                             | 405        | (N/A)          | 2.1              | 1.8           | 36.80        |
| Eastern white pine | 13,386                             | 100        | (N/A)          | 1.9              | 0.5           | 10.04        |
| Maple              | 27,544                             | 207        | (N/A)          | 1.7              | 0.9           | 22.95        |
| Broadleaf          | 45,619                             | 342        | (N/A)          | 1.7              | 1.5           | 38.02        |
| Broadleaf          | 96                                 | 1          | (N/A)          | 1.3              | 0.0           | 0.10         |
| Catalpa            | 138,363                            | 1,038      | (N/A)          | 1.2              | 4.7           | 172.95       |
| Eastern red cedar  | 6,612                              | 50         | (N/A)          | 1.2              | 0.2           | 8.27         |
| Northern red oak   | 46,767                             | 351        | (N/A)          | 1.2              | 1.6           | 58.46        |
| Other street trees | 147,745                            | 2,443      | (N/A)          | 10.3             | 11.0          | 45.24        |
| Citywide total     | 2,959,767                          | 22,198     | (N/A)          | 100.0            | 100.0         | 42.53        |

**Table 5: Annual Carbon Sequestered**

**Prairie City**

**Annual CO<sub>2</sub> Benefits of Public Trees by Species**

3/7/2014

| Species              | Sequestered (lb) | Sequestered (\$) | Decomposition Release (lb) | Maintenance Release (lb) | Total Released (\$) | Avoided (lb) | Avoided (\$) | Net Total (lb) | Total Standard (\$ Error) | % of Total Trees | % of Total \$ | Avg. \$/tree |
|----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Spruce               | 1,079            | 8                | -47                        | -21                      | -1                  | 1,746        | 13           | 2,757          | 21 (N/A)                  | 21.1             | 1.0           | 0.19         |
| Northern white cedar | 642              | 5                | -23                        | -11                      | 0                   | 1,176        | 9            | 1,784          | 13 (N/A)                  | 10.5             | 0.7           | 0.24         |
| Silver maple         | 54,511           | 409              | -3,338                     | -10                      | -25                 | 23,345       | 175          | 74,508         | 559 (N/A)                 | 10.2             | 27.0          | 10.54        |
| Sugar maple          | 20,651           | 155              | -1,813                     | -8                       | -14                 | 15,605       | 117          | 34,434         | 258 (N/A)                 | 7.9              | 12.5          | 6.30         |
| Ash                  | 5,780            | 43               | -1,600                     | -5                       | -12                 | 13,412       | 101          | 17,587         | 132 (N/A)                 | 5.0              | 6.4           | 5.07         |
| Northern hackberry   | 13,352           | 100              | -1,197                     | -5                       | -9                  | 16,399       | 123          | 28,550         | 214 (N/A)                 | 4.8              | 10.3          | 8.56         |
| Norway maple         | 6,670            | 50               | -818                       | -3                       | -6                  | 8,142        | 61           | 13,991         | 105 (N/A)                 | 3.3              | 5.1           | 6.17         |
| Pear                 | 627              | 5                | -20                        | -3                       | 0                   | 633          | 5            | 1,236          | 9 (N/A)                   | 3.3              | 0.5           | 0.55         |
| Pin oak              | 25,487           | 191              | -1,313                     | -3                       | -10                 | 9,336        | 70           | 33,507         | 251 (N/A)                 | 3.3              | 12.1          | 14.78        |
| Apple                | 503              | 4                | -20                        | -3                       | 0                   | 511          | 4            | 991            | 7 (N/A)                   | 3.1              | 0.4           | 0.46         |
| Red maple            | 1,357            | 10               | -90                        | -3                       | -1                  | 1,507        | 11           | 2,771          | 21 (N/A)                  | 2.9              | 1.0           | 1.39         |
| American basswood    | 10,011           | 75               | -769                       | -2                       | -6                  | 5,640        | 42           | 14,879         | 112 (N/A)                 | 2.3              | 5.4           | 9.30         |
| Norway spruce        | 2,146            | 16               | -259                       | -2                       | -2                  | 2,798        | 21           | 4,682          | 35 (N/A)                  | 2.1              | 1.7           | 3.19         |
| Eastern white pine   | 771              | 6                | -64                        | -2                       | 0                   | 1,022        | 8            | 1,727          | 13 (N/A)                  | 1.9              | 0.6           | 1.29         |
| Maple                | 497              | 4                | -132                       | -2                       | -1                  | 1,896        | 14           | 2,259          | 17 (N/A)                  | 1.7              | 0.8           | 1.88         |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 1,926            | 14               | -219                       | -2                       | -2                  | 2,162        | 16           | 3,867          | 29 (N/A)                  | 1.7              | 1.4           | 3.22         |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 61               | 0                | 0                          | -1                       | 0                   | 39           | 0            | 98             | 1 (N/A)                   | 1.3              | 0.0           | 0.11         |
| Catalpa              | 4,501            | 34               | -664                       | -1                       | -5                  | 3,479        | 26           | 7,314          | 55 (N/A)                  | 1.2              | 2.7           | 9.14         |
| Eastern red cedar    | 86               | 1                | -32                        | -1                       | 0                   | 1,121        | 8            | 1,174          | 9 (N/A)                   | 1.2              | 0.4           | 1.47         |
| Northern red oak     | 897              | 7                | -224                       | -1                       | -2                  | 1,478        | 11           | 2,149          | 16 (N/A)                  | 1.2              | 0.8           | 2.69         |
| Other street trees   | 13,862           | 104              | -1,563                     | -11                      | -12                 | 13,699       | 103          | 25,987         | 195 (N/A)                 | 10.3             | 9.4           | 3.61         |
| Citywide total       | 165,415          | 1,241            | -14,207                    | -102                     | -107                | 125,146      | 939          | 276,253        | 2,072 (N/A)               | 100.0            | 100.0         | 3.97         |

**Table 6: Annual Social and Aesthetic Benefits**

**Prairie City**

**Annual Aesthetic/Other Benefits of Public Trees by Species**

3/7/2014

| Species              | Total (\$)   | Standard Error | % of Total Trees | % of Total \$ | Avg. \$/tree |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Spruce               | 789 (N/A)    |                | 21.1             | 4.9           | 7.17         |
| Northern white cedar | 423 (N/A)    |                | 10.5             | 2.6           | 7.69         |
| Silver maple         | 4,445 (N/A)  |                | 10.2             | 27.3          | 83.86        |
| Sugar maple          | 2,157 (N/A)  |                | 7.9              | 13.3          | 52.60        |
| Ash                  | 510 (N/A)    |                | 5.0              | 3.1           | 19.62        |
| Northern hackberry   | 1,656 (N/A)  |                | 4.8              | 10.2          | 66.24        |
| Norway maple         | 608 (N/A)    |                | 3.3              | 3.7           | 35.77        |
| Pear                 | 30 (N/A)     |                | 3.3              | 0.2           | 1.77         |
| Pin oak              | 2,004 (N/A)  |                | 3.3              | 12.3          | 117.89       |
| Apple                | 22 (N/A)     |                | 3.1              | 0.1           | 1.40         |
| Red maple            | 184 (N/A)    |                | 2.9              | 1.1           | 12.24        |
| American basswood    | 752 (N/A)    |                | 2.3              | 4.6           | 62.70        |
| Norway spruce        | 322 (N/A)    |                | 2.1              | 2.0           | 29.28        |
| Eastern white pine   | 223 (N/A)    |                | 1.9              | 1.4           | 22.29        |
| Maple                | 66 (N/A)     |                | 1.7              | 0.4           | 7.34         |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 186 (N/A)    |                | 1.7              | 1.1           | 20.69        |
| Broadleaf Deciduous  | 0 (N/A)      |                | 1.3              | 0.0           | 0.03         |
| Catalpa              | 336 (N/A)    |                | 1.2              | 2.1           | 56.04        |
| Eastern red cedar    | 27 (N/A)     |                | 1.2              | 0.2           | 4.56         |
| Northern red oak     | 67 (N/A)     |                | 1.2              | 0.4           | 11.17        |
| Other street trees   | 1,466 (N/A)  |                | 10.3             | 9.0           | 27.14        |
| Citywide total       | 16,273 (N/A) |                | 100.0            | 100.0         | 31.17        |

**Table 7: Summary of Benefits in Dollars**

**Average Annual Benefits of Public Trees by Species**

| Species                       | Energy | CO2   | Air<br>Quality | Stormwater | Aesthetic/Other | Total (\$)  | Standard<br>Error | % of<br>Total<br>\$ |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Spruce                        | 233    | 21    | 17             | 414        | 789             | \$1,472.69  | (±0)              | 2.45                |
| Northern white cedar          | 144    | 13    | 14             | 234        | 423             | \$828.16    | (±0)              | 1.38                |
| Silver maple                  | 2,846  | 559   | 515            | 5,003      | 4,445           | \$13,367.82 | (±0)              | 22.22               |
| Sugar maple                   | 1,951  | 258   | 309            | 2,704      | 2,157           | \$7,379.12  | (±0)              | 12.26               |
| Ash                           | 1,769  | 132   | 333            | 2,443      | 510             | \$5,186.79  | (±0)              | 8.62                |
| Northern hackberry            | 2,111  | 214   | 383            | 2,763      | 1,656           | \$7,126.92  | (±0)              | 11.85               |
| Norway maple                  | 1,047  | 105   | 192            | 1,311      | 608             | \$3,263.43  | (±0)              | 5.42                |
| Pear                          | 93     | 9     | 13             | 35         | 30              | \$179.87    | (±0)              | 0.30                |
| Pin oak                       | 1,167  | 251   | 149            | 1,656      | 2,004           | \$5,228.35  | (±0)              | 8.69                |
| Apple                         | 68     | 7     | 11             | 28         | 22              | \$136.90    | (±0)              | 0.23                |
| Red maple                     | 195    | 21    | 34             | 200        | 184             | \$633.24    | (±0)              | 1.05                |
| American basswood             | 745    | 112   | 111            | 953        | 752             | \$2,673.03  | (±0)              | 4.44                |
| Norway spruce                 | 339    | 35    | -1             | 994        | 322             | \$1,689.87  | (±0)              | 2.81                |
| Eastern white pine            | 127    | 13    | 6              | 330        | 223             | \$699.14    | (±0)              | 1.16                |
| Maple                         | 236    | 17    | 44             | 278        | 66              | \$641.32    | (±0)              | 1.07                |
| Broadleaf Deciduous<br>Medium | 288    | 29    | 51             | 356        | 186             | \$910.22    | (±0)              | 1.51                |
| Broadleaf Deciduous<br>Small  | 6      | 1     | 1              | 1          | 0               | \$9.20      | (±0)              | 0.02                |
| Catalpa                       | 432    | 55    | 83             | 769        | 336             | \$1,674.91  | (±0)              | 2.78                |
| Eastern red cedar             | 147    | 9     | 13             | 266        | 27              | \$462.49    | (±0)              | 0.77                |
| Northern red oak              | 190    | 16    | 26             | 262        | 67              | \$561.21    | (±0)              | 0.93                |
| Other street trees            | 1,720  | 195   | 307            | 2,353      | 1,466           | \$6,040.88  | (±0)              | 10.04               |
| Citywide total                | 15,857 | 2,072 | 2,610          | 23,353     | 16,273          | \$60,165.55 | (±0)              | 100.00              |

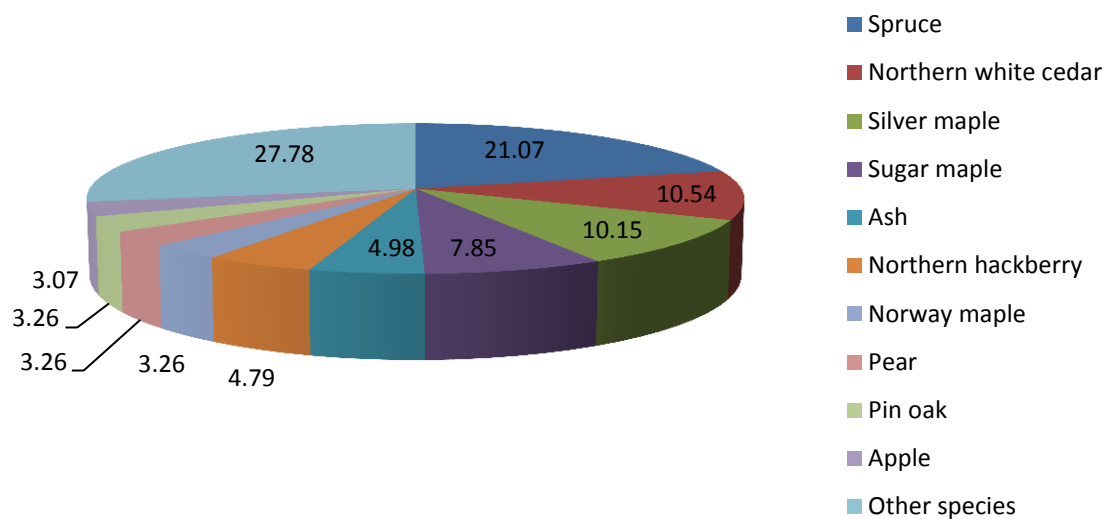


Figure 1: Species Distribution

## Relative Age Distribution of Top 10 Public Tree Species (%)

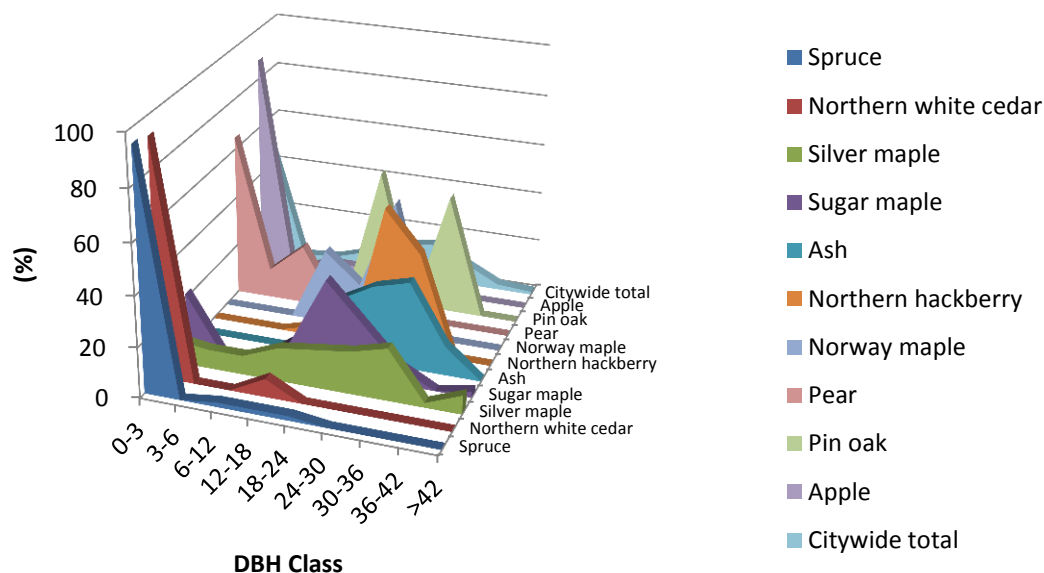


Figure 2: Relative Age Class

## Leaf Condition

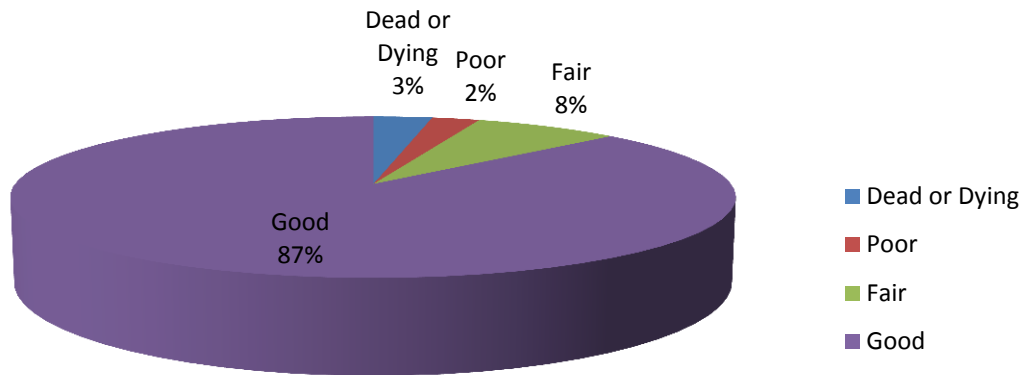


Figure 3: Foliage Condition

## Wood Condition

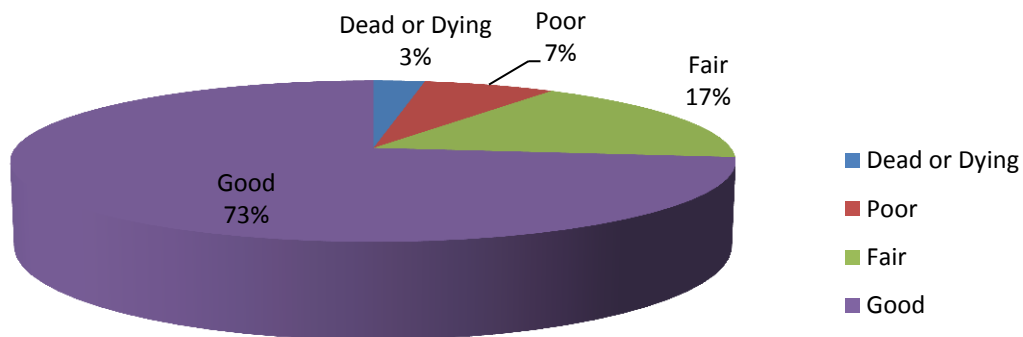


Figure 4: Wood Condition

## Canopy Cover

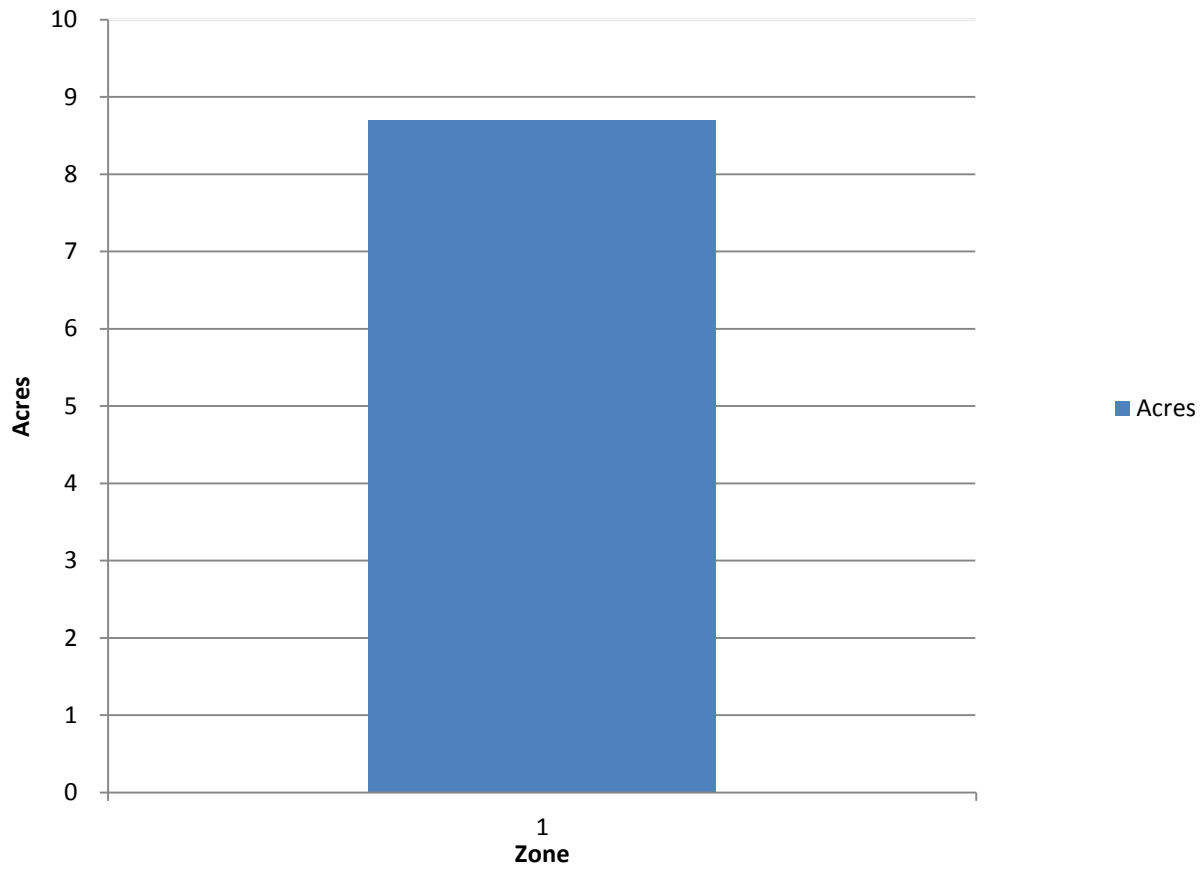


Figure 5: Canopy Cover in Acres

## Land use Public Trees by Zone (%)

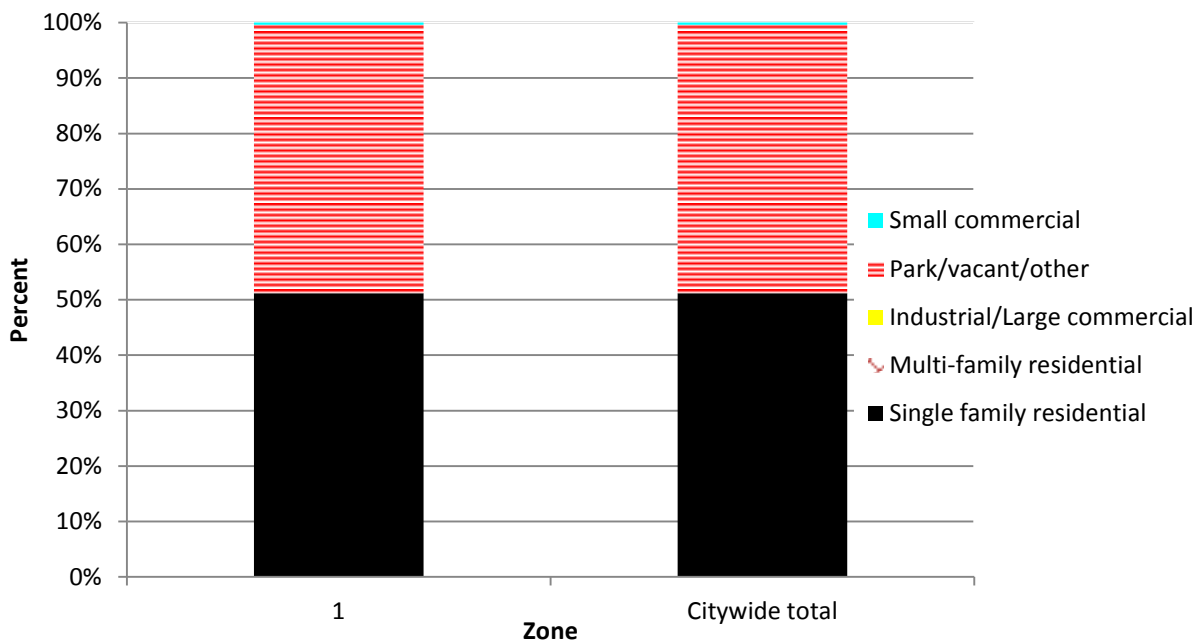


Figure 6: Land Use of city/park trees

## Location Public Trees by Zone (%)

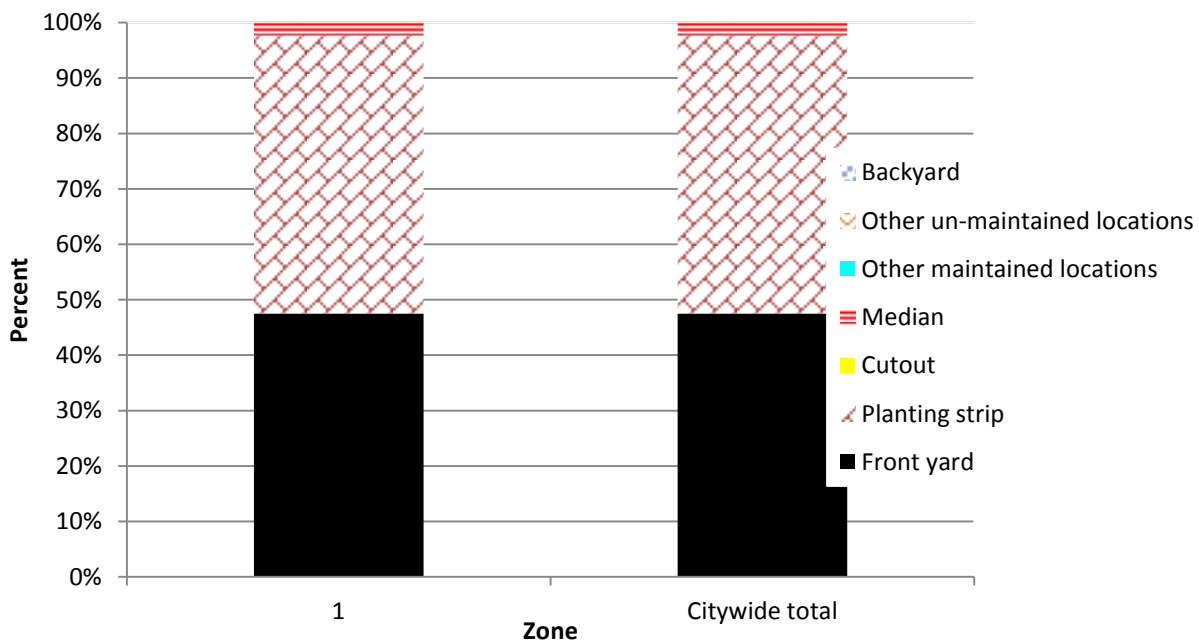


Figure 7: Location of city/park trees

## Appendix B: ArcGIS Mapping

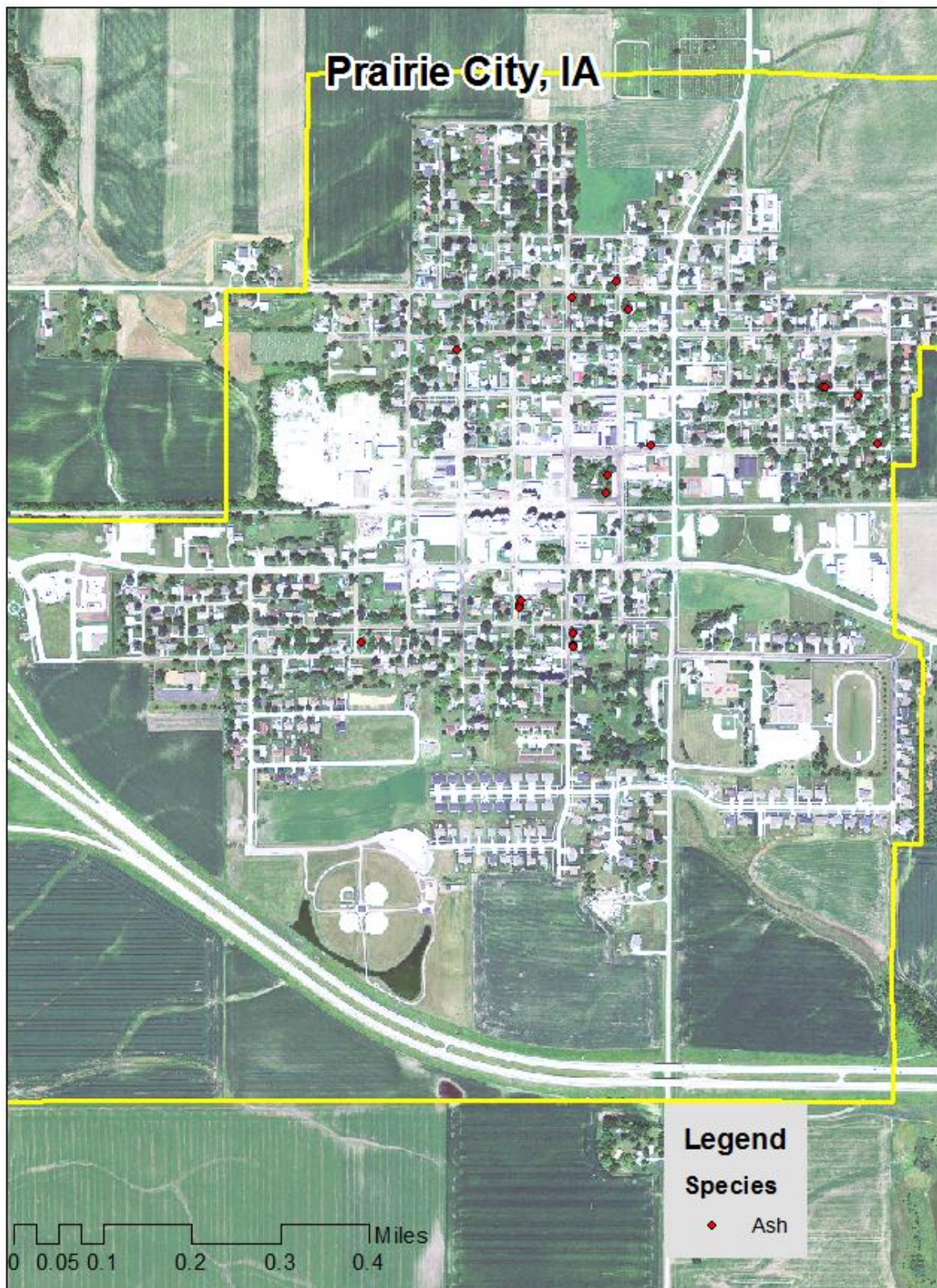
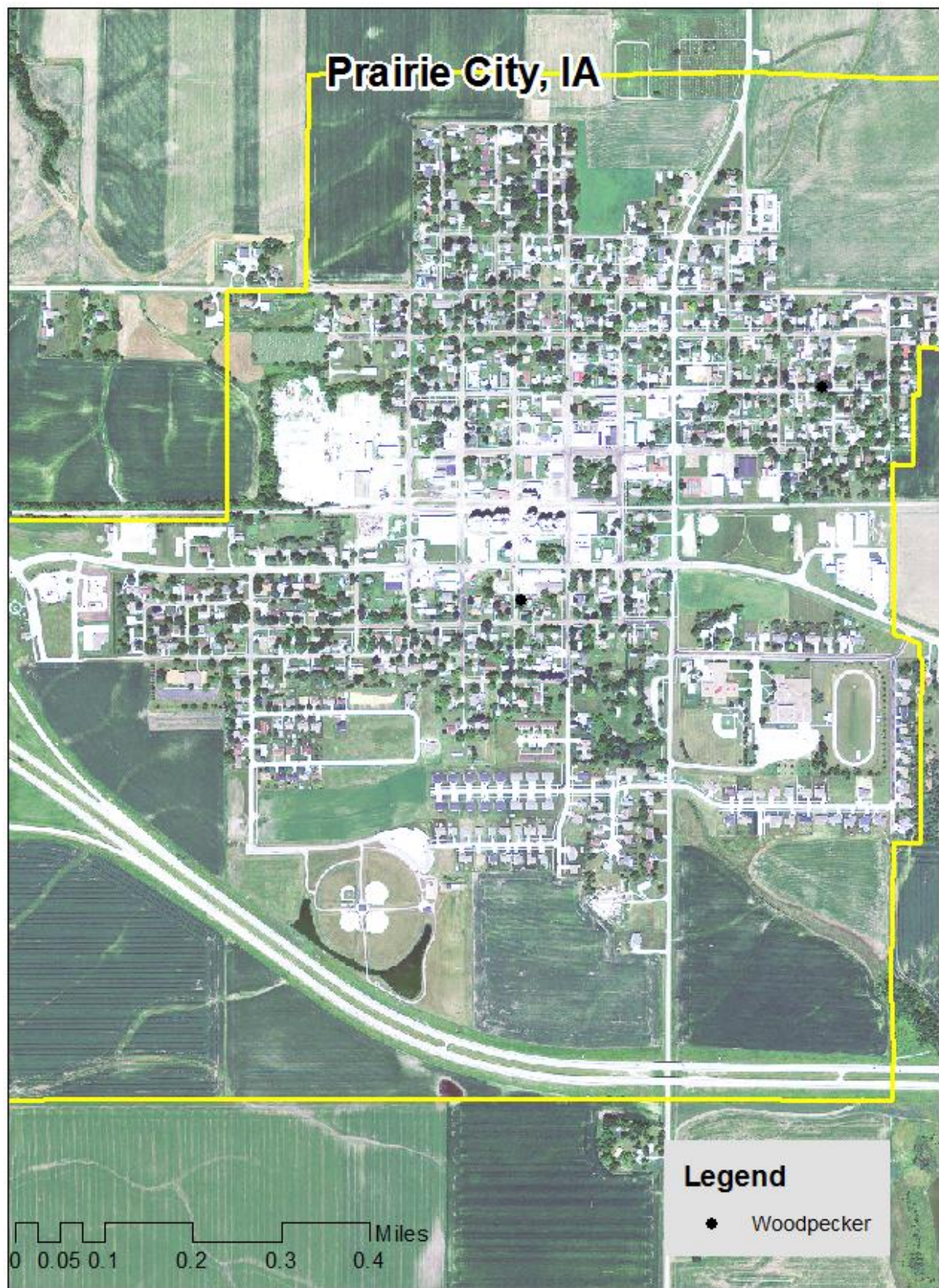


Figure 1: Location of Ash Trees



**Figure 2: Location of EAB symptoms**

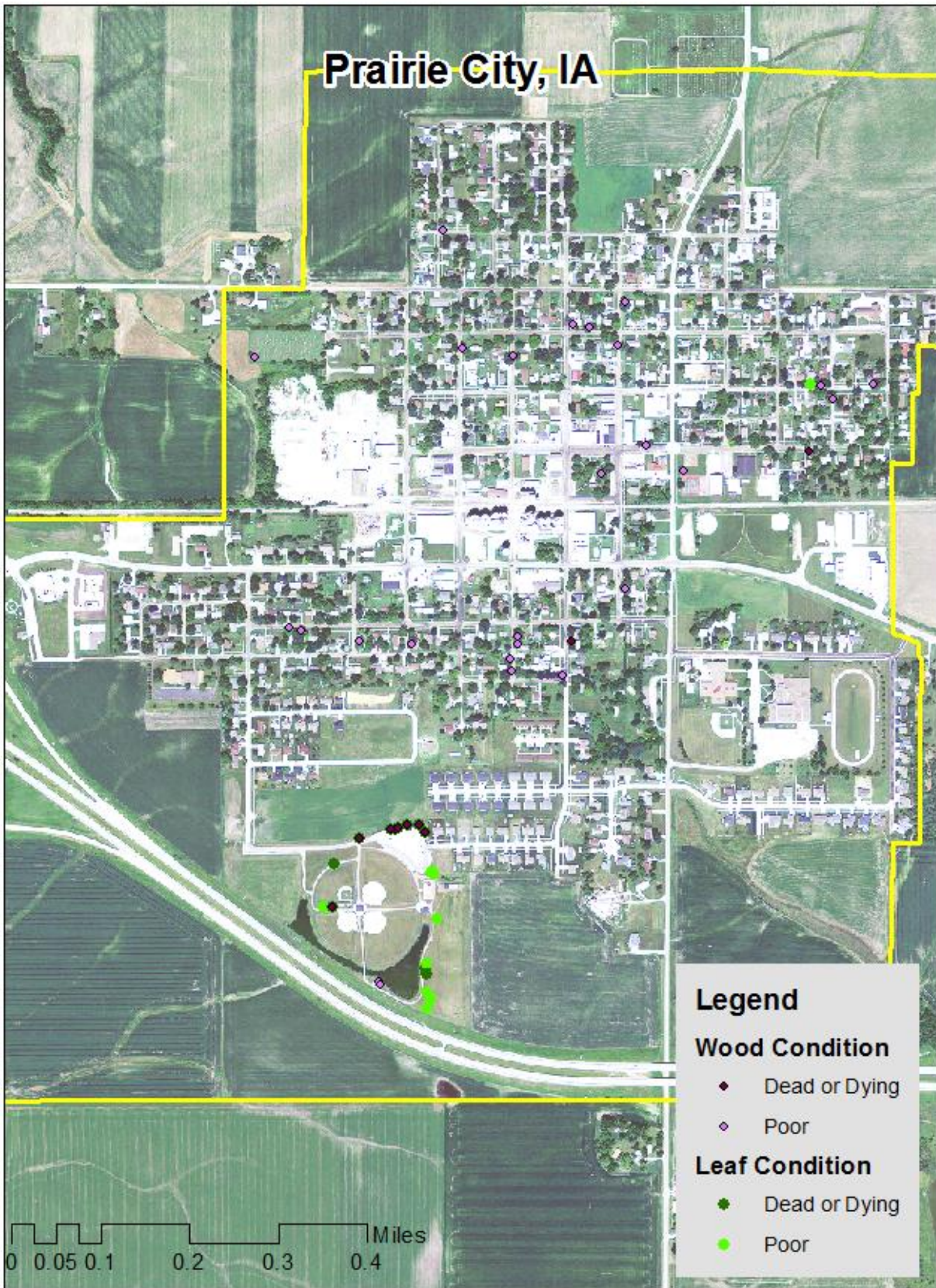


Figure 3: Location of Poor Condition Trees



Figure 4: Location of Trees with Recommended Maintenance

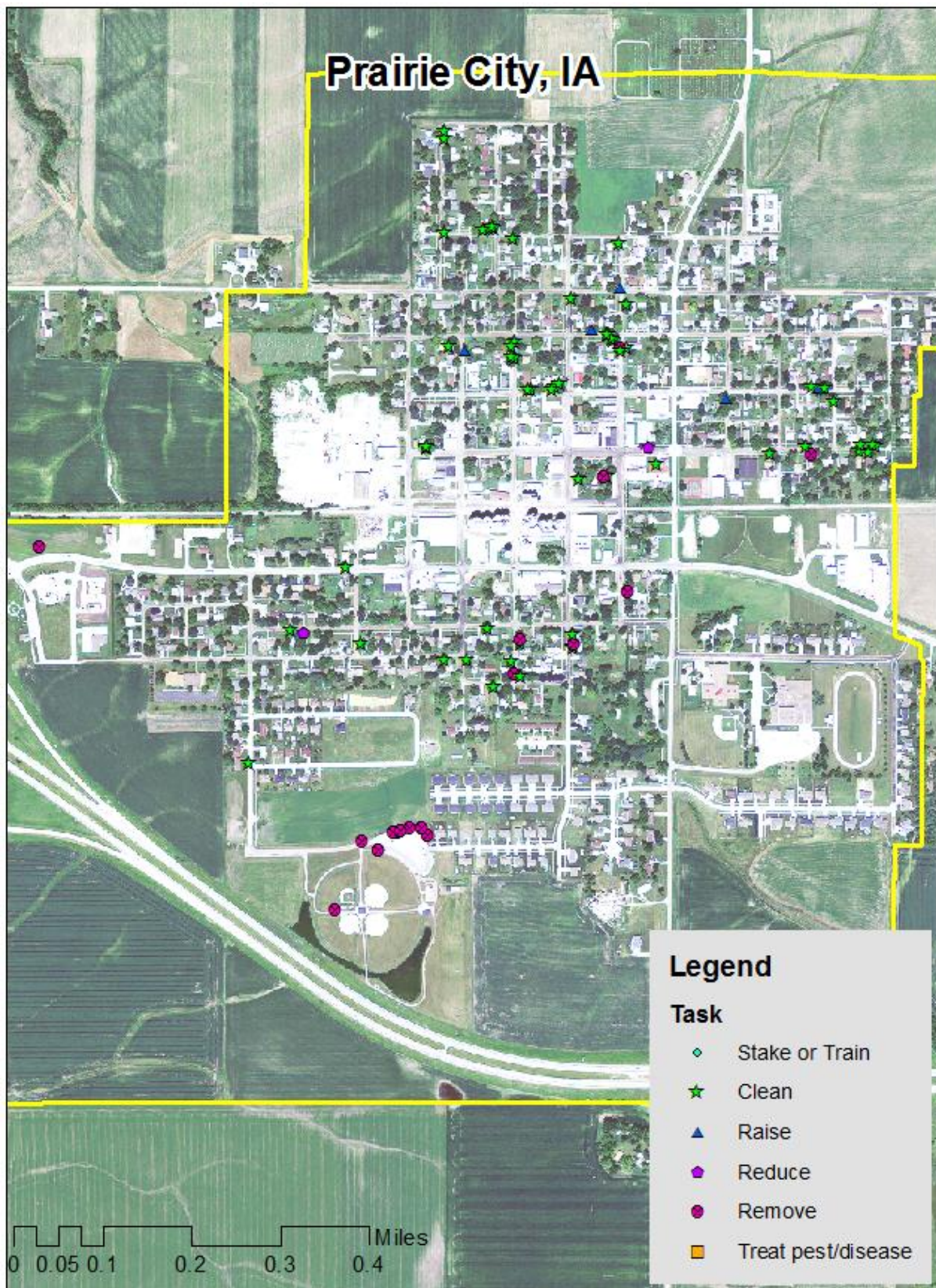


Figure 5: Maintenance Tasks \*City ownership of the trees recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal\*

## Appendix C: Prairie City Tree Ordinances

### CHAPTER 151 TREES AND GRASS

151.01 Definition 151.05 Disease Control  
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**151.01 DEFINITION.** For use in this chapter, “boulevard” means that part of the street, avenue or highway in the City not covered by sidewalk and lying between the lot line and the curb line; or, on unpaved streets, that part of the street, avenue or highway lying between the lot line and that portion of the street usually traveled by vehicular traffic.

**151.02 PLANTING RESTRICTIONS.** No tree shall be planted in any boulevard or street except in accordance with the following:

1. **Alignment.** All trees planted in any street shall be planted in the boulevard midway between the outer line of the sidewalk and the curb. In the event a curb line is not established, trees shall be planted on a line ten (10) feet from the property line.
2. **Spacing.** Trees shall not be planted on any boulevard which is less than nine (9) feet in width, or contains less than eighty-one (81) square feet of exposed soil surface per tree. Trees shall not be planted closer than twenty (20) feet from street intersections (property lines extended) and ten (10) feet from driveways. If it is at all possible trees should be planted inside the property lines and not between the sidewalk and the curb.
3. **Prohibited Trees.** No person shall plant in any street any fruit-bearing tree or any tree of the kinds commonly known as cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow or black walnut.

**151.03 DUTY TO TRIM TREES.** The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees on, or overhanging the street, trimmed so that all branches will be at least eighteen (18) feet above the surface of a street, twenty (20) feet above the surface of a primary highway, and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks. If the abutting property owner fails to trim the trees, the City may serve notice on the abutting property owner requiring that such action be taken within five (5) days. If such action is not taken within that time, the City may perform the required action and assess the costs against the abutting property for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[2c, d, & e])

**151.04 TRIMMING TREES TO BE SUPERVISED.** Except as allowed in Section 151.03, it is unlawful for any person to trim or cut any tree in a street or public place unless the work is done under the supervision of the City.

**151.05 DISEASE CONTROL.** Any dead, diseased or damaged tree or shrub which may harbor serious insect or disease pests or disease injurious to other trees is hereby declared to be a nuisance.

**151.06 INSPECTION AND REMOVAL.** The Council shall inspect or cause to be inspected any trees or shrubs in the City reported or suspected to be infected with or damaged by any disease or insect or disease pests, and such trees and shrubs shall be subject to removal as follows:

1. City Property. If it is determined that any such condition exists on any public property, including the strip between the curb and the lot line of private property, the Council may cause such condition to be corrected by treatment or removal. The Council may also order the removal of any trees on the streets of the City which interfere with the making of improvements or with travel thereon.

2. Private Property. If it is determined with reasonable certainty that any such condition exists on private property and that the danger to other trees or to adjoining property or passing motorists or pedestrians is imminent, the Council shall notify by certified mail the owner, occupant or person in charge of such property to correct such condition by treatment or removal within fourteen (14) days of said notification. If such owner, occupant or person in charge of said property fails to comply within 14 days of receipt of notice, the Council may cause the condition to be corrected and the cost assessed against the property.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 364.12[3b & h])

#### 151.07 CUTTING OR MOWING OF GRASS.

1. Duty to Cut and Mow Lawns and Lots. The owner of any property shall cut and mow all lawns and lots so that such growth shall be less than four (4) inches at all times.

2. Cutting and Mowing by City. If a property owner refuses or fails to cut and mow lawns and lots within forty-eight (48) hours after being delivered a notice from the City to perform such action, the Council may require said work to be done and the cost and expenses thereof shall be assessed to the property owner after due notice is given. The amount of such assessment shall be certified to the County Auditor as provided by law and the same shall be collected with and in the same manner as general property taxes.

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