2014 Urban Forest Management Plan

Elkport, Iowa

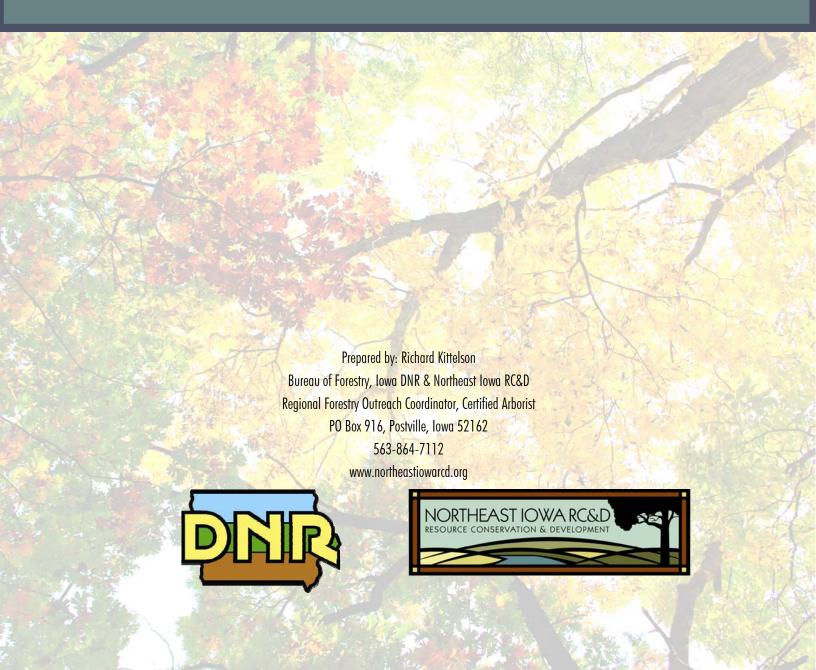


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Community Tree Inventory

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Summary

This plan was developed to assist the City of Elkport with managing its urban forest, including budgeting and future planning. Trees can provide a multitude of benefits to the community, and sound management allows communities 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 (does not include mountain ash). There is a strong possibility that 6.25% of Elkport'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 & Results

In 2014, a tree inventory was conducted using Global Positioning System (GPS) data collectors. --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. The inventory was a complete inventory of street and park trees. Below are some key findings of the **48 trees inventoried**.

Inventory Overview

- Elkport's trees provide \$15,007.65 of benefits annually, an average of \$312.66 a tree
- There are 9 species of trees
- The top three genus are: Maple 64.6%, Walnut 12.5%, Spruce 8.3%
- 43.74% of trees are in need of some type of management
- 1 tree is recommended for removal.

General Recommendations

The following are key recommendations from the inventory:

- All trees should be pruned on a routine schedule one third of the city every other year.
- Plant a diverse mix of trees that does NOT include: ash, maple, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow or black walnut.
- Check ash trees with a visual survey yearly

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.

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.

Detailed Inventory Results

The data collected for the 48 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

- 1. Annual Energy Benefits: Trees conserve energy by shading buildings and blocking winds. Elkport's trees reduce energy related costs by approximately \$3,078 annually. These savings are both in Electricity (14.87 MWh) and in Natural Gas (1,990.03 Therms).
- **2. Annual Stormwater Benefits:** Elkport's trees intercept about <u>226,180.41</u> gallons of rainfall or snowmelt a year. This interception provides \$6,129.49 of benefits to the city.
- 3. Annual Air Quality Benefits: Air quality is a persistent public health issue in lowa. 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 Elkport, it is estimated that trees remove $\underline{210.54 \text{ lbs}}$ of air pollution (ozone (O_3), particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM10), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂)) per year with a <u>net value of \$595.97</u>.
- 4. Annual Carbon Benefits: Carbon sequestration and storage reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, mitigating climate change. In Elkport trees sequester about 82,009.95 lbs of carbon dioxide (CO2) a year with an associated value of \$615.07. In addition, the trees store 999,834.88 lbs of carbon, with a yearly benefit of \$7,4983.76.

5. 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. Elkport receives <u>\$4,588.54</u> in annual social benefits from trees.

Financial Summary of all Benefits: According to the USDA Forest Service i-Tree STRATUM analysis, Elkport's trees provide \$15,007.65 of benefits annually. Benefits of individual trees vary based on size, species, health and location, but on average each of the 134 trees in Elkport provide approximately \$313 annually.

Table 1: Annual Benefits of Public Trees

Benefits	Per Tree	Cumulative
Energy	\$64.14	\$3,078.57
CO ₂	\$12.81	\$615.07
Air Quality	\$12.42	\$595.97
Stormwater	\$127.70	\$6,129.49
Aesthetic/Other	\$95.59	\$4,588.54
Total (\$)	\$312.66	\$15,007.65

Forest Structure

1. Species & Genus Distribution: Elkport has 9 different tree species along city streets and parks. The following figures and tables show the distribution of the 6 most common trees by genus and the ten most common species. 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.

Figure 1: Common Tree Genus by Percentage

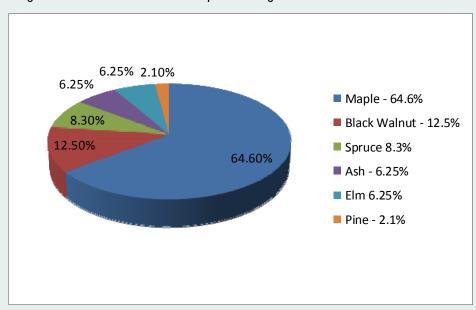
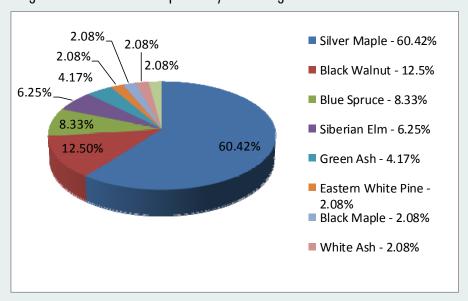


Table 2: Tree Genus

Genus	No. of Trees
Maple	31
Black Walnut	6
Spruce	4
Ash	3
Elm	3
Pine	1

Figure 2: Common Tree Species by Percentage



2. Age Class: Elkport has a good balance of age classes. For age, it is preferred that the highest amounts of trees are in the smallest size category (a downward slope) to prepare for natural mortality and to maintain canopy cover. Elkport's size curve is on the smaller side, indicating a younger than average stand. However, the most abundant genus, maple, is older than average.

Figure 3: Age Distribution of Top 10 Public Tree Species (by Percentage)

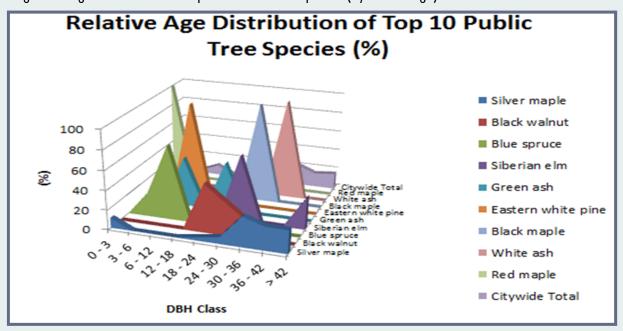


Table 3: Relative Age Distribution

	DBH class	(in)							
Species	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 12	12 - 18	18 - 24	24 - 30	30 - 36	36 - 42	>42
Silver maple	10.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.45	6.90	31.03	24.14	24.14
Black walnut	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	33.33	16.67	0.00	0.00
Blue spruce	0.00	25.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Siberian elm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.67	0.00	0.00	33.33
Green ash	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastern white pine	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Black maple	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
White ash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Red maple	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Citywide Total	8.33	2.08	10.42	0.00	10.42	14.58	22.92	14.58	16.67

3. 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 Elkport indicate that 97.9% of the trees are in fair-good health, with only 2.1% of the foliage in poor health, dead or dying. Similarly, 87.5% of Elkport's trees are in fair-good health for wood condition. Wood condition that is in poor health, dead or dying is about 12.5% of the population. This 12.5% is an estimate of trees that need management follow up soon.

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- **4. Management Needs:** The following management needs for Elkport's urban trees are outlined in Table 4. The table outlines the specific management needs of the street and park trees by number of trees and percent of the canopy.
- 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.
- Tree staking includes staking, training, mulching, etc.
- **5. Canopy Cover:** Elkport occupies 128 acres. The tree canopy cover of Elkport is approximately 2.08 acres, about 1.6%.
- **6. Land Use and Location:** Elkport's city and park trees are 100% in the city park.

Recommendations

1. 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.

Table 4: Management Needs

echnique No of Trees Percentage

Technique	No of Trees	Percentage
Crown Cleaning	16	33.3%
Crown Raising	0	0%
Tree Staking	4	8.3%
Tree Removal	1	2.1%
Crown Reduction	0	0%

- 2. Hazardous Trees: Elkport has 1 tree, an ash 6-12" dbh that needs removal. These trees can be seen on the Location of Trees with Recommended Maintenance map (Appendix B, Image 4 & Image 5). It is recommended to start with the large diameter critical concern trees first. 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 20 trees with these needs.
- **3. Poor Tree Species:** After the removal of the critical concern trees, ash trees in poor health should be assessed for removal (Appendix B, Image 3 & Appendix B, Image 4). There are a total of 3 ash trees, and none of those have signs and symptoms that have been associated with EAB. In addition, there are 6 trees that are in poor health. *City ownership of the trees recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal.
- **4. 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.
- **5. 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%. 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 Elkport.

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 (64.6%). Maple 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: cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow or black walnut. All trees planted must meet the restrictions in the city tree ordinance.

The importance of species diversity was brought to the forefront with the loss of the American elm from Dutch elm disease. When one genus (Maple) makes up a majority of the species (Norway Maple, Silver Maple, Sugar Maple) in a planting it is an unbalanced population. These unbalanced populations leave the population open to destruction from diseases and pests. Unfortunately, the lessons of the American elm are only recently being heeded. Communities typically replaced lost elms with a small but reliable selection of ash and Norway and silver maple. This left cities in the predicament they are finding themselves in now as they stand to lose a large percentage of their ash trees to the emerald ash borer.

6. Continual Monitoring: It is important to continuously check the health of all trees. Due to the imminent threat of Emerald Ash Borer to ash trees, it is recommended that 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. For a list of forest health threats, please visit the lowa DNR's website at http://www.iowadnr.gov/Environment/Forestry/ForestHealth

Proposed Six Year Maintenance Plan

- Year 1: Removal: 3 ash or saving for ash tree treatment

 Planting and Replacement: 4 trees to be planted in open locations
- Year 2: Removal: any new critical concern trees or saving for ash tree treatment

 Planting and Replacement: 4 trees in open locations from year one removals

 Routine pruning: 1/3 of trees (15)
- **Year 3:** Removal: any new critical concern trees or saving for ash tree treatment Planting and Replacement: 4 trees to be planted in open locations
- Year 4: Removal: any new critical concern trees or saving for ash tree treatment
 Planting and Replacement: 4 trees in open locations
 Routine pruning: 1/3 of trees (15)
- **Year 5:** Removal: any new critical concern trees or saving for ash tree treatment Planting and Replacement: 4 trees to be planted in open locations
- Year 6: Removal: any new critical concern trees or saving for ash tree treatment
 Planting and Replacement: 4 trees in open locations
 Routine pruning: 1/3 of trees (15)

Reduction of ash over 6 years: 3 ash trees removed (100% of ash). EAB could potentially kill all ash within 4 years of its arrival.

Emerald Ash Borer Plan

1. Ash Tree Removal

Tree removal will be prioritized with dead, dying, hazardous trees to be removed first. Next will be all ash in poor condition and displaying signs and symptoms of EAB. *City owner-ship of the tree recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal.

2. 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/



Emerald Ash Borer Beetle next to D-shaped exit holes.

3. 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 guarantine 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.

4. 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.

5. Canopy Replacement

As budget permits, all removed ash trees will be replaced. All trees will meet the restrictions in the city ordinance. The new plantings will be a diverse mix and will not include ash, maple, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow or black walnut.

6. 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.

7. Monitoring (repeated)

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.

8. Private Ash Trees

It is strongly recommended that private property owners start removing ash trees or treating healthy trees they desire to preserve on their property upon arrival of EAB or confirmed within 15 miles. Refer to City Ordinance for more information.

Proposed Budget

Total \$6,100 over 6 years (\$1,020/year)

FY 2015 Budget

Removal @ \$700/tree: \$2,100 or saving for ash tree treatment

Planting @ \$100/tree: \$400

Watering & Maintenance @ \$50/tree: \$200

FY 2016 Budget

Removal: \$0

Planting: \$400

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

Routine Pruning @ \$9/tree: \$135

FY 2017 Budget

Removal: \$0 Planting: \$400

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

FY 2018 Budget

Removal: \$0

Planting: \$400

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

Routine Pruning: \$135

FY 2019 Budget

Removal: \$0

Planting: \$400

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

FY 2020 Budget

Removal: \$0 Planting: \$400

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

Routine Pruning: \$135

Proposed Budget Increase

EAB could potentially kill all ash trees in Elkport within 4 years of its arrival. It is recommended that Elkport 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.

^{*}Reduction of ash over 6 years: 3 ash trees removed (100% of ash).

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Appendix A: i-Tree Data

Table 1: Annual Energy Benefits

Annual Energy Benefits o	of Public Trees by	Species						
	Total Electricity	Electricity	Total Natural Gas	Natural		% of Total	% of	Avg.
Species	(MWh)	(\$)	(Therms)	Gas (\$)	Total (\$)	Tree s	Total \$	\$/tree
Silver maple	10.42	790.72	1,373.41	1,345.94	2,136.66	60.42	69.40	73.68
Black walnut	1.84	139.31	261.73	256.49	395.80	12.50	12.86	65.97
Blue spruce	0.22	16.61	35.44	34.73	51.34	8.33	1.67	12.84
Siberian elm	1.16	88.31	155.33	152.23	240.53	6.25	7.81	80.18
Green ash	0.36	27.16	51.84	50.80	77.96	4.17	2.53	38.98
Eastern white pine	0.06	4.27	9.50	9.31	13.58	2.08	0.44	13.58
Black maple	0.28	21.58	39.90	39.10	60.68	2.08	1.97	60.68
White ash	0.53	40.08	62.14	60.89	100.98	2.08	3.28	100.98
Red maple	0.00	0.31	0.74	0.72	1.03	2.08	0.03	1.03
Total	14.87	1,128.34	1,990.03	1,950.23	3,078.57	100.00	100.00	64.14

Table 2: Annual Stormwater Benefits

	Total Rainfall		% of Total	% of	Avg. \$/tree	
Species	Interception (Gal)	Total (\$)	Trees	Total \$		
Silver maple	173,884.62	4,712.27	60.42	76.88	162.49	
Black walnut	21,148.48	573.12	12.50	9.35	95.52	
Blue spruce	2,522.76	68.37	8.33	1.12	17.09	
Siberian elm	14,069.27	381.28	6.25	6.22	127.09	
Green ash	3,198.54	86.68	4.17	1.41	43.34	
Eastern white pine	595.52	16.14	2.08	0.26	16.14	
Black maple	2,866.98	77.70	2.08	1.27	77.70	
White ash	7,882.55	213.62	2.08	3.49	213.62	
Red maple	11.68	0.32	2.08	0.01	0.32	
Citywide total	226,180.41	6,129.49	100.00	100.00	127.70	

Table 3: Annual Carbon Stored

Stored CO2 Benefits of	f Public Trees by Species				
Species	Total stored CO2 (lbs)	Total (\$)	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Silver maple	806,669.26	6,050.02	60.42	80.68	208.62
Black walnut	82,861.72	621.46	12.50	8.29	103.58
Blue spruce	895.41	6.72	8.33	0.09	1.68
Siberian elm	65,754.31	493.16	6.25	6.58	164.39
Green ash	9,492.21	71.19	4.17	0.95	35.60
Eastern white pine	256.69	1.93	2.08	0.03	1.93
Black maple	7,945.29	59.59	2.08	0.79	59.59
White ash	25,943.15	194.57	2.08	2.59	194.57
Red maple	16.84	0.13	2.08	0.00	0.13
Citywide total	999,834.88	7,498.76	100.00	100.00	156.22

Table 4: Annual Air Quality Benefits

Annual Air Quality B	enefits of Public	Trees by Sp	ecies													
	Deposition O3	Deposition	Deposition	Deposition	Total	Avoided	Avoided	Avoided	Avoided	Total	BVOC	BVOC Emissions			% of Total	Avg.
Species	(lb)	NO2 (lb)	PM10 (lb)	SO2 (lb)	Deposition (\$)	NO2 (lb)	PM10 (lb)	VOC (lb)	SO2 (lb)	Avoided (\$)	Emissions (lb)	(\$)	Total (lb)	Total (\$)	Trees	\$/tree
Silver maple	33.47	5.67	16.05	1.48	179.40	49.12	7.19	6.86	47.11	307.26	- 17.17	- 64.40	149.79	422.26	60.42	14.56
Black walnut	2.58	0.41	1.24	0.12	13.74	8.86	1.28	1.22	8.32	54.94	0.00	0.00	24.02	68.69	12.50	11.45
Blue spruce	0.22	0.04	0.23	0.03	1.58	1.09	0.16	0.15	0.99	6.67	- 0.77	- 2.90	2.13	5.36	8.33	1.34
Siberian elm	2.69	0.46	1.27	0.12	14.36	5.52	0.81	0.77	5.27	34.45	0.00	0.00	16.90	48.81	6.25	16.27
Green ash	0.29	0.05	0.16	0.01	1.60	1.73	0.25	0.24	1.62	10.73	0.00	0.00	4.35	12.33	4.17	6.17
Eastern white pine	0.05	0.01	0.05	0.01	0.37	0.28	0.04	0.04	0.25	1.73	- 0.17	- 0.62	0.57	1.48	2.08	1.48
Black maple	0.75	0.13	0.34	0.03	3.97	1.36	0.20	0.19	1.29	8.48	- 0.24	- 0.91	4.05	11.54	2.08	11.54
White ash	1.93	0.31	0.84	0.09	10.04	2.43	0.36	0.34	2.39	15.34	0.00	0.00	8.68	25.38	2.08	25.38
Red maple	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.13	2.08	0.13
Citywide Total	41.98	7.08	20.18	1.89	225.07	70.41	10.28	9.81	67.26	439.74	- 18.36	- 68.83	210.54	595.97	100.00	12.42

Table 5: Annual Carbon Sequestered

Annual CO2 Benefits o	f Public Trees by	Species										
	Sequestered	Sequestered	Decomposition	Maint. Release	Total Release	Avoided	Avoided	Net Total		% of Total	% of	Avg.
Species	(lb)	(\$)	Release(lb)	(lb)	(\$)	(lb)	(\$)	(lb)	Total (\$)	Trees	Total \$	\$/tree
Silver maple	52,158.36	391.19	- 3,872.17	- 125.39	- 0.94	17,474.68	131.06	65,635.47	492.27	60.42	80.03	16.97
Black walnut	4,652.41	34.89	- 397.74	- 19.50	- 0.15	3,078.70	23.09	7,313.87	54.85	12.50	8.92	9.14
Blue spruce	127.90	0.96	- 4.30	- 4.10	- 0.03	366.99	2.75	486.49	3.65	8.33	0.59	0.91
Siberian elm	2,262.37	16.97	- 315.62	- 12.87	- 0.10	1,951.53	14.64	3,885.41	29.14	6.25	4.74	9.71
Green ash	868.49	6.51	- 45.56	- 3.90	- 0.03	600.13	4.50	1,419.16	10.64	4.17	1.73	5.32
Eastern white pine	52.63	0.39	- 1.23	- 1.17	- 0.01	94.41	0.71	144.63	1.08	2.08	0.18	1.08
Black maple	0.00	0.00	- 38.14	- 2.73	- 0.02	476.96	3.58	436.10	3.27	2.08	0.53	3.27
White ash	1,922.48	14.42	- 124.53	- 4.29	- 0.03	885.86	6.64	2,679.53	20.10	2.08	3.27	20.10
Red maple	2.81	0.02	- 0.13	- 0.20	0.00	6.80	0.05	9.28	0.07	2.08	0.01	0.07
Citywide Total	62,047.45	465.36	- 4,799.42	- 174.14	- 1.31	24,936.06	187.02	82,009.95	615.07	100.00	100.00	12.81

Table 6: Annual Aesthetic/Other Benefit of Public Trees by Species

Annual Aesthetic/Oth	er Benefit of I	Public Trees by Sp	ecies	
Species	Total (\$)	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Silver maple	3,709.80	60.42	80.85	127.92
Black walnut	370.84	12.50	8.08	61.81
Blue spruce	75.57	8.33	1.65	18.89
Siberian elm	146.04	6.25	3.18	48.68
Green ash	86.24	4.17	1.88	43.12
Eastern white pine	15.42	2.08	0.34	15.42
Black maple	0.00	2.08	0.00	0.00
White ash	184.59	2.08	4.02	184.59
Red maple	0.04	2.08	0.00	0.04
Citywide Total	4,588.54	100.00	100.00	95.59

Table 7: Summary of Benefits in Dollars

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Species	Energy	CO2	Air Quality	Stormwater	Aesthetic/Other	Total
Silver maple	73.68	16.97	14.56	162.49	127.92	395.63
Black walnut	65.97	9.14	11.45	95.52	61.81	243.89
Blue spruce	12.84	0.91	1.34	17.09	18.89	51.07
Siberian elm	80.18	9.71	16.27	127.09	48.68	281.93
Green ash	38.98	5.32	6.17	43.34	43.12	136.93
Eastern white pine	13.58	1.08	1.48	16.14	15.42	47.70
Black maple	60.68	3.27	11.54	77.70	0.00	153.19
White ash	100.98	20.10	25.38	213.62	184.59	544.66
Red maple	1.03	0.07	0.13	0.32	0.04	1.58
Citywide Total	64.14	12.81	12.42	127.70	95.59	312.66

Figure 1: Species Distribution

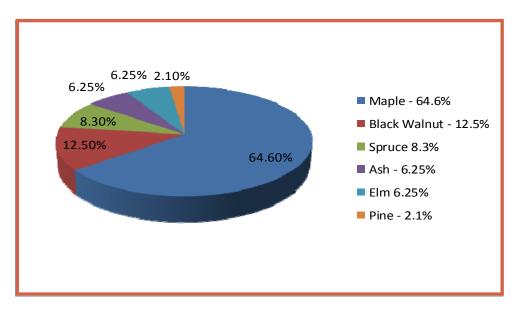


Figure 2: Relative Age Class

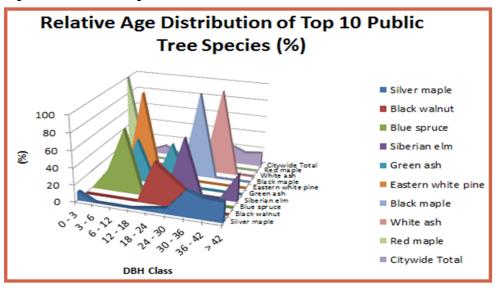


Table 8: Relative Age Class

	DBH class	(in)							
Species	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 12	12 - 18	18 - 24	24 - 30	30 - 36	36 - 42	>42
Silver maple	10.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.45	6.90	31.03	24.14	24.14
Black walnut	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	33.33	16.67	0.00	0.00
Blue spruce	0.00	25.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Siberian elm	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.67	0.00	0.00	33.33
Green ash	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Eastern white pine	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Black maple	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
White ash	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Red maple	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Citywide Total	8.33	2.08	10.42	0.00	10.42	14.58	22.92	14.58	16.67

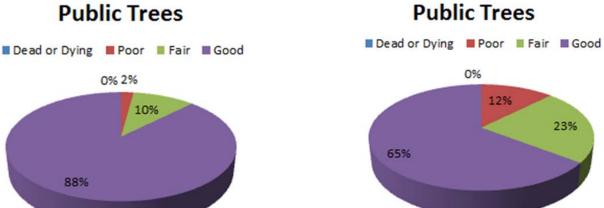
Figure 3: Foliage Condition

Figure 4: Wood Condition

12%

23%

Functional (Foliage) Condition of Structural (Woody) Condition of **Public Trees**



Appendix B: ArcGIS Mapping

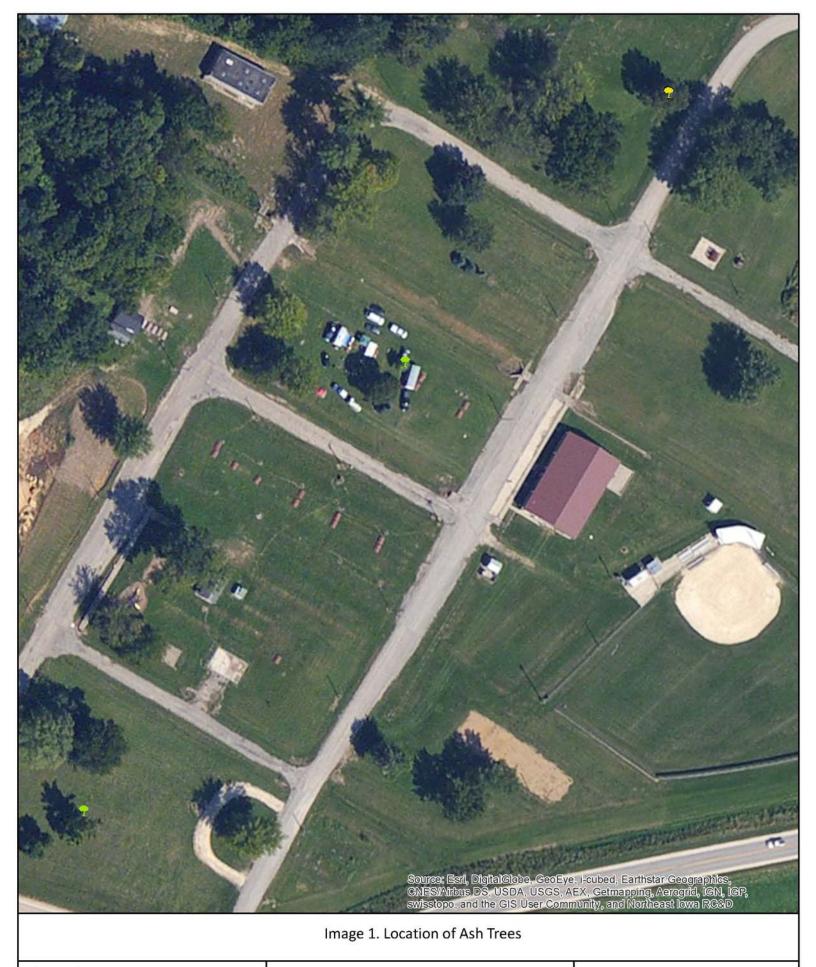
Image 1: Location of Ash Trees

Image 2: Location of Poor Condition Ash Trees

Image 3: Location of Trees with Recommended Maintenance

Image 4: Maintenance Tasks

Image 5: Location of Good Condition Ash





📍 Green ash

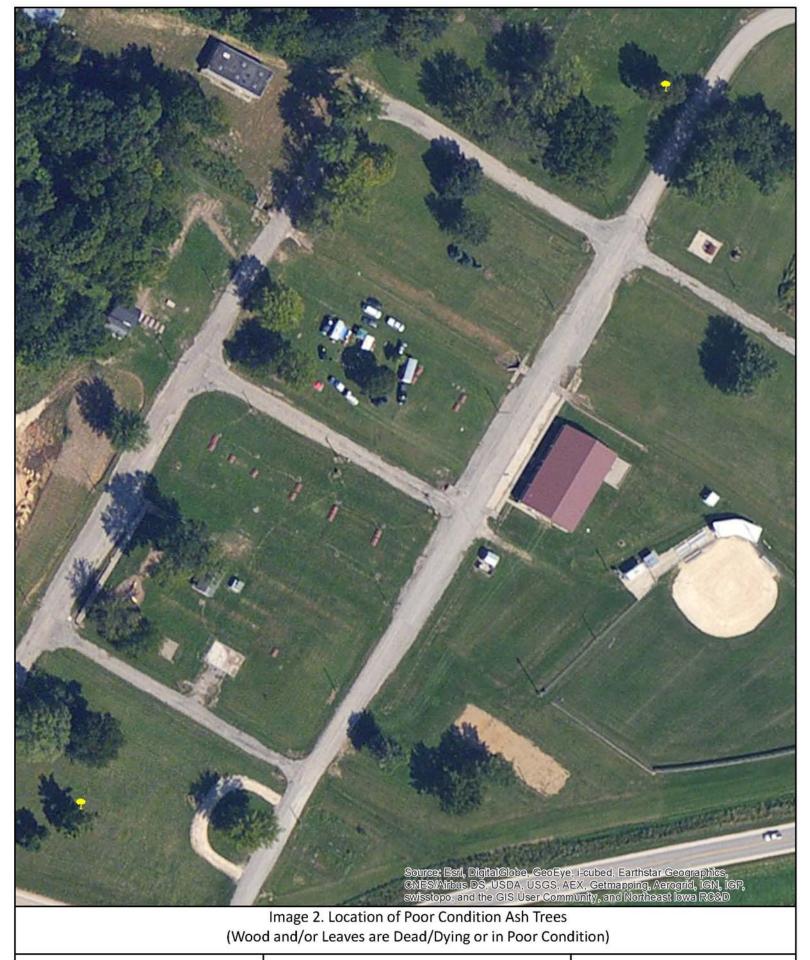
White ash

Ash Black ash

Elkport, Iowa

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Legend

Dead or Dying Poor

Elkport, Iowa





Legend

Critical Concern

Mature Tree **Immediate**



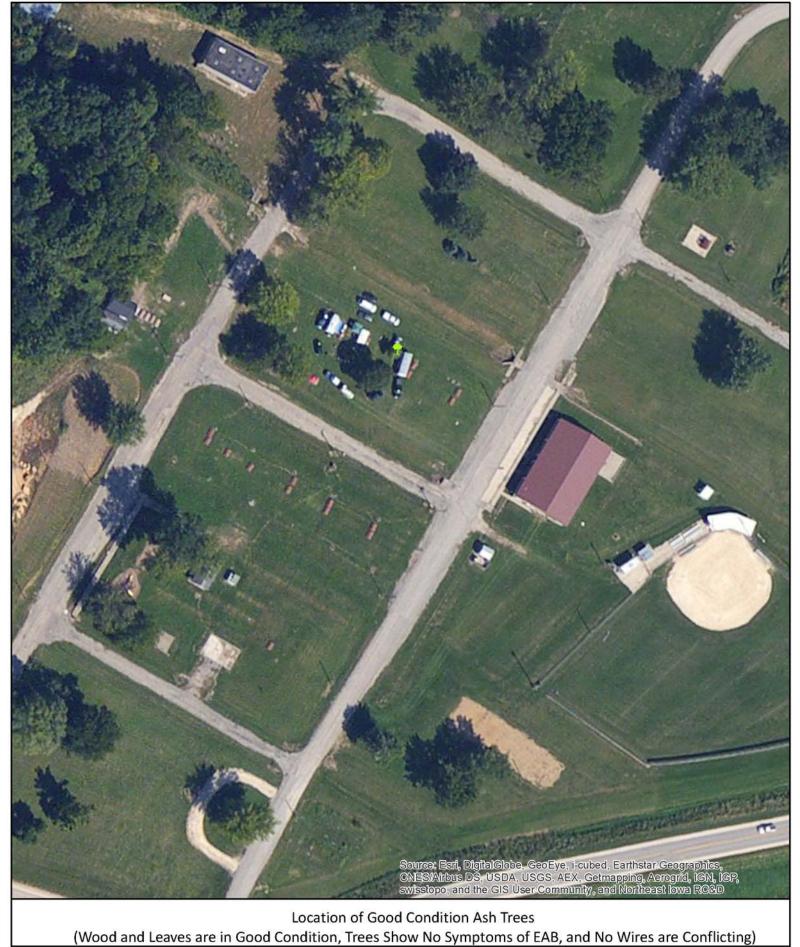
Mature Tree

Young Tree **Immediate** Young Tree Routine





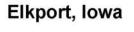




Legend • Green ash • Ash

Black ash

White ash





Appendix C: Suitable Shade Tree Lists

Shade Trees for Iowa

This document lists several shade tree selections suitable for the Iowa landscape. Nursery and landscape professionals have eliminated green, white, black, pumpkin, and blue ash from their inventories and designs since they are susceptible to the emerald ash borer, which kills ash trees. This destructive pest has been found in several states in the upper Midwest.

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<u>Deciduous Shade Trees</u>	Height/Width	Growth Habit
Alder <u>Manchurian alder</u> – <i>Alnus hirsuta</i>		
'Harbin' (Prairie Horizon ®)	40'/30'	Upright
Amur maackia – Maackia amurensis	25'/25'	Upright-spreading
Baldcypresses		
Baldcypress – Taxodium distichum 'Mickelson' (Shawnee Brave®) 'JFS-SGPN' (Green Whisper")	55'/20' 55'/30'	Narrow-pyramid Pyramidal
Birches		
Asian white birch – Betula platyphylla 'VerDale' (Prairie Vision®)	35'/30'	Upright-oval
<u>Gray birch</u> – <i>Betula populifolia</i> 'Whitespire Sr.'	40'/25'	Pyramidal-oval
<u>Hybrid birch</u> – Betula × 'Penci-2' (Royal Frost ®)	40'/25'	Pyramidal
River birch – Betula nigra 'Cully' (Heritage ®)	45'/30'	Oval
Whitebarked Himalayan birch – Betula in 'Madison' (White Satin)	atilis 35'/20'	Broadly-pyramidal

<u>Heig</u>	<u>ht/Width</u>	Growth Habit
Coffeetree		
<u>Kentucky coffeetree</u> – <i>Gymnocladus dioicus</i> 'Espresso'	50'/35'	Oval
Cork trees		
Cork tree - Phellodendron species		
'Longenecker' (Eye Stopper TM)	40'/35'	Rounded
'His Majesty'	40'/35'	Vase-shaped
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Elms		
American elm – Ulmus americana		
'Jefferson'	70'/50'	Vase-shaped
'Princeton'	60'/40'	Vase-shaped
'Lewis & Clark' (Prairie Expedition TM)		Umbrella-shaped
'New Harmony'	70'/70'	Vase-shaped
'Valley Forge'	70'/70'	Vase-shaped
Asian Elm Cultivars and Hybrids	70 - 17040 (100 1700 170 170 170 170 170 170 170 170	
'Morton' (Accolade TM)	70'/60'	Vase-shaped
'Morton Glossy' (Triumph TM)	55'/45'	Vase-shaped
'New Horizon'	55'/40'	Upright-oval
'Prospector'	40'/30'	Vase-shaped
'Discovery'	50'/40'	Vase-shaped
European and Eurasian Hybrid Elm Cultivars	501/401	Cui CC
'Patriot'	50'/40'	Stiff vase-shaped
Filbert		
Turkish filbert – Corylus colurna	40'/30'	Pyramidal
Turkish inocit – corytus comma	40/30	1 yranndar
Gingkoes		
<u>Ginkgo</u> – Ginkgo biloba		
'Autumn Gold'	45'/35'	Broadly-pyramidal
'Halka'	45'/40'	Oval
'Magyar'	60'/40'	Upright-oval
'PNI 2720' (Princeton Sentry®)	40'/15'	Narrow-pyramidal
'JFS-UGA2' (Golden Colonnade®)	45'/25'	Narrow-oval
'The President' (Presidential Gold ®)	50'/40'	Broadly-pyramidal
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Hackberries	Height/Width	Growth Habit
Hackberry – Celtis occidentalis		
'JFS-KSU1' (Prairie Sentinel [™])	45'/12'	Columnar
'Chicagoland'	50'/40'	Broadly-pyramidal
'Prairie Pride'	50'/40'	Oval
Traine Tride	30710	Ovar
Honeylocusts		
Honeylocust – Gleditsia triacanthos va	r. <i>inermis</i>	
'Draves' (Street Keeper TM)	45'/20'	Narrow-upright
'Harve' (Northern Acclaim [™])	45'/35'	Upright-spreading
'Skycole' (Skyline®)	50'/35'	Pyramidal
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Hornbeams		
European hornbeam – Carpinus betulus		
'JFS-KW1CB' (Emerald Avenu	(e^{\Re}) 40'/30'	Broadly-pyramidal
'Windy City'	45'/40'	Upright-spreading
Hophornbeam		
American hophornbeam – Ostrya virgir	niana 40'/25'	Upright-oval
TT1		
Horsechestnuts		
Common horsechestnut – Aesculus hipp 'Baumannii'	50'/40'	Broadly-oval
Daumanin	30/40	Dioadiy-ovai
Red horsechestnut – Aesculus × carnea		
'Briotii'	30'/35'	Round
'Fort McNair'	30'/30'	Round
1010111011101	20,20	Ttowns
Lindens		
American linden – Tilia americana		
'Boulevard'	60'/30'	Pyramidal
'Continental Appeal'	50'/30'	Narrow-oval
'Wandell' (Legend®)	40'/30'	Broad-pyramidal
'McKSentry' (American Sentry'	®) 45'/30'	Pyramidal
'Lincoln'	35'/25'	Pyramidal
'Redmond'	50'/35'	Pyramidal
<u>Hybrid Linden</u> – <i>Tilia</i> × <i>flavescens</i> (am		D 111
'Glenleven'	50'/30'	Pyramidal

	ght/Width	Growth Habit
<u>Littleleaf linden</u> – <i>Tilia cordata</i> 'Baileyi' (Shamrock ®)	40'/30'	Dyromidal
'Corzam' (Corinthian®)	45'/15'	Pyramidal Narrow-pyramid
'Ronald' (Norlin ™)	40'/30'	Pyramidal
Ronaid (Noriii)	40730	i yrailiidai
Mongolian linden – Tilia mongolica		
'Harvest Gold'	30-40'/25-30'	Upright-oval
Silver linden – Tilia tomentosa		
'PNI 6051' (Green Mountain ®)	45'/35'	Broad-pyramidal
'Sterling'	45'/35'	Broad-pyramidal
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Magnolias	50 001/40 601	TT ' 1 / 1
Cucumbertree – $Magnolia$ acuminata	50-80'/40-60'	Upright-oval
Maples		
Black maple – Acer nigrum	60'/60'	Round-spreading
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<u>Freeman maple</u> – Acer × freemanii		
'Jeffersred' (Autumn Blaze®)	50'/45'	Broadly-oval
'DTR 102' (Autumn Fantasy®)	40'/30'	Broadly-oval
'Marmo'	50'/30'	Upright-oval
'Bailston' (Matador ™)	40'/30'	Upright-oval
'Morgan' ('Indian Summer')	45'/40'	Rounded
'Sienna' (Sienna Glen ®)	45'/35'	Pyramidal
'UMNAF#1' (Firefall[™])	50'/30'	Upright-oval
Hybrid monla Acoustmy acatamy a platamoida	~	
<u>Hybrid maple</u> – Acer truncatum × platanoides 'Warrenred' (Pacific Sunset ®)	30'/25'	Upright-spreading
'JFS-KW202' (Crimson Sunset ")	35'/25'	Upright-oval
of St NV 202 (Climson Sunset)	33/23	Oprignt over
Miyabe maple – Acer miyabei		
'Morton' (State Street [™])	45'/30'	Upright-oval
'JFS-KW3AMI' (Rugged Ridge [™])	55'/40'	Upright-oval
Norway maple – Acer platanoides		
'Columnarbroad' (Parkway®)	40'/25'	Oval
'Deborah'	45'/40'	Rounded
'Emerald Queen'	50'/40'	Oval-upright
'Ezestre' (Easy Street [™])	40'/20'	Narrow-pyramidal
'Fairview'	45'/35'	Upright-oval

		Height/Width	Growth Habit
	'Pond' (Emerald Lustre [™])	45'/40'	Rounded
	'Princeton Gold'	35'/30'	Oval
	Red maple – Acer rubrum		
	'Bailcraig' (Scarlet Jewell ™)	50'/30'	Upright
	'Franksred' (Red Sunset®)	45'/35'	Upright-oval
	'Magnificent Magenta' (Burgundy Belle	[®]) 50'/40'	Oval
	'Frank Jr.' (Redpointe ™)	45'/30'	Pyramidal
	'New World'	40'/20'	Narrow-oval
	'Polara' (Rubyfrost ™)	45'/40'	Broadly-oval
	'Somerset'	45'/35'	Broadly-oval
į	Sugar maple – Acer saccharum		
	'Autumn Splendor'	45'/40'	Broadly-oval
	'JFS-KW8' (Autumn Fest [™])	50'/35'	Upright-oval
	'JFS-Caddo2' (Flashfire TM)	45'/40'	Broadly-oval
		50'/50'	
	'Bailsta' (Fall Fiesta [™]) 'Commemoration'		Upright-rounded Oval-rounded
		50'/35'	
	'Endowment'	50'/20'	Columnar
	'Legacy'	50'/35'	Oval
	'Morton' (Crescendo)	40'/30'	Broadly-oval
	'Green Mountain'	45'/35'	Broadly-oval
Planetr	ees		
10	London planetree – <i>Platanus</i> × <i>acerifolia</i>		
	'Bloodgood'	50'/40'	Broadly-pyramidal
	'Morton Circle' (Exclamation [™])	55'/35'	Upright-pyramidal
Oaks			
	Bur oak – Quercus macrocarpa	50-80'/40-80'	Spreading
9,	'JFS-KW3' (Urban Pinnacle™)	55'/25'	Narrow-pyramidal
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a	Chinkapin oak <i>– Quercus muehlenbergii</i>	45'/45'	Round
154 114	English/white oak – Quercus bimundorum		
	'Crimschmidt' (Crimson Spire™)	45'/15'	Columnar
	'Midwest' (Prairie Stature ^{†M})	50'/40'	Broadly-pyramidal
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	<u> Hybrid oak – Quercus ×</u>		
	'Clemons' (Heritage ®)	40-50'/40-50'	Broadly-pyramidal
	'Long' (Regal Prince®)	45'/18'	Narrow-oval
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		Height/Width	Growth Habit
	Red oak – Quercus rubra	60-75'/60'	Spreading
	Shingle oak – Quercus imbricaria	50'/40'	Broadly-oval
	Swamp white oak – Quercus bicolor	60'/60'	Round
	White oak – Quercus alba	50-70'/40-80'	Spreading
S	weetgums <u>Sweetgum – Liquidambar styraciflua</u> 'Clydesform' (Emerald Sentinel [®]) 'Moraine'	30'/12' 40'/25'	Narrow-pyramid Pyramidal

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<u>Deciduous Small-stature Trees</u>	Height/Width	Growth Habit
Amur maackia – Maackia amurensis	20'/20'	Upright-spreading
Cherries		
Sargent cherry – Prunus sargentii		
'JFS-KW58' (Pink Flair ®)	25'/15'	Upright
'Hokkaido Normandale' (Spring Wonde	(25'/20')	Upright-spreading
Crabapples – Malus species		
'Adirondack'	18'/12'	Vase-shaped
'Beeson' (May's Delight®)	8'/8'	Upright-spreading
'Hub Tures' (Spring Sensation **)	10'/12'	Wide-spreading
'JFS-KW5' (Royal Raindrops®)	20'/15'	Upright-spreading
'Malusquest' (Pink Sparkles®)	15'/12'	Upright
'Orange Crush'	15'/15'	Round-spreading
Dogwoods		
Corneliancherry dogwood – Cornus mas	20'/20'	Round-spreading
<u>Gray dogwood</u> – Cornus racemosa		
'Jade' (Snow Mantle™)	15'/8'	Upright-spreading
Pagoda dogwood – Cornus alternifolia	20'/20'	Spreading

Hophornbeams	Height/Width	Growth Habit
American hophornbeam – Ostrya virginiana	25'/20'	Upright-spreading
Hornbeams		
<u>American hornbeam</u> – <i>Carpinus caroliniana</i> 'J.N. Strain'	25'/25'	Spreading
'J.N. Upright' (Firespire TM)	20'/10'	Upright
Lilacs <u>Japanese tree lilac</u> – Syringa reticulata		
'Bailnce' (Snowdance TM)	18'/20'	Round-spreading
'Ivory Silk'	25'/15'	Upright
Pekin lilac – Syringa reticulata subsp. pekinensi		
'Morton' (China Snow®)	20'/20' 20'/15'	Upright-spreading
'SunDak' (Copper Curls®)	20/13	Upright-spreading
Magnolias		
$\underline{\text{Loebner magnolia}} - Magnolia \times loebneri$		
'Merrill'	25'/25'	Upright-spreading
'Ruth' (Spring Welcome®)	20'/20'	Round-spreading
Maples		
<u>Tatarian maple</u> – <i>Acer tataricum</i> 'GarAnn' (Hot Wings[®])	20'/25'	Round-spreading
		Round-spreading
Three-flower maple – Acer triflorum	25'/25'	Upright-spreading
Pears		
<u>Callery pear</u> – <i>Pyrus calleryana</i> 'Glen's Form' (Chanticleer ®)	40'/15'	Narrow-pyramid
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<u>Ussurian pear</u> – <i>Pyrus ussuriensis</i> 'MorDak' (Prairie Gem ®)	25'/20'	Oval
'Bailfrost' (Mountain Frost®)	20'/15'	Upright-oval
Redbud		Apper designed
American redbud - Cercis canadensis		
'Pink Trim' (Northern Herald ™)	25'/25'	Spreading

Serviceberries

Allegheny serviceberry – Amelanchier laevis 'Cumulus' 'JFS-Arb' (Spring Flurry ®)	20'/15' 28'/20'	Upright-spreading Upright-oval
Apple serviceberry – Amelanchier × grandiflora 'Autumn Brilliance' 'Strata'	20'/15' 20'/20'	Upright-spreading Horizontal

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