

Guthrie Center, IA



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Executive Summary

Overview

This plan was developed to assist the City of Guthrie Center 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 17% of Guthrie Center'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 street and park trees. Below are some key findings of the 228 trees inventoried.

- Guthrie Center's trees provide \$47,772 of benefits annually, an average of \$210 a tree
- There are over 22 species of trees
- The top three genus are: Maple 52%, Ash 17%, and Hackberry 7%
- 61% of trees are in need of some type of management
- 5 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 5 trees needing removal, one tree is 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*
- 35 of the 39 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, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Siberian elm, evergreens, willows, or black walnut
- Check ash trees with a visual survey yearly
- With the current budget it would take several years to remove ash – Suggestion: request a budget increase to \$5,900 annually and apply for grants to plant replacement trees

Introduction

This plan was developed to assist Guthrie Center 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 Guthrie Center, these costs can be extended over years and public safety issues from dead and dying ash trees mitigated.

Trees are an important component of Guthrie Center'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 Guthrie Center 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 Guthrie Center's urban forestry goals.

Inventory

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

The data collected for the 228 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. Findings

Annual Benefits

Annual Energy Benefits

Trees conserve energy by shading buildings and blocking winds. Guthrie Center's trees reduce energy related costs by approximately \$12,645 annually (Appendix A, Table 1). These savings are both in Electricity (60.6 MWh) and in Natural Gas (8,209.3 Therms).

Annual Stormwater Benefits

Guthrie Center's trees intercept about 640,910 gallons of rainfall or snow melt a year (Appendix A, Table 2). This interception provides \$17,370 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 Guthrie Center, it is estimated that trees remove 750.6 lbs of air pollution (ozone (O₃), particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀), carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂)) per year with a net value of \$2,100 (Appendix A, Table 3).

Annual Carbon Benefits

Carbon sequestration and storage reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, mitigating climate change. In Guthrie Center, trees sequester about 236,687 lbs of carbon a year with an associated value of \$1,775 (Appendix A, Table 5). In addition, the trees store 2,258,713 lbs of carbon, with a yearly benefit of \$16,940 (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. Guthrie Center receives \$13,881 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, Guthrie Center's trees provide \$47,772 of benefits annually. Benefits of individual trees vary based on size, species, health and location, but on average each of the 228 trees in Guthrie Center provide approximately \$210 annually (Appendix A, Table 7).

Forest Structure

Species Distribution

Guthrie Center has over 22 different tree species along city streets and parks (Appendix A, Figure 1).

The distribution of trees by genus is as follows:

Maple	118	52%
Ash	39	17%
Hackberry	17	7%
Oak	15	7%
Walnut	11	5%
Linden/Basswood	9	4%
Apple (Crab)	6	3%
Spruce	3	1%
Honeylocust	2	<1%
Pear	2	<1%
Siberian Elm	2	<1%
Austrian pine	1	<1%
Hickory	1	<1%
Catalpa	1	<1%
Redbud	1	<1%

Age Class

Most of Guthrie Center's trees (49%) are between 18 and 30 inches in diameter at 4.5 ft (Appendix A, Figure 2). For age, it is preferred that the highest amounts of trees are in the smaller size categories (a downward slope) to prepare for natural mortality and to maintain canopy cover. Guthrie Center's size curve is on the larger side, indicating an older 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 Guthrie Center indicate that 98% of the trees are in good health, with only 2% in fair health, and no foliage in poor health, dead or dying (Appendix A, Figure 3 & Appendix B, Figure 3). Similarly, 83% of Guthrie Center'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 5% of the population. This 5% 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	117	51%
Tree Staking	8	4%
Crown Raising	6	3%
Tree Removal	5	2%
Crown Reduction	3	1%

Canopy Cover

The canopy cover of Guthrie Center is approximately 7 acres (Appendix A, Figure 4). According to the 2000 census, Guthrie Center occupies 1,581 acres. Thus the canopy cover on city land is less than 1%.

Land Use and Location

The majority of Guthrie Center's city and park trees are in planting strips in single family residential neighborhoods (Appendix A, Figure 6 & Appendix A, Figure7). The following describes the land use and locations for the street and park trees.

Land Use

Single family residential	91%
Park/vacant/other	6%
Industrial/Large commercial	1%
Small commercial	<1%
Multifamily residential	<1%

Location

Planting strip	100%
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Recommendations

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

Guthrie Center has 3 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 is one tree 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 12 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). None of the 5 removals are ash trees. There are a total of 39 ash trees, and 35 of those have signs and symptoms that have been associated with EAB. In addition, there are 12 trees that are in poor health. *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 Guthrie Center.

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 (52%) (Appendix A, Figure 1). Maples 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, Siberian elm, evergreens, willows, 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: 11 trees - 3 critical concern trees, plus 2 others recommended for removal
- Planting and Replacement: 12 trees to be planted in open locations
- Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

Years 2 through 6

- Removal: 7-8 trees each year – new critical concern trees and ash trees in poor health
- Planting and Replacement: 8 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 44 = \$22,000). Estimated cost for replacement plantings is \$150 per tree (multiplied by 52 = \$7,800). Estimated trimming cost is \$1,200 in years 2,4, and 6 (\$3,600 total) and watering and maintenance cost is estimated at \$350 annually (\$2,100 total). Grand total of estimated urban forestry costs equals \$35,500. 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 \$5,900 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

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.

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, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Siberian elm, evergreens, willows, 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

Proposed Budget

Total \$35,500 over 6 years (about \$5,900/year on average)

FY 2014 Budget

Removal: \$2,500

Planting: \$1,800

Watering & Maintenance: \$350

FY 2015-2019 Budget

Removal: \$3,500 to \$4,000 annually

Planting: \$1,200 annually

Routine trimming: \$1,200 in each of the years 2015, 2017, and 2019

Watering & Maintenance: \$350 each year

Purposed Budget Increase

As stated earlier, total estimated costs of a 6 year period are \$35,500. Part of this cost could be reduced if Guthrie Center applies for grants to help 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

Guthrie Center

Annual Energy Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/14/2014

Species	Total Electricity (MWh)	Electricity (\$)	Total Natural Gas (Therms)	Natural Gas (\$)	Total (\$)	Standard Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Sugar maple	19.3	1,468	2,597.6	2,546	4,013	(N/A)	29.8	31.7	59.02
Green ash	10.8	823	1,481.8	1,452	2,275	(N/A)	16.7	18.0	59.87
Silver maple	7.8	592	1,013.9	994	1,586	(N/A)	11.8	12.5	58.74
Norway maple	4.7	357	668.4	655	1,012	(N/A)	8.8	8.0	50.60
Northern hackberry	6.4	484	899.9	882	1,366	(N/A)	7.5	10.8	80.36
Pin oak	3.5	269	487.4	478	747	(N/A)	4.8	5.9	67.87
Black walnut	1.9	141	232.4	228	369	(N/A)	3.5	2.9	46.10
Littleleaf linden	1.5	113	185.5	182	295	(N/A)	3.1	2.3	42.13
Apple	0.4	27	55.4	54	82	(N/A)	2.6	0.7	13.61
Northern red oak	0.9	67	120.9	119	186	(N/A)	1.8	1.5	46.38
Red maple	0.3	20	38.2	37	57	(N/A)	1.3	0.5	19.00
Eastern red cedar	0.3	25	49.3	48	74	(N/A)	1.3	0.6	24.57
Other street trees	2.8	214	378.6	371	585	(N/A)	7.0	4.6	36.55
Citywide total	60.6	4,600	8,209.3	8,045	12,645	(N/A)	100.0	100.0	55.46

Table 2: Annual Stormwater Benefits

Guthrie Center

Annual Stormwater Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/14/2014

Species	Total rainfall interception (Gal)	Total (\$)	Standard Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Sugar maple	217,143	5,885	(N/A)	29.8	33.9	86.54
Green ash	112,835	3,058	(N/A)	16.7	17.6	80.48
Silver maple	98,723	2,676	(N/A)	11.8	15.4	99.10
Norway maple	38,982	1,056	(N/A)	8.8	6.1	52.82
Northern hackberry	66,790	1,810	(N/A)	7.5	10.4	106.48
Pin oak	37,423	1,014	(N/A)	4.8	5.8	92.20
Black walnut	15,384	417	(N/A)	3.5	2.4	52.12
Littleleaf linden	11,301	306	(N/A)	3.1	1.8	43.75
Apple	1,279	35	(N/A)	2.6	0.2	5.78
Northern red oak	8,301	225	(N/A)	1.8	1.3	56.24
Red maple	1,388	38	(N/A)	1.3	0.2	12.54
Eastern red cedar	4,903	133	(N/A)	1.3	0.8	44.30
Other street trees	26,460	717	(N/A)	7.0	4.1	44.82
Citywide total	640,910	17,370	(N/A)	100.0	100.0	76.18

**Table 3: Annual Air Quality Benefits
Guthrie Center**

Annual Air Quality Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/14/2014

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 ₃	NO ₂	PM ₁₀	SO ₂		NO ₂	PM ₁₀	VOC	SO ₂							
Sugar maple	28.8	4.9	14.3	1.3	156	91.8	13.4	12.8	87.6	573	-22.6	-85	232.3	644 (N/A)	29.8	9.47
Green ash	13.1	2.1	6.4	0.6	70	51.7	7.5	7.2	49.1	322	0.0	0	137.7	392 (N/A)	16.7	10.33
Silver maple	15.6	2.6	7.8	0.7	85	36.7	5.4	5.1	35.3	230	-8.4	-32	100.8	283 (N/A)	11.8	10.47
Norway maple	7.4	1.3	3.7	0.3	40	22.7	3.3	3.1	21.3	141	-1.8	-7	61.4	174 (N/A)	8.8	8.71
Northern hackberry	11.0	1.9	5.5	0.5	60	30.8	4.5	4.2	28.9	191	0.0	0	87.3	251 (N/A)	7.5	14.75
Pin oak	6.3	1.1	3.2	0.3	34	16.9	2.5	2.3	16.0	105	-11.7	-44	36.9	96 (N/A)	4.8	8.71
Black walnut	1.5	0.2	0.8	0.1	8	8.7	1.3	1.2	8.4	55	0.0	0	22.3	63 (N/A)	3.5	7.87
Littleleaf linden	1.7	0.3	0.9	0.1	9	7.0	1.0	1.0	6.8	44	-0.9	-3	17.8	50 (N/A)	3.1	7.11
Apple	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	2	1.8	0.3	0.2	1.6	11	0.0	0	4.4	13 (N/A)	2.6	2.10
Northern red oak	1.7	0.3	0.8	0.1	9	4.2	0.6	0.6	4.0	26	-2.4	-9	9.9	26 (N/A)	1.8	6.61
Red maple	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	1	1.3	0.2	0.2	1.2	8	-0.1	0	3.0	8 (N/A)	1.3	2.80
Eastern red cedar	1.0	0.2	0.8	0.1	7	1.6	0.2	0.2	1.5	10	-2.7	-10	3.1	7 (N/A)	1.3	2.19
Other street trees	3.7	0.6	2.1	0.2	21	13.4	2.0	1.9	12.8	83	-2.9	-11	33.7	93 (N/A)	7.0	5.84
Citywide total	92.3	15.7	46.6	4.2	502	288.5	42.1	40.1	274.6	1,799	-53.5	-201	750.6	2,100 (N/A)	100.0	9.21

**Table 4: Annual Carbon Stored
Guthrie Center**

Stored CO2 Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/14/2014

Species	Total Stored CO2 (lbs)	Total (\$)	Standard Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Sugar maple	825,695	6,193	(N/A)	29.8	36.6	91.07
Green ash	420,978	3,157	(N/A)	16.7	18.6	83.09
Silver maple	347,011	2,603	(N/A)	11.8	15.4	96.39
Norway maple	120,794	906	(N/A)	8.8	5.4	45.30
Northern	170,784	1,281	(N/A)	7.5	7.6	75.35
Pin oak	158,970	1,192	(N/A)	4.8	7.0	108.39
Black walnut	50,090	376	(N/A)	3.5	2.2	46.96
Littleleaf linden	36,809	276	(N/A)	3.1	1.6	39.44
Apple	5,058	38	(N/A)	2.6	0.2	6.32
Northern red oak	35,270	265	(N/A)	1.8	1.6	66.13
Red maple	2,420	18	(N/A)	1.3	0.1	6.05
Eastern red cedar	3,306	25	(N/A)	1.3	0.2	8.27
Other street trees	36,981	611	(N/A)	7.0	3.6	38.22
Citywide total	2,258,713	16,940	(N/A)	100.0	100.0	74.30

Table 5: Annual Carbon Sequestered

Guthrie Center

Annual CO₂ Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/14/2014

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
Sugar maple	43,447	326	-3,963	-13	-30	32,433	243	71,904	539 (N/A)	29.8	30.4	7.93
Green ash	26,134	196	-2,021	-7	-15	18,183	136	42,289	317 (N/A)	16.7	17.9	8.35
Silver maple	28,576	214	-1,666	-5	-13	13,094	98	39,999	300 (N/A)	11.8	16.9	11.11
Norway maple	7,873	59	-580	-4	-4	7,890	59	15,179	114 (N/A)	8.8	6.4	5.69
Northern hackberry	8,355	63	-820	-3	-6	10,704	80	18,236	137 (N/A)	7.5	7.7	8.05
Pin oak	15,368	115	-763	-2	-6	5,944	45	20,547	154 (N/A)	4.8	8.7	14.01
Black walnut	4,015	30	-240	-2	-2	3,118	23	6,890	52 (N/A)	3.5	2.9	6.46
Littleleaf linden	4,204	32	-177	-1	-1	2,499	19	6,524	49 (N/A)	3.1	2.8	6.99
Apple	551	4	-24	-1	0	605	5	1,130	8 (N/A)	2.6	0.5	1.41
Northern red oak	1,045	8	-169	-1	-1	1,481	11	2,356	18 (N/A)	1.8	1.0	4.42
Red maple	369	3	-12	-1	0	432	3	789	6 (N/A)	1.3	0.3	1.97
Eastern red cedar	86	1	-16	-1	0	561	4	630	5 (N/A)	1.3	0.3	1.57
Other street trees	5,885	44	-391	-3	-3	4,723	35	10,214	77 (N/A)	7.0	4.3	4.79
Citywide total	145,908	1,094	-10,842	-44	-82	101,665	762	236,687	1,775 (N/A)	100.0	100.0	7.79

Table 6: Annual Social and Aesthetic Benefits

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Annual Aesthetic/Other Benefits of Public Trees by Species

3/14/2014

Species	Total (\$)	Standard Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Sugar maple	4,490	(N/A)	29.8	32.4	66.03
Green ash	2,182	(N/A)	16.7	15.7	57.42
Silver maple	2,386	(N/A)	11.8	17.2	88.36
Norway maple	760	(N/A)	8.8	5.5	38.01
Northern hackberry	1,063	(N/A)	7.5	7.7	62.51
Pin oak	1,228	(N/A)	4.8	8.9	111.67
Black walnut	375	(N/A)	3.5	2.7	46.90
Littleleaf linden	437	(N/A)	3.1	3.2	62.37
Apple	30	(N/A)	2.6	0.2	5.07
Northern red oak	79	(N/A)	1.8	0.6	19.75
Red maple	67	(N/A)	1.3	0.5	22.32
Eastern red cedar	27	(N/A)	1.3	0.2	9.12
Other street trees	757	(N/A)	7.0	5.5	47.29
Citywide total	13,881	(N/A)	100.0	100.0	60.88

Table 7: Summary of Benefits in Dollars
Average Annual Benefits of Public Trees by Species

Species	Energy	CO2	Air Quality	Stormwater	Aesthetic/Other	Total (\$)	Standard Error	% of Total \$
Sugar maple	4,013	539	644	5,885	4,490	\$15,571.61	(±0)	32.60
Green ash	2,275	317	392	3,058	2,182	\$8,224.63	(±0)	17.22
Silver maple	1,586	300	283	2,676	2,386	\$7,230.04	(±0)	15.13
Norway maple	1,012	114	174	1,056	760	\$3,116.72	(±0)	6.52
Northern hackberry	1,366	137	251	1,810	1,063	\$4,626.56	(±0)	9.68
Pin oak	747	154	96	1,014	1,228	\$3,239.01	(±0)	6.78
Black walnut	369	52	63	417	375	\$1,275.52	(±0)	2.67
Littleleaf linden	295	49	50	306	437	\$1,136.44	(±0)	2.38
Apple	82	8	13	35	30	\$167.78	(±0)	0.35
Northern red oak	186	18	26	225	79	\$533.60	(±0)	1.12
Red maple	57	6	8	38	67	\$175.89	(±0)	0.37
Eastern red cedar	74	5	7	133	27	\$245.25	(±0)	0.51
Other street trees	585	77	93	717	757	\$2,228.64	(±0)	4.67
Citywide total	12,645	1,775	2,100	17,370	13,881	\$47,771.68	(±0)	100.00

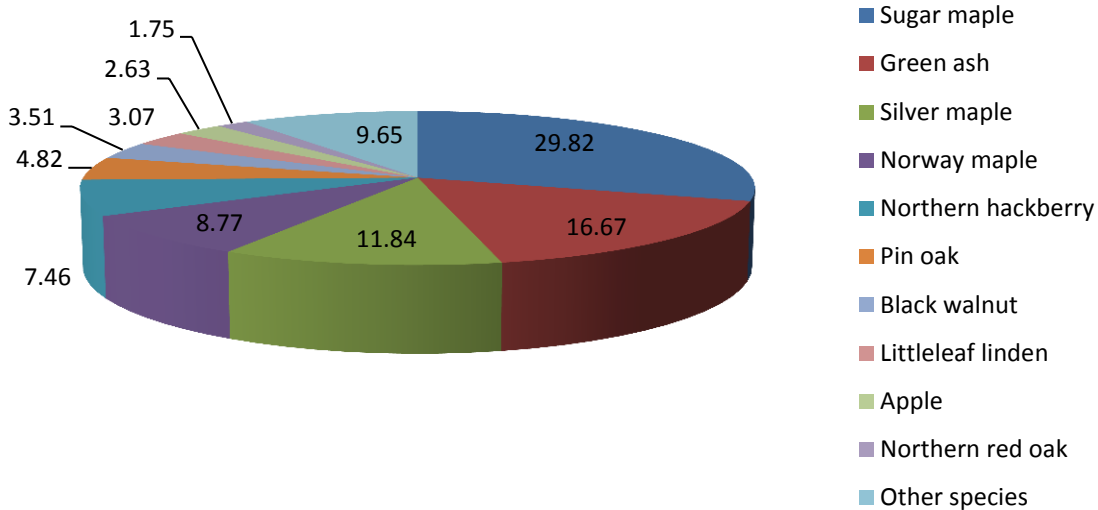


Figure 1: Species Distribution

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

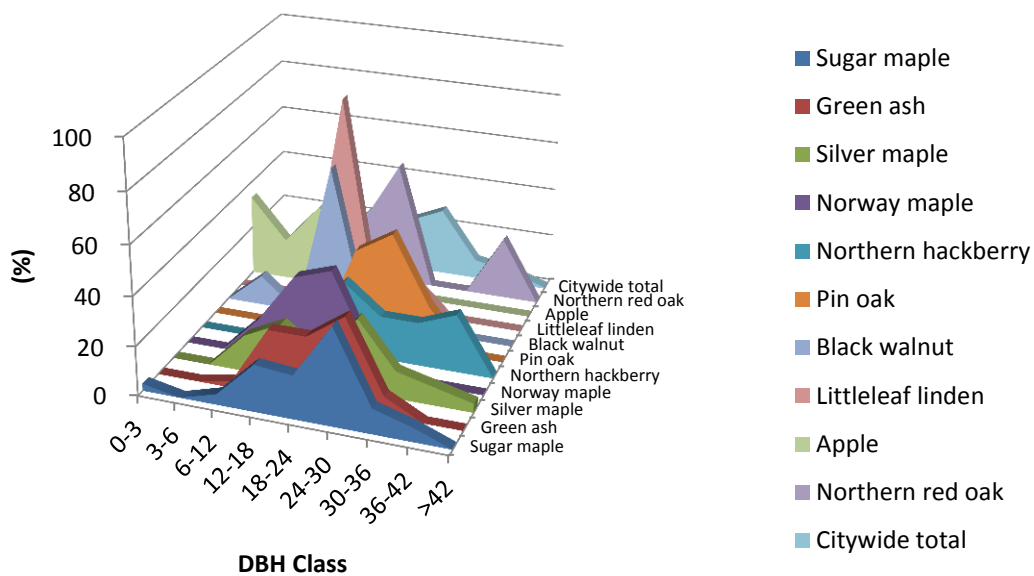


Figure 2: Relative Age Class

Leaf Condition

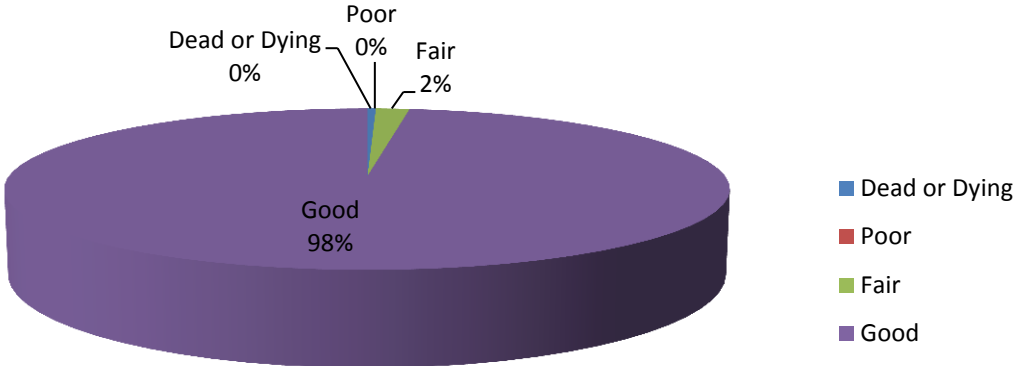


Figure 3: Foliage Condition

Wood Condition

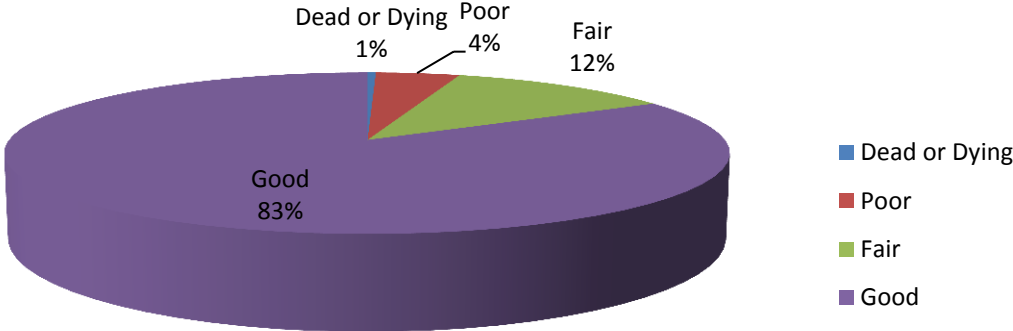


Figure 4: Wood Condition

Canopy Cover

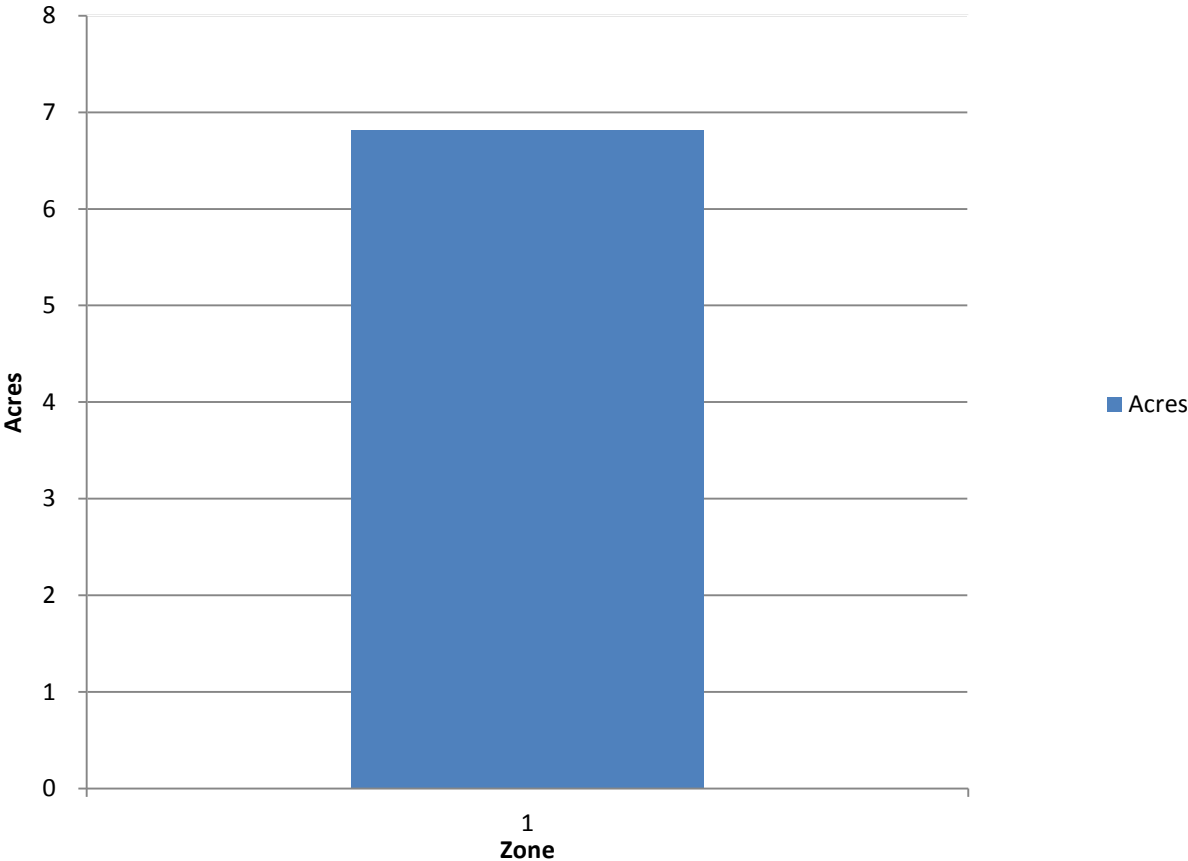


Figure 5: Canopy Cover in Acres

Land use Public Trees by Zone (%)

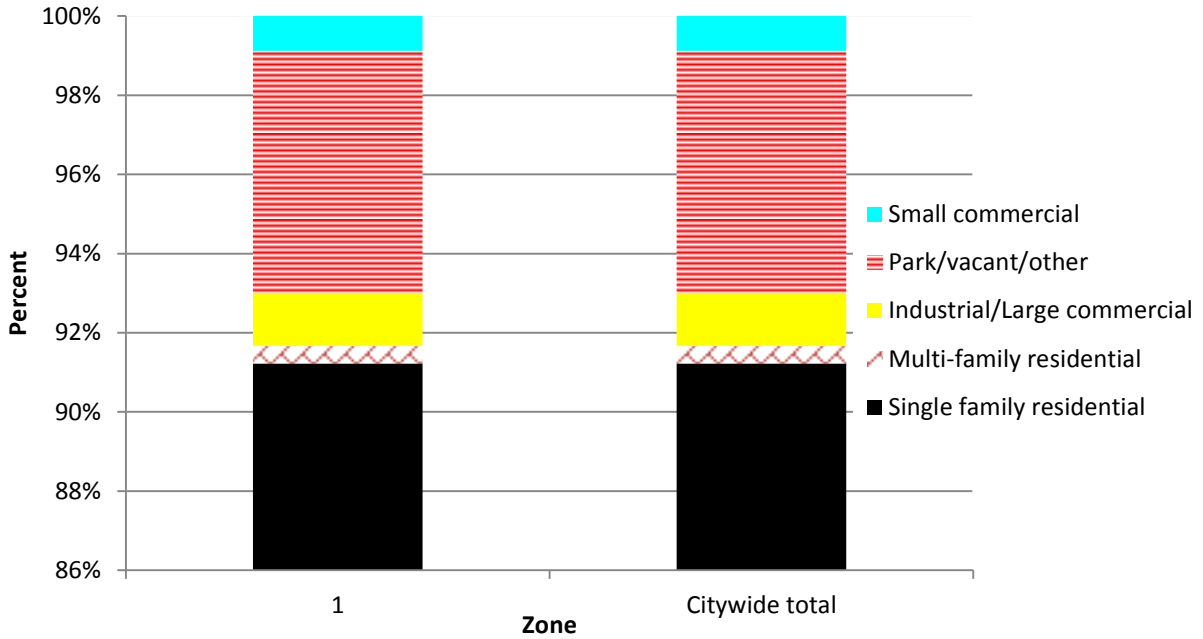


Figure 6: Land Use of city/park trees

Location Public Trees by Zone (%)

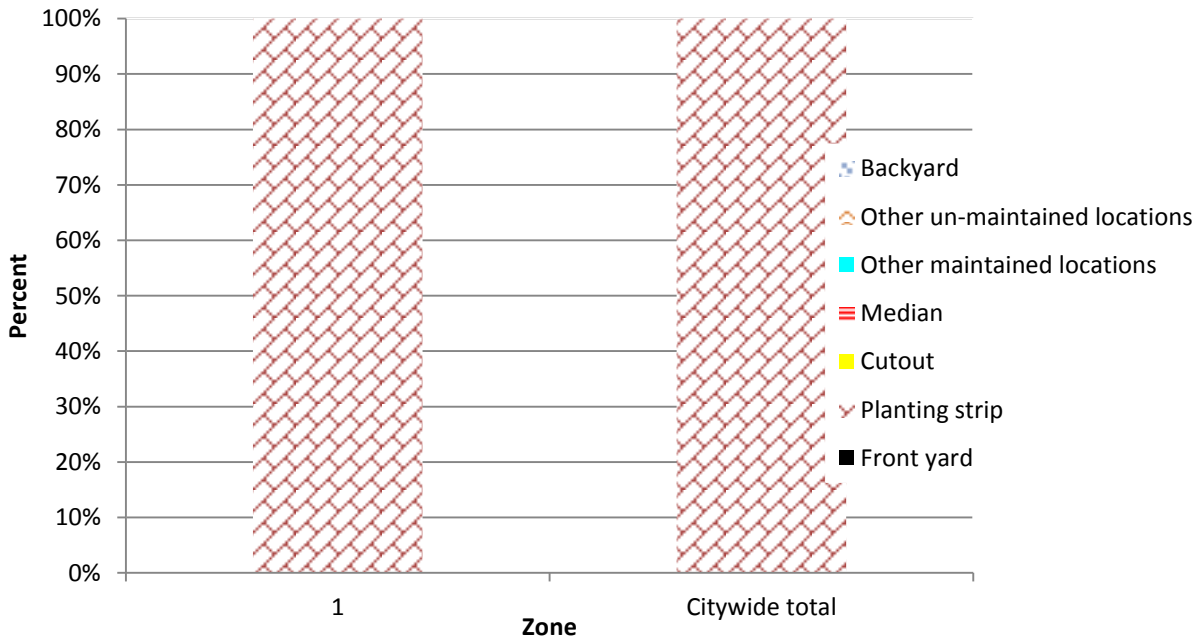


Figure 7: Location of city/park trees

Appendix B: ArcGIS Mapping



Figure 1: Location of Ash Trees

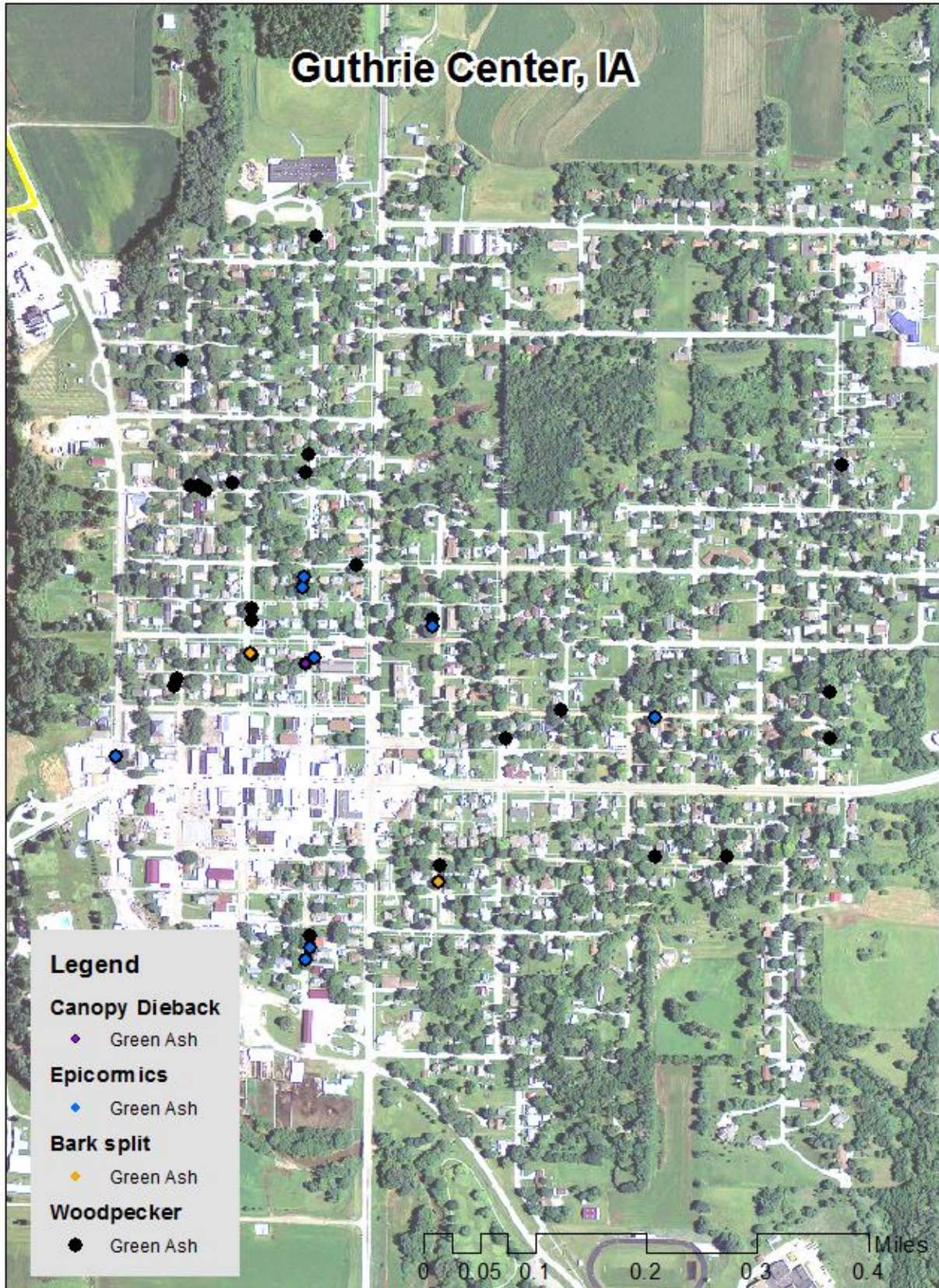


Figure 2: Location of EAB symptoms

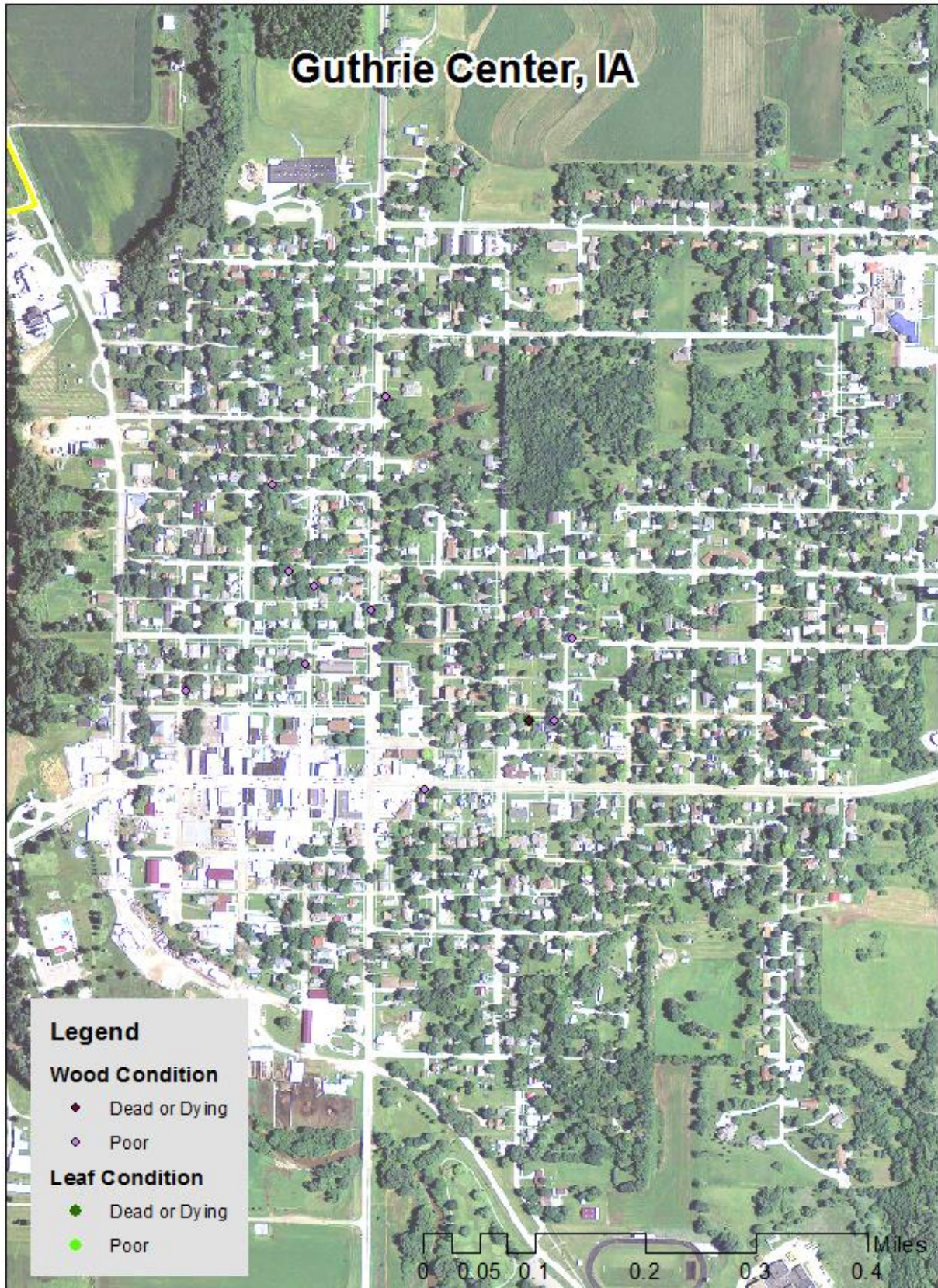


Figure 3: Location of Poor Condition Trees

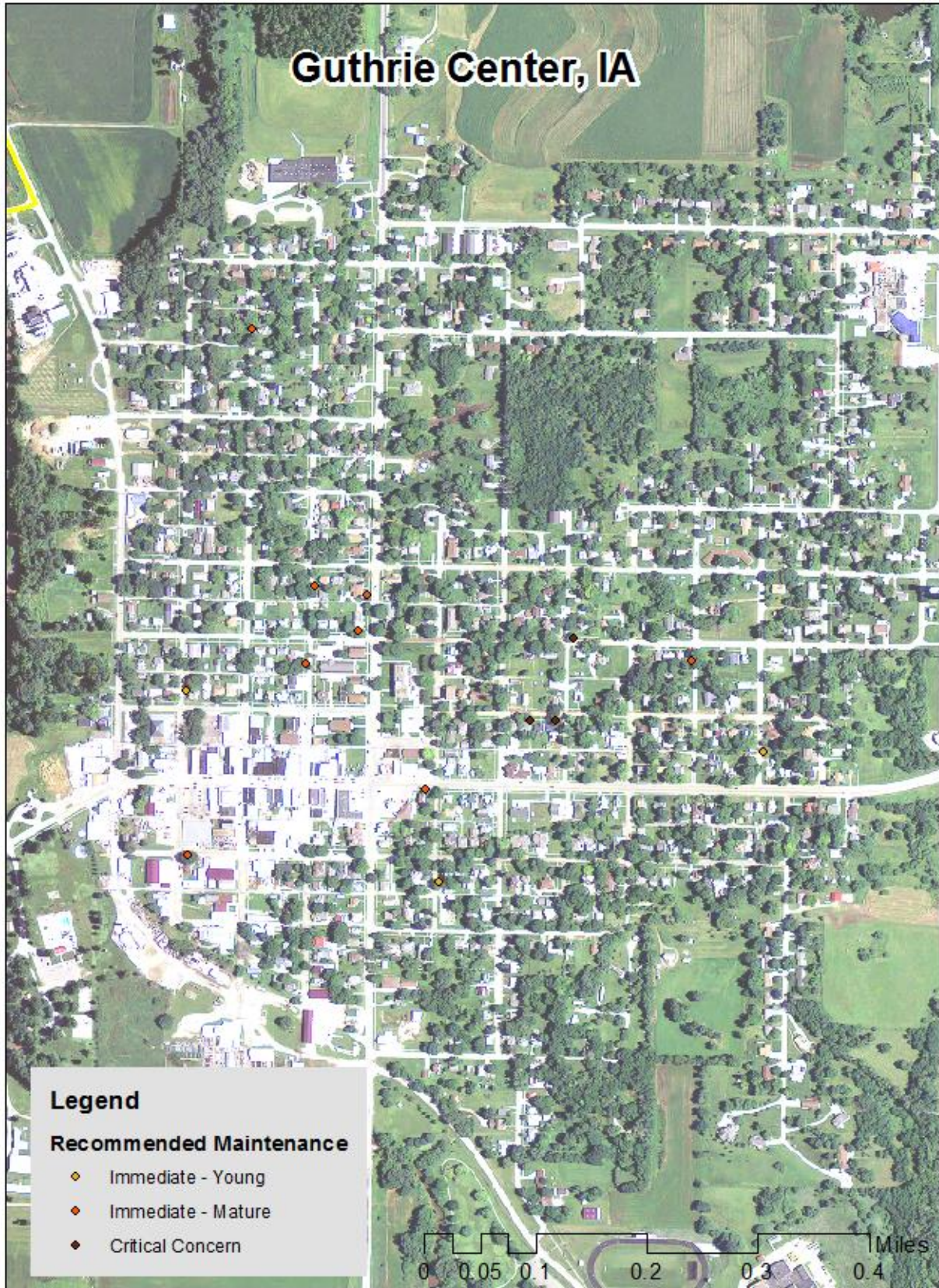


Figure 4: Location of Trees with Recommended Maintenance

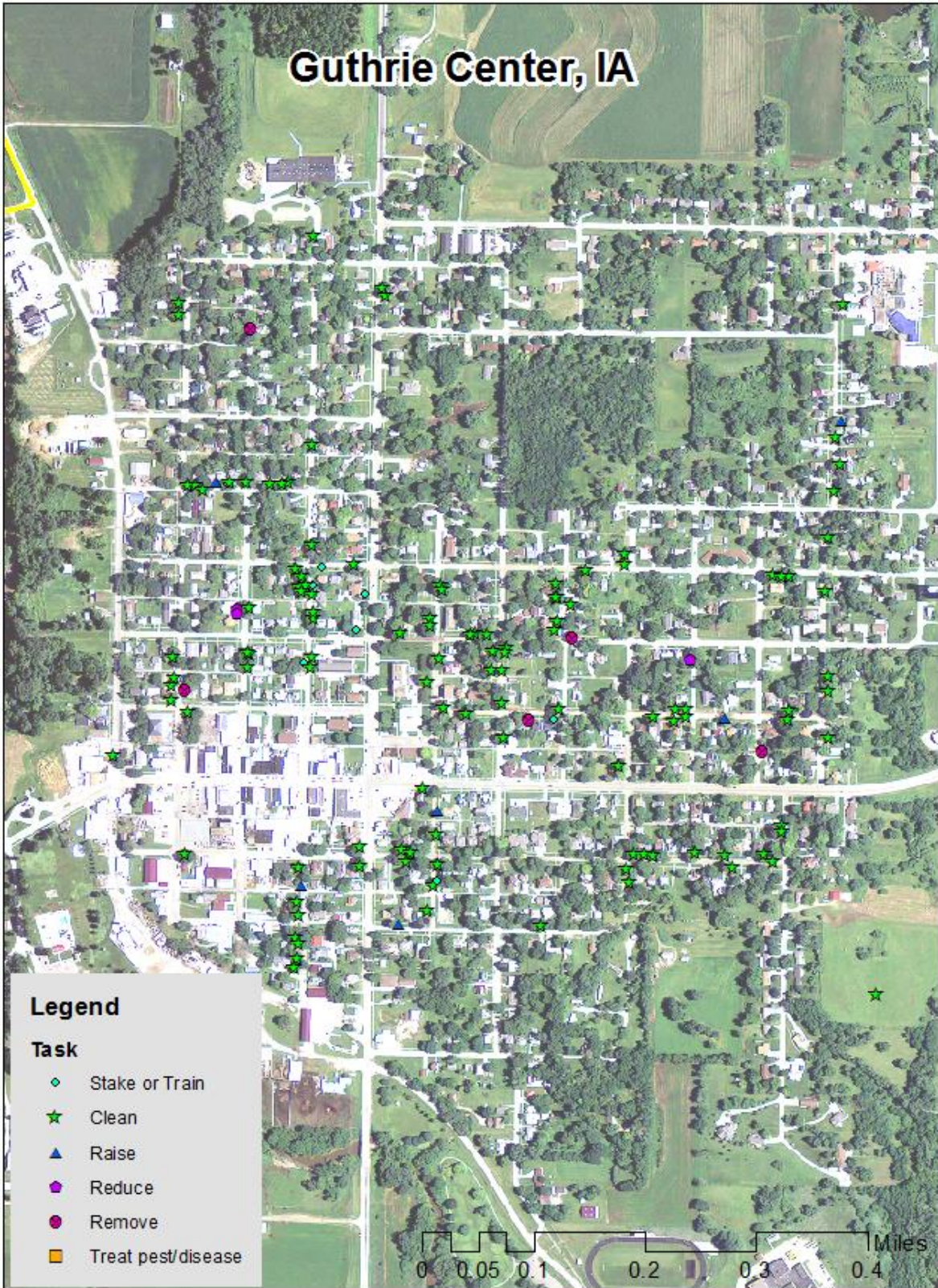


Figure 5: Maintenance Tasks *City ownership of the trees recommended for removal should be verified prior to any removal*

Appendix C: Sample City Tree Ordinances

CHAPTER 151 TREES AND GRASS

151.01 Definition 151.05 Disease Control
151.02 Planting Restrictions 151.06 Inspection and Removal
151.03 Duty to Trim Trees 151.07 Cutting or Mowing of Grass
151.04 Trimming Trees to be Supervised

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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