

# McGregor, IA



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# Executive Summary

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## Overview

This plan was developed to assist the City of McGregor 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 3.4% of McGregor's city owned trees (ash) will die once EAB becomes established in the community, unless preventative treatment is used. 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 2018, 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 119 trees inventoried.

- McGregor's trees provide \$12,218 of benefits annually, an average of \$102.67 a tree
- There are over 25 species of trees
- The top three genera are: Maple 36.1%, Apple 7.6%, and Oak 6.7%
- 17.8% of trees are in need of some type of management
- 12 trees (3 ash) 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 12 trees needing removal, 7 trees are over 18 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\\*](#)
- 2 of the 4 ash trees should be carefully examined, as they have one or more symptoms that could be related to an EAB infestation
- 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, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow or black walnut
- Check ash trees with a visual survey yearly
- With the current budget it could take 6 years to remove ash. Suggestion: apply for grants to plant replacement trees

# Introduction

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This plan was developed to assist McGregor 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 or treatment and replacement planting. With proper planning and management of the current canopy in McGregor these costs can be extended over years and public safety issues from dead and dying ash trees mitigated.

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

# Inventory

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In 2018, a tree inventory was conducted that included 100% of the city owned trees on both streets and parks. 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 associated with 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 119 city trees was entered into the USDA Forest Service program Street Tree Resource Analysis Tool for Urban Forestry Management as part of the i-Tree suite. The following are results from the i-Tree STREETS analysis.

## Annual Benefits

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### **Annual Energy Benefits**

Trees conserve energy by shading buildings and blocking winds. McGregor's trees reduce energy related costs by approximately \$3,173.01 annually (Appendix A, Table 1). These savings are both in Electricity (15.11 MWh) and in Natural Gas (2,067.14 Therms).

### **Annual Stormwater Benefits**

McGregor's trees intercept about 161,159.4 gallons of rainfall or snow melt a year (Appendix A, Table 2). This interception provides \$4,367.42 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 McGregor it is estimated that trees remove 190 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 \$529 (Appendix A, Table 3).

### **Annual Carbon Benefits**

Carbon sequestration and storage reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere, mitigating climate change. In McGregor, trees sequester about 57,600 lbs of carbon a year with an associated value of \$432 (Appendix A, Table 5). In addition, the trees store 530,659.14 lbs of carbon, with a yearly benefit of \$3,979.94 (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. McGregor receives \$3,716.44 in annual social benefits from trees (Appendix A, Table 6).

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

According to the USDA Forest Service i-Tree STREETS analysis, McGregor's trees provide \$12,218 of benefits annually. Benefits of individual trees vary based on size, species, health and location, but on average each of the 119 trees in McGregor provide approximately \$102.67 annually (Appendix A, Table 7).

# Forest Structure

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## Species Distribution

McGregor has over 25 different tree species along city streets and parks (Appendix A, Figure 1). The distribution of trees by genera is as follows:

Maple	43	36.1%
Broadleaf Deciduous	10	8.4%
Apple	9	7.6%
Oak	8	6.7%
Ash	4	3.4%
Walnut	4	3.4%
Pine	4	3.4%
Birch	4	3.4%
Spruce	3	2.5%
Lilac	3	2.5%
Others	27	22.7%

## Age Class

Most of McGregor's trees (67%) are less than 18 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 smallest size category (a downward slope) to prepare for natural mortality and to maintain canopy cover. McGregor'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 McGregor indicate that 93% of the trees are in fair to good health, with only 7% of the foliage in poor health, dead or dying (Appendix A, Figure 3 & Appendix B, Figure 3). Similarly, 85% of McGregor's trees are in fair to 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 15% of the population. This 15% 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	17	14.3%
Crown Raising	0	0%
Tree Staking	3	2.5%
Tree Removal	12	10%
Crown Reduction	0	0%

## Canopy Cover

The total canopy with both private and public trees is 73%, 608 acres. The canopy cover included in the McGregor inventory includes approximately 1.6 acres (Appendix A, Figure 4). The City's Canopy goal is

to increase canopy by 3%, in 30 years. To achieve this goal it is estimated that 61 trees need to be planted annually.

### Land Use and Location

The majority of McGregor’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.

<u>Land Use</u>	
Single family residential	22.7%
Park/vacant/other	74%
Industrial/Large commercial	0.0%
Small commercial	.84%
Multifamily residential	2.5%

<u>Location</u>	
Planting strip	52%
Other maintained locations	42%
Cutout (surrounded by pavement)	1%
Front yard	5%

## 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

McGregor has 12 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 7 trees over 18 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. There are a total of 20 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 12 removals, 3 are ash trees. There is a total of 4 ash trees, and 3 of those have signs and symptoms that have been associated with EAB. In addition, there is 1 tree that is 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 McGregor.

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 (45%) (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, Chinese elm, evergreen, willow and black walnut.

## **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 decline 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: 2 largest critical concern trees

Planting and Replacement: 3 trees to be planted in open locations

Young Tree Pruning & Maintenance:

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

### **Year 2**

Removal: 1 critical concern tree and 1 largest ash

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting and Replacement: 0

Young Tree Pruning & Maintenance:

Routine trimming: Contract to trim 1/3 of the city trees

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

### Year 3

Removal: 1 critical concern tree and 1 largest ash

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting and Replacement: 3 trees to be planted in open locations and locations from previous removals

Young Tree Pruning & Maintenance:

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

### Year 4

Removal: 1 critical concern tree and 1 largest ash

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting and Replacement: 0

Routine trimming: Contract to trim 1/3 of the city trees

Young Tree Pruning & Maintenance:

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

### Year 5

Removal: 1 critical concern tree and 1 large ash

Planting and Replacement: 3 trees to be planted in open locations and locations from previous removals

Young Tree Pruning & Maintenance:

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

### Year 6

Removal: 2 large critical concern trees

Planting and Replacement: 0

Routine trimming: Contract to trim 1/3 of the city trees

Young Tree Pruning & Maintenance:

Visual Survey for signs and symptoms of EAB

\*Reduction of ash over 6 years: All 4 public ash trees removed. EAB could potentially kill all ash within 4 to 15 years of its arrival.

## 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 tool for communities to spread 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 millions of 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 trees will be replaced. The new plantings should be a diverse mix and will not include ash, maple, cottonwood, poplar, box elder, Chinese elm, evergreen, 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 genera 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 if preventative treatments are not being used. 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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### **Current Budget**

Total \$10,800 over 6 years (\$1,800/year)

### **FY 2019 Budget**

Removal: \$1300

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting: \$300

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

### **FY 2020 Budget**

Removal: \$1300

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting: \$0

Routine trimming: \$300

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

### **FY 2021 Budget**

Removal: \$1300

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting: \$300

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

### **FY 2022 Budget**

Removal: \$1300

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting: \$0

Routine trimming: \$300

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

### **FY 2023 Budget**

Removal: \$1300

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal  
Planting: \$300  
Watering & Maintenance: \$200

#### **FY 2024 Budget**

Removal: \$1300

\*Or saving for ash tree treatment and/or future ash removal

Planting: \$0

Routine trimming: \$300

Watering & Maintenance: \$200

\*Reduction of ash over 6 years: All 4 public ash trees removed.

#### Purposed Budget Increase

EAB could potentially kill all ash trees in McGregor within 4 years of its arrival. Additionally, it is recommended that McGregor 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.

Another option being considered by many communities is treating a number of selected trees, either to maintain those trees in the landscape or to delay their removal – to spread out the costs and number of trees needing removed all at once. Trunk injection is administered every two years for the life of the tree. If treatment is discontinued, the tree dies. For instance, in this treatment scenario, the average ash diameter is 20 inches and at \$12 per inch, 1 tree could be treated at \$240. McGregor would still need to find \$1300 for removal. This an alternatives to straight removal of ash trees. However, whether or not the treatment option is selected, there will be an increased cost of dealing with ash trees if EAB is found in McGregor. It is suggested to consider increasing the budget to plan for this.

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# Appendix A: i-Tree Data

**Table 1: Annual Energy Benefits**

Annual Energy Benefits of All Trees by Species			12/20/2018						
Species	Total Electricity (MWh)	Electricity (\$)	Total Natural Gas (Therms)	Natural Gas (\$)	Total (\$)	Stand. Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Silver maple	3.28	249.11	449.14	440.15	689.26	(N/A)	13.45	21.72	43.08
Norway maple	2.58	196.13	371.60	364.17	560.30	(N/A)	10.92	17.66	43.10
Broadleaf Deciduous Small	0.03	2.54	6.25	6.12	8.66	(N/A)	8.40	0.27	0.87
Apple	0.30	22.54	48.83	47.85	70.40	(N/A)	7.56	2.22	7.82
Red maple	1.36	103.48	170.48	167.07	270.55	(N/A)	6.72	8.53	33.82
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(N/A)	5.88	0.00	0.00
Conifer Evergreen Small	0.02	1.66	4.00	3.92	5.58	(N/A)	5.04	0.18	0.93
Sugar maple	1.27	96.38	169.63	166.24	262.62	(N/A)	4.20	8.28	52.52
Black walnut	1.35	102.59	188.88	185.10	287.68	(N/A)	3.36	9.07	71.92
Northern red oak	0.14	10.66	20.79	20.37	31.03	(N/A)	2.52	0.98	10.34
Lilac	0.58	44.26	87.91	86.15	130.41	(N/A)	2.52	4.11	43.47
Eastern white pine	0.48	36.37	64.03	62.75	99.12	(N/A)	2.52	3.12	33.04
Spruce	0.33	25.22	43.85	42.97	68.19	(N/A)	2.52	2.15	22.73
River birch	0.24	18.20	30.28	29.68	47.88	(N/A)	1.68	1.51	23.94
Paper birch	0.26	19.98	30.68	30.07	50.05	(N/A)	1.68	1.58	25.02
Catalpa	0.01	0.40	0.93	0.91	1.31	(N/A)	1.68	0.04	0.66
Willow	0.01	0.65	1.58	1.55	2.20	(N/A)	1.68	0.07	1.10
Green ash	0.42	32.17	60.59	59.38	91.55	(N/A)	1.68	2.89	45.77
Swamp white oak	0.04	3.24	6.98	6.84	10.09	(N/A)	1.68	0.32	5.04
White oak	0.12	9.38	17.42	17.07	26.45	(N/A)	1.68	0.83	13.23
Others	2.27	172.27	293.30	287.43	459.70		12.61	14.49	27.51
Total	15.11	1,147.21	2,067.14	2,025.80	3,173.01	(N/A)	100.00	100.00	26.66

**Table 2: Annual Stormwater Benefits**

Annual Stormwater Benefits of All Trees by Species			12/20/2018			
Species	Total Rainfall Interception (Gal)	Total (\$)	Stand. Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Silver maple	43,992.81	1,192.21	(N/A)	13.45	27.30	74.51
Norway maple	22,596.67	612.37	(N/A)	10.92	14.02	47.11
Broadleaf Deciduous Small	74.50	2.02	(N/A)	8.40	0.05	0.20
Apple	1,490.67	40.40	(N/A)	7.56	0.92	4.49
Red maple	8,303.03	225.01	(N/A)	6.72	5.15	28.13
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	(N/A)	5.88	0.00	0.00
Conifer Evergreen Small	146.93	3.98	(N/A)	5.04	0.09	0.66
Sugar maple	13,929.10	377.48	(N/A)	4.20	8.64	75.50
Black walnut	17,910.81	485.38	(N/A)	3.36	11.11	121.35
Northern red oak	715.17	19.38	(N/A)	2.52	0.44	6.46
Lilac	3,014.60	81.70	(N/A)	2.52	1.87	27.23
Eastern white pine	10,543.03	285.72	(N/A)	2.52	6.54	95.24
Spruce	5,103.33	138.30	(N/A)	2.52	3.17	46.10
River birch	1,421.30	38.52	(N/A)	1.68	0.88	19.26
Paper birch	1,637.18	44.37	(N/A)	1.68	1.02	22.18
Catalpa	35.77	0.97	(N/A)	1.68	0.02	0.48
Willow	24.41	0.66	(N/A)	1.68	0.02	0.33
Green ash	4,550.81	123.33	(N/A)	1.68	2.82	61.66
Swamp white oak	174.91	4.74	(N/A)	1.68	0.11	2.37
White oak	779.49	21.12	(N/A)	1.68	0.48	10.56
Others	24,714.88	669.77		12.61	15.34	38.60
Citywide total	161,159.40	4,367.42	(N/A)	100.00	100.00	36.70

**Table 3: Annual Air Quality Benefits**

Annual Air Quality Benefits of All Trees by Species					12/20/2018														
Species	Deposition O3 (lb)	Deposition NO2 (lb)	Deposition PM10 (lb)	Deposition SO2 (lb)	Total Deposition (\$)	Avoided NO2 (lb)	Avoided PM10 (lb)	Avoided VOC (lb)	Avoided SO2 (lb)	Total Avoided (\$)	BVOC Emissions (lb)	BVOC Emissions (\$)	Total (lb)	Total (\$)	Stand. Error	% of Total Trees	Avg. \$/tree		
Silver maple	7.16	1.21	3.58	0.32	38.79	15.63	2.28	2.17	14.85	97.41	- 3.92	- 14.70	43.28	121.50	(N/A)	13.45	7.59		
Norway maple	4.42	0.76	2.20	0.20	23.94	12.52	1.81	1.72	11.73	77.58	- 1.05	- 3.94	34.30	97.57	(N/A)	10.92	7.51		
Broadleaf Deciduous Sma	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.18	0.02	0.02	0.15	1.06	0.00	0.00	0.38	1.07	(N/A)	8.40	0.11		
Apple	0.48	0.08	0.22	0.02	2.55	1.49	0.21	0.20	1.35	9.10	0.00	- 0.01	4.05	11.64	(N/A)	7.56	1.29		
Red maple	1.52	0.26	0.76	0.07	8.25	6.36	0.94	0.90	6.18	39.99	- 0.58	- 2.18	16.40	46.06	(N/A)	6.72	5.76		
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(N/A)	5.88	0.00		
Conifer Evergreen Small	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.11	0.02	0.01	0.10	0.69	- 0.05	- 0.20	0.20	0.52	(N/A)	5.04	0.09		
Sugar maple	1.84	0.31	0.93	0.08	10.01	6.02	0.88	0.84	5.75	37.59	- 1.46	- 5.47	15.19	42.12	(N/A)	4.20	8.42		
Black walnut	2.48	0.40	1.14	0.11	13.10	6.49	0.94	0.90	6.13	40.33	0.00	0.00	18.59	53.43	(N/A)	3.36	13.36		
Northern red oak	0.08	0.01	0.05	0.00	0.46	0.68	0.10	0.09	0.64	4.22	- 0.12	- 0.44	1.54	4.25	(N/A)	2.52	1.42		
Lilac	1.08	0.18	0.49	0.05	5.67	2.85	0.41	0.39	2.64	17.60	- 0.01	- 0.02	8.08	23.25	(N/A)	2.52	7.75		
Eastern white pine	1.26	0.25	1.01	0.15	8.21	2.27	0.33	0.32	2.17	14.17	- 5.62	- 21.07	2.14	1.32	(N/A)	2.52	0.44		
Spruce	0.57	0.11	0.48	0.07	3.77	1.57	0.23	0.22	1.50	9.81	- 2.09	- 7.83	2.66	5.74	(N/A)	2.52	1.91		
River birch	0.22	0.04	0.12	0.01	1.21	1.12	0.17	0.16	1.09	7.06	- 0.06	- 0.22	2.86	8.06	(N/A)	1.68	4.03		
Paper birch	0.11	0.02	0.07	0.01	0.64	1.21	0.18	0.17	1.19	7.65	0.00	0.00	2.96	8.29	(N/A)	1.68	4.15		
Catalpa	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.17	(N/A)	1.68	0.08		
Willow	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.27	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.27	(N/A)	1.68	0.14		
Green ash	0.52	0.08	0.25	0.02	2.78	2.05	0.30	0.28	1.92	12.69	0.00	0.00	5.42	15.47	(N/A)	1.68	7.73		
Swamp white oak	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.05	0.21	0.03	0.03	0.19	1.31	0.00	- 0.01	0.48	1.35	(N/A)	1.68	0.67		
White oak	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.00	0.18	0.59	0.09	0.08	0.56	3.69	0.00	0.00	1.38	3.86	(N/A)	1.68	1.93		
Others	4.93	0.83	2.51	0.28	26.96	10.67	1.57	1.50	10.28	66.88	- 2.84	- 10.63	29.73	83.21		12.61	4.74		
Citywide Total	26.70	4.56	13.86	1.39	146.61	72.10	10.50	10.01	68.48	449.26	- 17.79	- 66.73	189.81	529.14	(N/A)	100.00	4.45		

**Table 4: Annual Carbon Stored**

Stored CO2 Benefits of All Trees by Species		12/20/2018				
Species	Total stored CO2 (lbs)	Total (\$)	Stand. Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Silver maple	165,553.12	1,241.65	(N/A)	13.45	31.20	77.60
Norway maple	72,768.36	545.76	(N/A)	10.92	13.71	41.98
Broadleaf Deciduous Small	137.84	1.03	(N/A)	8.40	0.03	0.10
Apple	7,747.11	58.10	(N/A)	7.56	1.46	6.46
Red maple	17,815.49	133.62	(N/A)	6.72	3.36	16.70
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	(N/A)	5.88	0.00	0.00
Conifer Evergreen Small	15.02	0.11	(N/A)	5.04	0.00	0.02
Sugar maple	54,289.72	407.17	(N/A)	4.20	10.23	81.43
Black walnut	82,117.03	615.88	(N/A)	3.36	15.47	153.97
Northern red oak	1,223.78	9.18	(N/A)	2.52	0.23	3.06
Lilac	16,522.58	123.92	(N/A)	2.52	3.11	41.31
Eastern white pine	14,175.79	106.32	(N/A)	2.52	2.67	35.44
Spruce	4,769.67	35.77	(N/A)	2.52	0.90	11.92
River birch	3,641.00	27.31	(N/A)	1.68	0.69	13.65
Paper birch	3,857.29	28.93	(N/A)	1.68	0.73	14.46
Catalpa	24.33	0.18	(N/A)	1.68	0.00	0.09
Willow	33.68	0.25	(N/A)	1.68	0.01	0.13
Green ash	16,807.29	126.05	(N/A)	1.68	3.17	63.03
Swamp white oak	235.30	1.76	(N/A)	1.68	0.04	0.88
White oak	1,219.99	9.15	(N/A)	1.68	0.23	4.57
Others	67,704.75	507.79		12.61	12.76	28.34
Citywide total	530,659.14	3,979.94	(N/A)	100.00	100.00	33.44

**Table 5: Annual Carbon Sequestered**

Annual CO2 Benefits of All Trees by Species			12/20/2018										
Species	Sequestered (lb)	Sequestered (\$)	Decomposition Release(lb)	Maintenance Release (lb)	Total Release (\$)	Avoided (lb)	Avoided (\$)	Net Total (lb)	Total (\$)	Stand. Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree
Silver maple	13,048.10	97.86	- 794.98	- 36.27	- 6.23	5,505.17	41.29	17,722.02	132.92	(N/A)	13.45	30.77	8.31
Norway maple	3,828.14	28.71	- 350.74	- 27.11	- 2.83	4,334.38	32.51	7,784.67	58.39	(N/A)	10.92	13.52	4.49
Broadleaf Deciduous Sma	86.83	0.65	- 1.10	- 1.95	- 0.02	56.13	0.42	139.91	1.05	(N/A)	8.40	0.24	0.10
Apple	653.11	4.90	- 37.49	- 5.27	- 0.32	498.22	3.74	1,108.57	8.31	(N/A)	7.56	1.92	0.92
Red maple	2,431.41	18.24	- 85.57	- 11.51	- 0.73	2,286.88	17.15	4,621.22	34.66	(N/A)	6.72	8.02	4.33
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(N/A)	5.88	0.00	0.00
Conifer Evergreen Small	3.55	0.03	- 0.12	- 1.17	- 0.01	36.60	0.27	38.87	0.29	(N/A)	5.04	0.07	0.05
Sugar maple	2,797.33	20.98	- 260.59	- 13.65	- 2.06	2,129.94	15.97	4,653.03	34.90	(N/A)	4.20	8.08	6.98
Black walnut	3,191.09	23.93	- 394.16	- 14.82	- 3.07	2,267.12	17.00	5,049.23	37.87	(N/A)	3.36	8.77	9.47
Northern red oak	207.39	1.56	- 5.91	- 1.95	- 0.06	235.52	1.77	435.05	3.26	(N/A)	2.52	0.76	1.09
Lilac	267.64	2.01	- 79.31	- 8.97	- 0.66	978.04	7.34	1,157.40	8.68	(N/A)	2.52	2.01	2.89
Eastern white pine	630.80	4.73	- 68.04	- 8.97	- 0.58	803.72	6.03	1,357.51	10.18	(N/A)	2.52	2.36	3.39
Spruce	355.55	2.67	- 22.89	- 5.85	- 0.22	557.29	4.18	884.09	6.63	(N/A)	2.52	1.53	2.21
River birch	391.37	2.94	- 17.53	- 2.15	- 0.15	402.20	3.02	773.89	5.80	(N/A)	1.68	1.34	2.90
Paper birch	519.52	3.90	- 18.52	- 2.54	- 0.16	441.51	3.31	939.98	7.05	(N/A)	1.68	1.63	3.52
Catalpa	5.19	0.04	- 0.19	- 0.39	0.00	8.79	0.07	13.39	0.10	(N/A)	1.68	0.02	0.05
Willow	10.84	0.08	- 0.27	- 0.39	0.00	14.38	0.11	24.56	0.18	(N/A)	1.68	0.04	0.09
Green ash	1,065.67	7.99	- 80.67	- 4.68	- 0.64	711.01	5.33	1,691.32	12.68	(N/A)	1.68	2.94	6.34
Swamp white oak	101.03	0.76	- 1.88	- 0.78	- 0.02	71.71	0.54	170.08	1.28	(N/A)	1.68	0.30	0.64
White oak	282.98	2.12	- 5.86	- 1.76	- 0.06	207.39	1.56	482.76	3.62	(N/A)	1.68	0.84	1.81
Others	5,095.57	38.22	- 325.41	- 24.57	- 2.62	3,807.06	28.55	8,552.64	64.14		12.61	14.85	3.62
Citywide Total	34,973.11	262.30	- 2,551.25	- 174.72	- 20.44	25,353.06	190.15	57,600.20	432.00	(N/A)	100.00	100.00	3.63

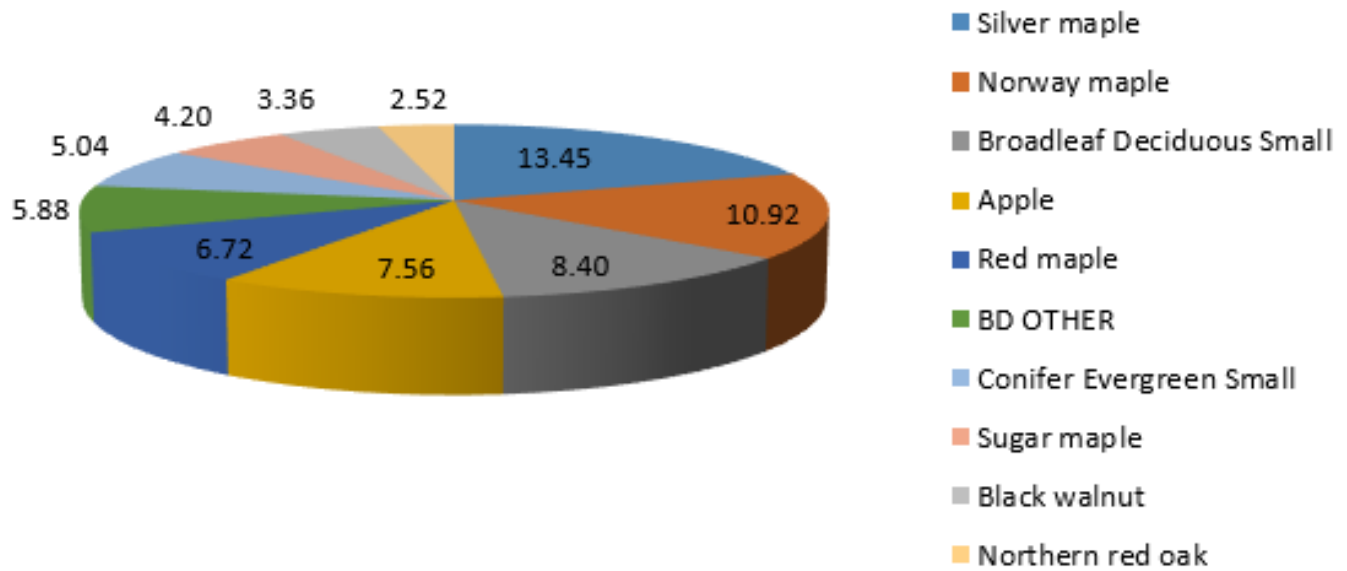
**Table 6: Annual Social and Aesthetic Benefits**

Annual Aesthetic/Other Benefit of All Trees by Species					12/20/2018	
Species	Total (\$)	Stand. Error	% of Total Trees	% of Total \$	Avg. \$/tree	
Silver maple	1,086.26	(N/A)	13.45	29.23	67.89	
Norway maple	375.88	(N/A)	10.92	10.11	28.91	
Broadleaf Deciduous Sma	0.34	(N/A)	8.40	0.01	0.03	
Apple	35.44	(N/A)	7.56	0.95	3.94	
Red maple	353.10	(N/A)	6.72	9.50	44.14	
BD OTHER	0.00	(N/A)	5.88	0.00	0.00	
Conifer Evergreen Small	25.61	(N/A)	5.04	0.69	4.27	
Sugar maple	294.34	(N/A)	4.20	7.92	58.87	
Black walnut	240.31	(N/A)	3.36	6.47	60.08	
Northern red oak	24.99	(N/A)	2.52	0.67	8.33	
Lilac	15.49	(N/A)	2.52	0.42	5.16	
Eastern white pine	120.42	(N/A)	2.52	3.24	40.14	
Spruce	94.82	(N/A)	2.52	2.55	31.61	
River birch	41.90	(N/A)	1.68	1.13	20.95	
Paper birch	60.59	(N/A)	1.68	1.63	30.29	
Catalpa	10.52	(N/A)	1.68	0.28	5.26	
Willow	5.47	(N/A)	1.68	0.15	2.74	
Green ash	94.15	(N/A)	1.68	2.53	47.07	
Swamp white oak	15.62	(N/A)	1.68	0.42	7.81	
White oak	43.29	(N/A)	1.68	1.16	21.64	
Others	777.91		12.61	20.93	46.70	
Citywide Total	3,716.44	(N/A)	100.00	100.00	31.23	



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

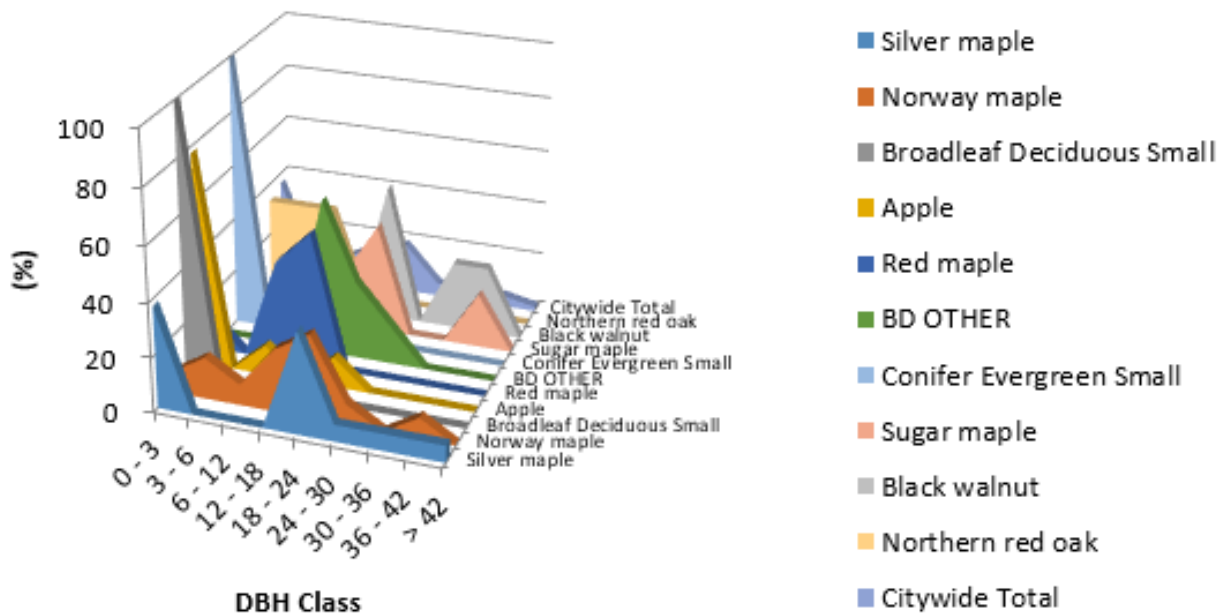
Average Annual Benefits of All Tree by Species (\$/tree)					12/20/2018		
Species	Energy	CO2	Air Quality	Stormwater	Aesthetic/Other	Total	Stand. I
Silver maple	43.08	8.31	7.59	74.51	67.89	201.38	(N/A)
Norway maple	43.10	4.49	7.51	47.11	28.91	131.12	(N/A)
Broadleaf Deciduous Sma	0.87	0.10	0.11	0.20	0.03	1.31	(N/A)
Apple	7.82	0.92	1.29	4.49	3.94	18.47	(N/A)
Red maple	33.82	4.33	5.76	28.13	44.14	116.17	(N/A)
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(N/A)
Conifer Evergreen Small	0.93	0.05	0.09	0.66	4.27	6.00	(N/A)
Sugar maple	52.52	6.98	8.42	75.50	58.87	202.29	(N/A)
Black walnut	71.92	9.47	13.36	121.35	60.08	276.17	(N/A)
Northern red oak	10.34	1.09	1.42	6.46	8.33	27.63	(N/A)
Lilac	43.47	2.89	7.75	27.23	5.16	86.51	(N/A)
Eastern white pine	33.04	3.39	0.44	95.24	40.14	172.25	(N/A)
Spruce	22.73	2.21	1.91	46.10	31.61	104.56	(N/A)
River birch	23.94	2.90	4.03	19.26	20.95	71.07	(N/A)
Paper birch	25.02	3.52	4.15	22.18	30.29	85.17	(N/A)
Catalpa	0.66	0.05	0.08	0.48	5.26	6.53	(N/A)
Willow	1.10	0.09	0.14	0.33	2.74	4.40	(N/A)
Green ash	45.77	6.34	7.73	61.66	47.07	168.59	(N/A)
Swamp white oak	5.04	0.64	0.67	2.37	7.81	16.54	(N/A)
White oak	13.23	1.81	1.93	10.56	21.64	49.18	(N/A)
Other	27.51	3.62	4.74	38.60	46.70	121.17	
Citywide Total	26.66	3.63	4.45	36.70	31.23	102.67	(N/A)



12/20/2018	
Species	Percent
Silver maple	13.45
Norway maple	10.92
Broadleaf Deciduous Sma	8.40
Apple	7.56
Red maple	6.72
BD OTHER	5.88
Conifer Evergreen Small	5.04
Sugar maple	4.20
Black walnut	3.36
Northern red oak	2.52
Other Species	31.93

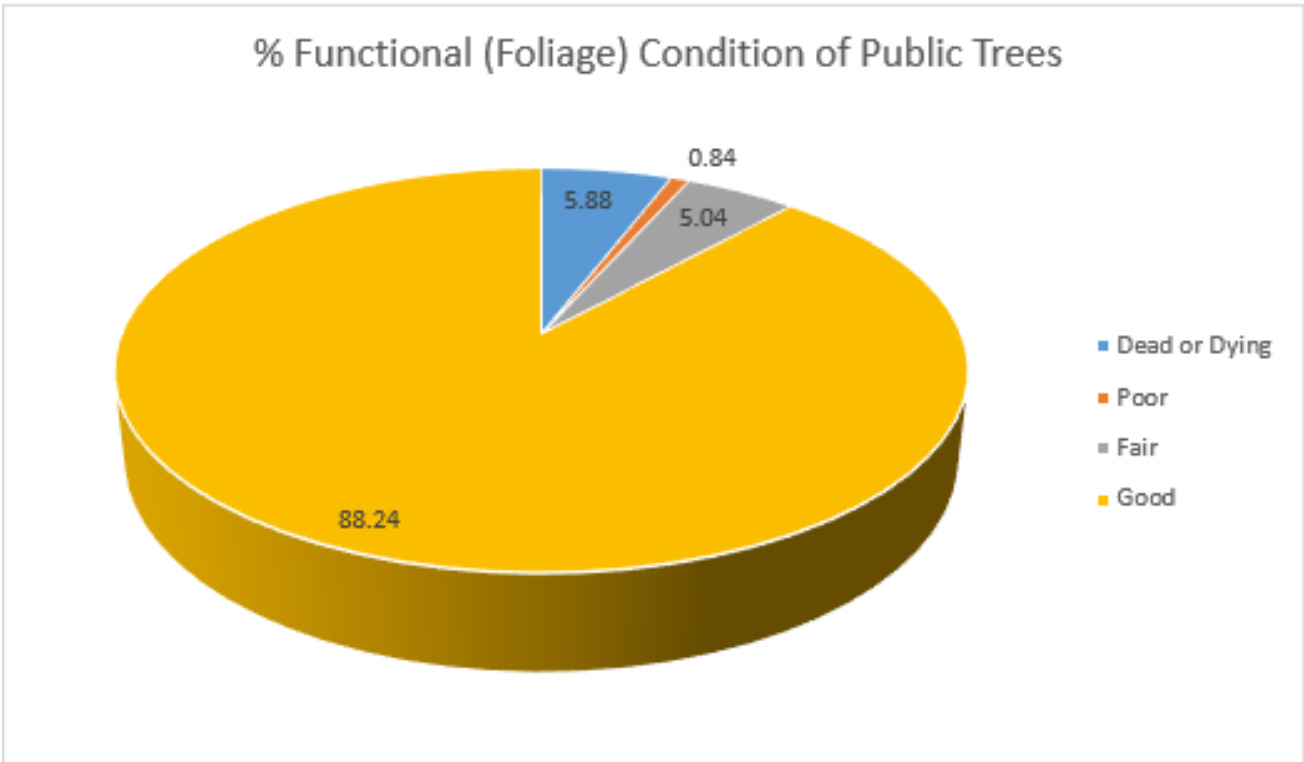
Figure 1: Species Distribution

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

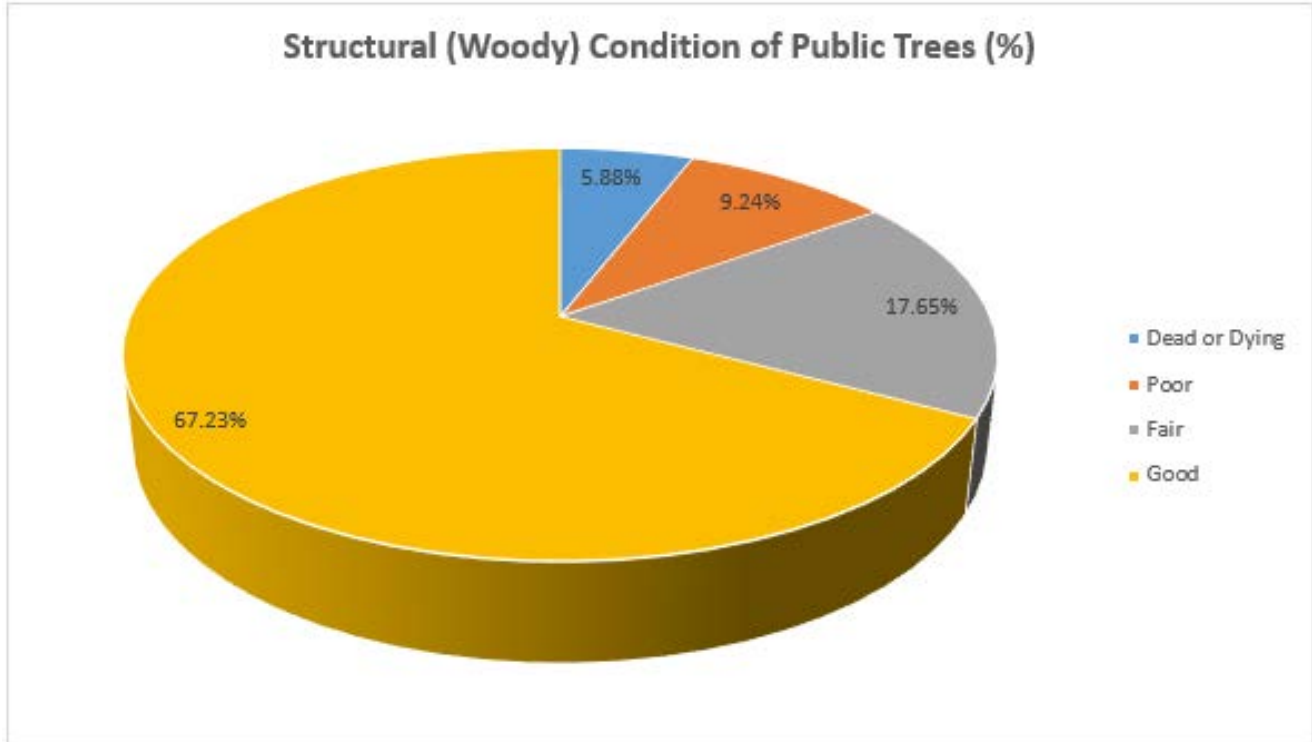


Relative Age Distribution of Top 10 All Tree Species (%)				DBH class (in)					12/20/2018
Species	0 - 3	3 - 6	6 - 12	12 - 18	18 - 24	24 - 30	30 - 36	36 - 42	> 42
Silver maple	37.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	37.50	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.25
Norway maple	7.69	15.38	7.69	23.08	30.77	7.69	0.00	7.69	0.00
Broadleaf Deciduous Sma	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Apple	77.78	0.00	11.11	0.00	11.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Red maple	12.50	0.00	37.50	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BD OTHER	0.00	0.00	0.00	57.14	28.57	14.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
Conifer Evergreen Small	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sugar maple	0.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	0.00
Black walnut	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	25.00	25.00	0.00
Northern red oak	33.33	33.33	33.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Citywide Total	36.13	5.88	9.24	15.97	18.49	5.04	3.36	4.20	1.68

**Figure 2: Relative Age Class**

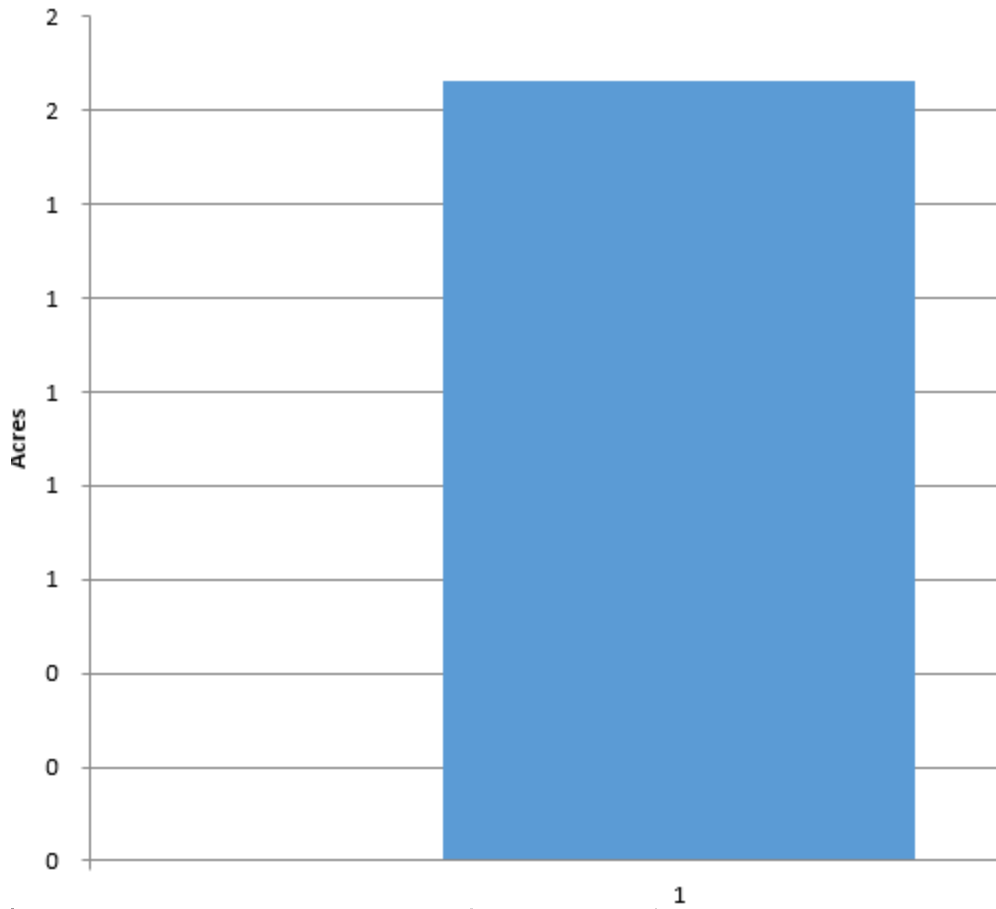


**Figure 3: Foliage Condition**



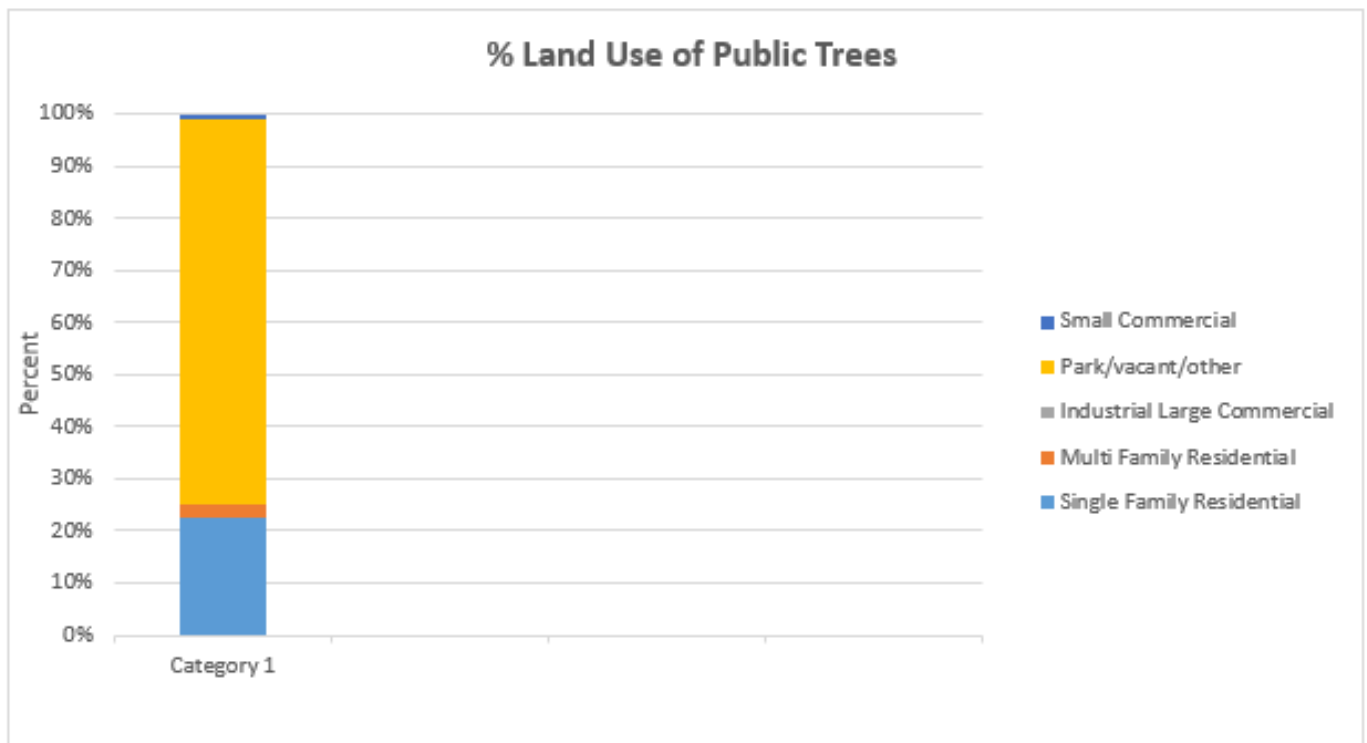
**Figure 4: Wood Condition**

## Canopy Cover of All Trees (Acres)



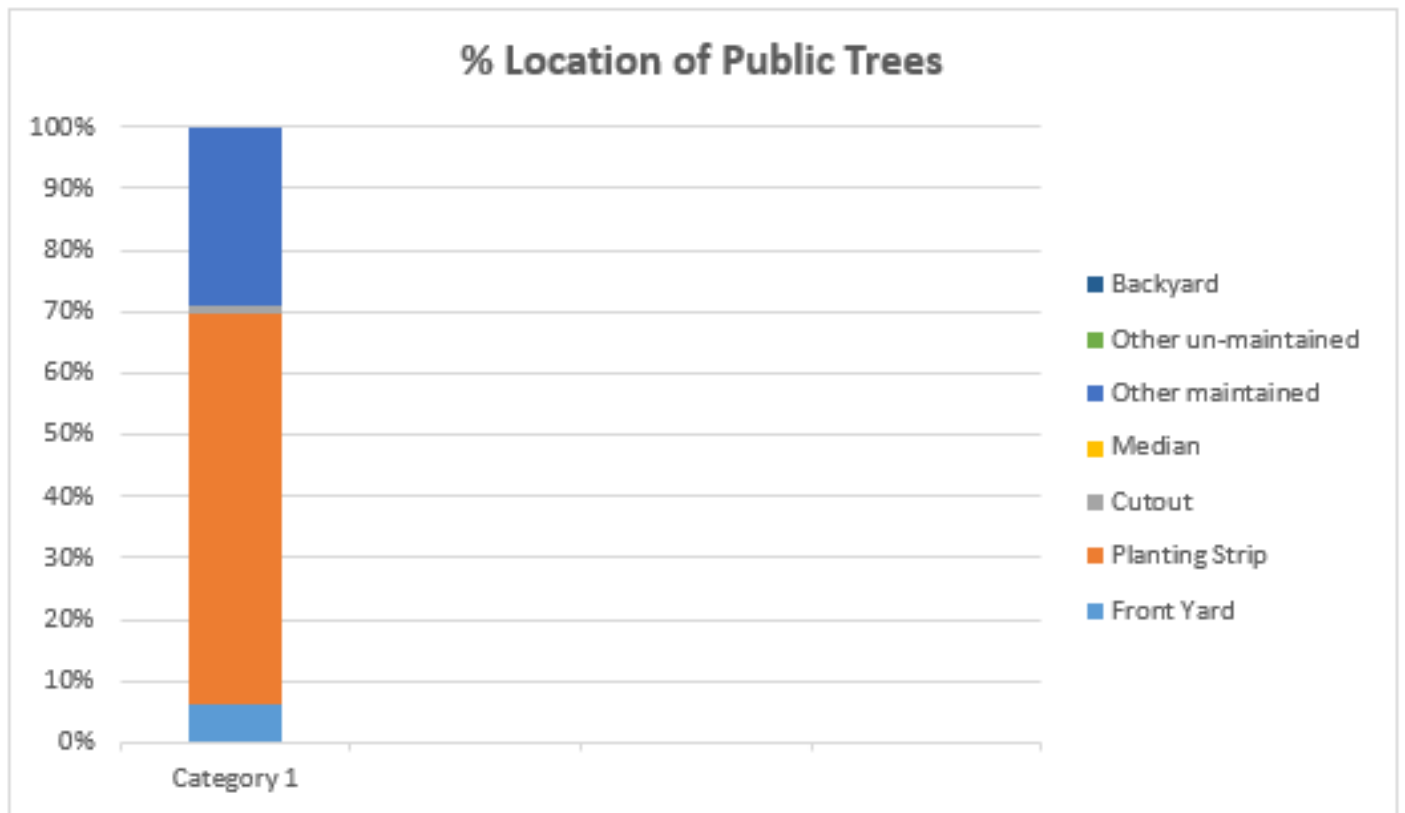
<b>Canopy Cover of All Trees (Acres)</b>		<b>12/20/2018</b>
<b>Zone</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>% of Total Canopy</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>1.66</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Citywide Total</b>	<b>608.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

**Figure 5: Canopy Cover in Acres**



12/20/2018	Land Use	Tree Count	Standard Error	% of Zone	% of All Trees
Citywide	Single family residential	27 (N/A)		22.69	22.69
	Multi-family residential	3 (N/A)		2.52	2.52
	Industrial/Large commercial	0 (N/A)		0.00	0.00
	Park/vacant/other	88 (N/A)		73.95	73.95
	Small commercial	1 (N/A)		0.84	0.84
	<b>Total</b>		<b>119 (N/A)</b>		<b>100.00</b>

Figure 6: Land Use of city/park trees



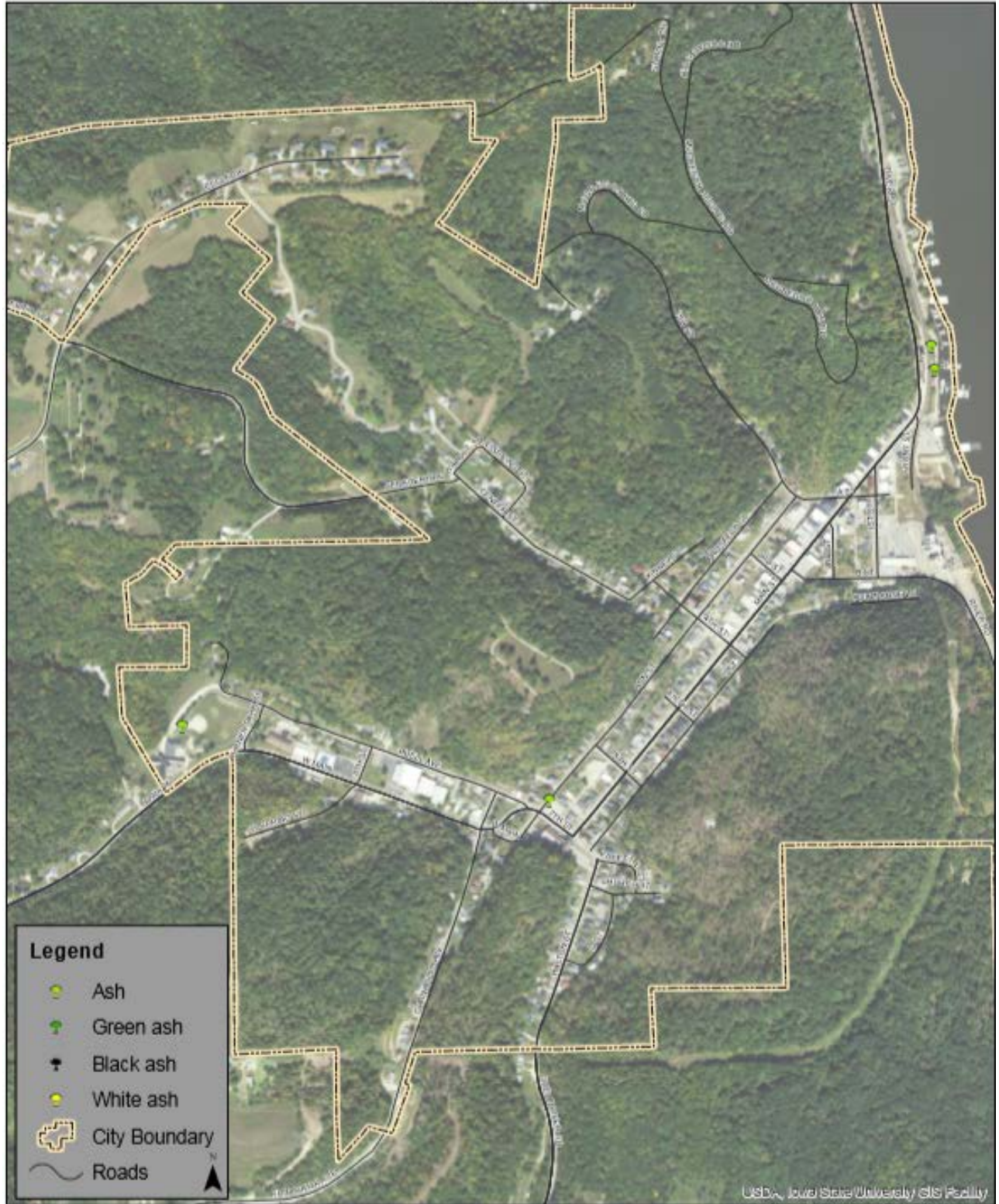
12/20/2018	Site Type	Tree Count	Standard Error	% of Zone	% of All Trees
Citywide	Front yard	6 (N/A)		5.04	5.04
	Planting strip	62 (N/A)		52.10	52.10
	Cutout	1 (N/A)		0.84	0.84
	Median	0 (N/A)		0.00	0.00
	Other maintained locations	50 (N/A)		42.00	42.00
	Other un-maintained locations	0 (N/A)		0.00	0.00
	Backyard	0 (N/A)		0.00	0.00
	Total	119 (N/A)		100.00	100.00

Figure 7: Location of city/park trees

# Appendix B: ArcGIS Mapping

**Figure 1:**

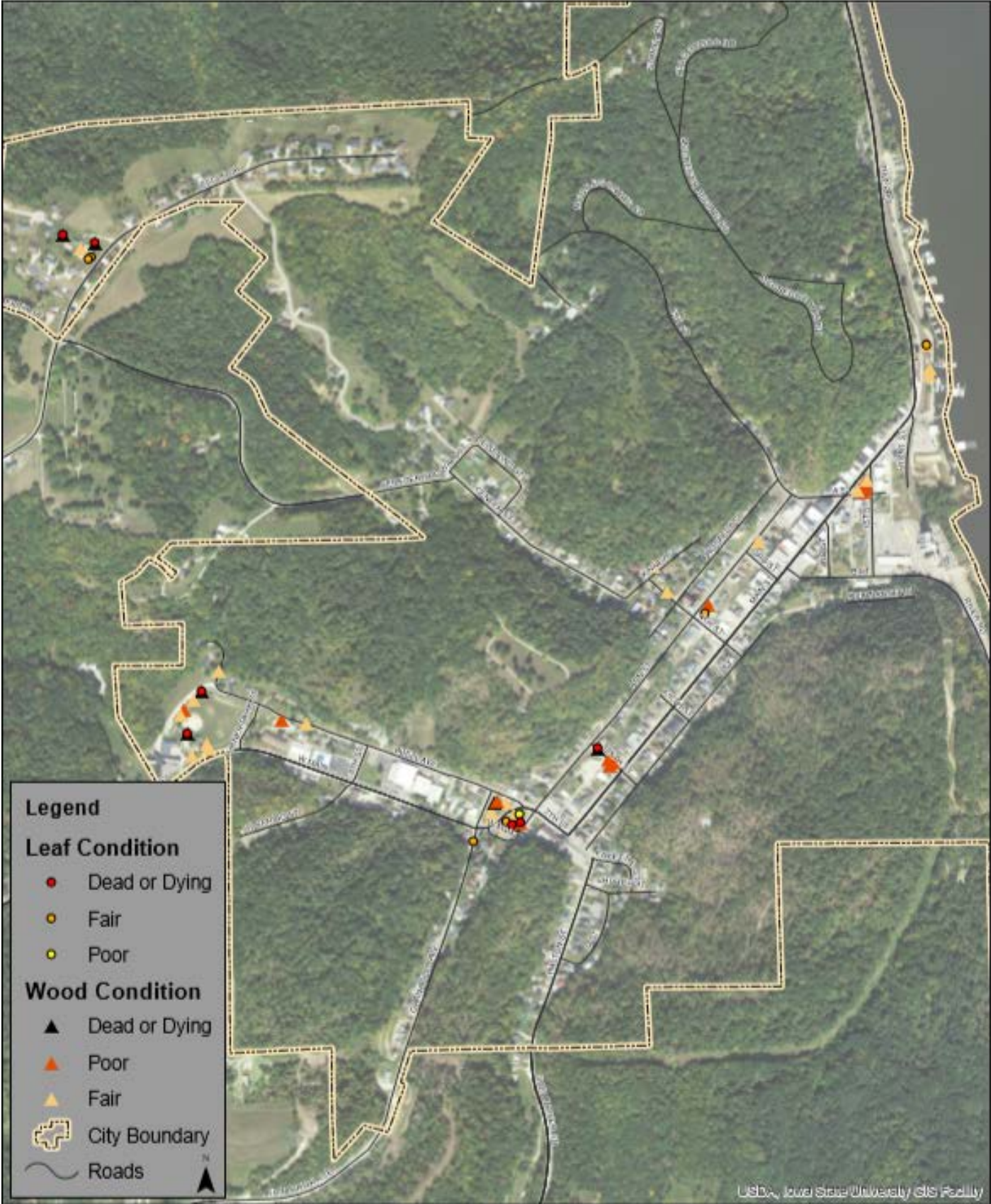
Location of Ash Trees  
2018 Community Tree Inventory  
McGregor, IA





**Figure 2:**

**Location of Poor Condition Trees  
2018 Community Tree Inventory  
McGregor, IA**



**Figure 3:**

Location of Trees with Recommended Maintenance  
2018 Community Tree Inventory  
McGregor, IA

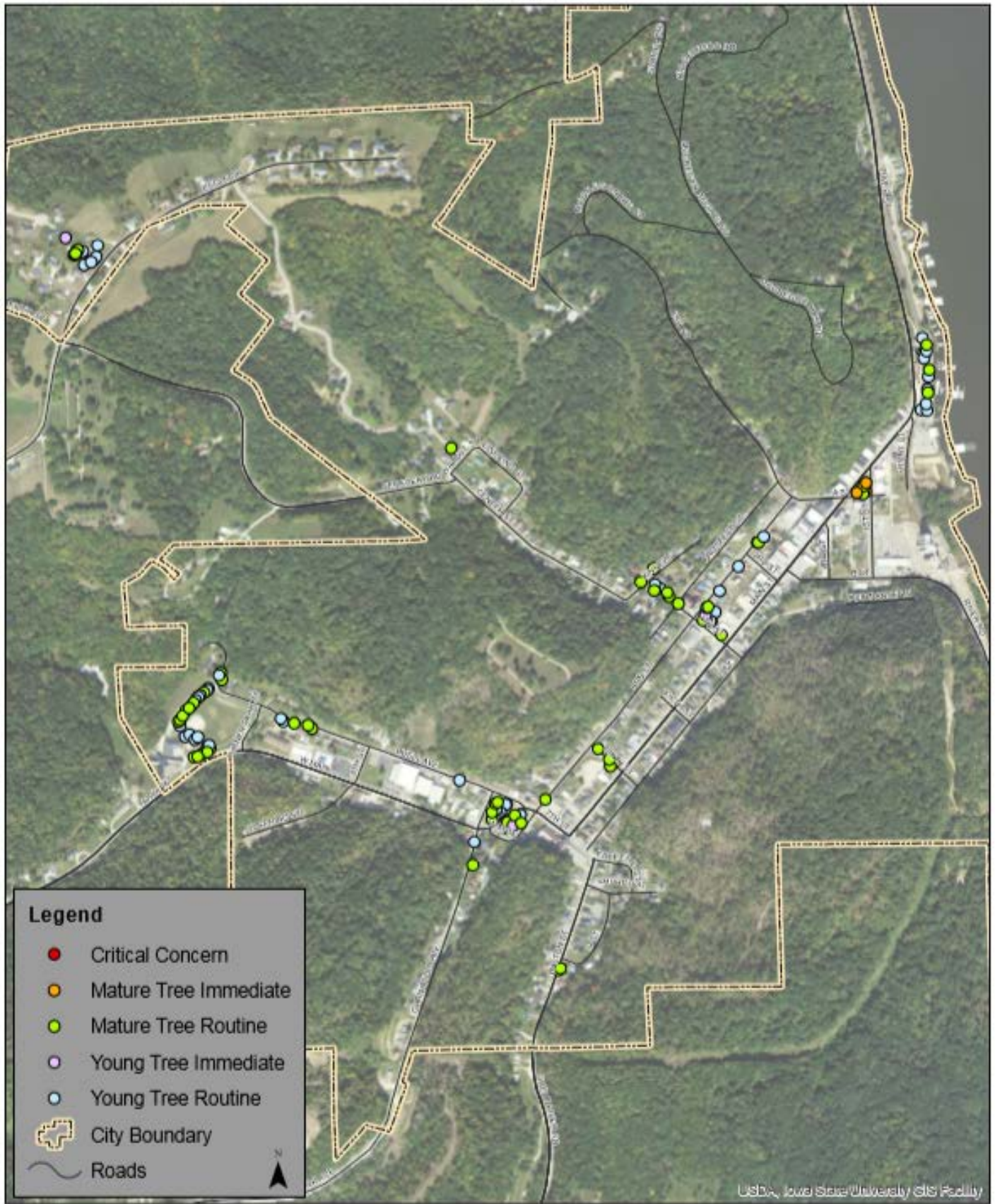


Figure 4:

### Maintenance Tasks 2018 Community Tree Inventory McGregor, IA

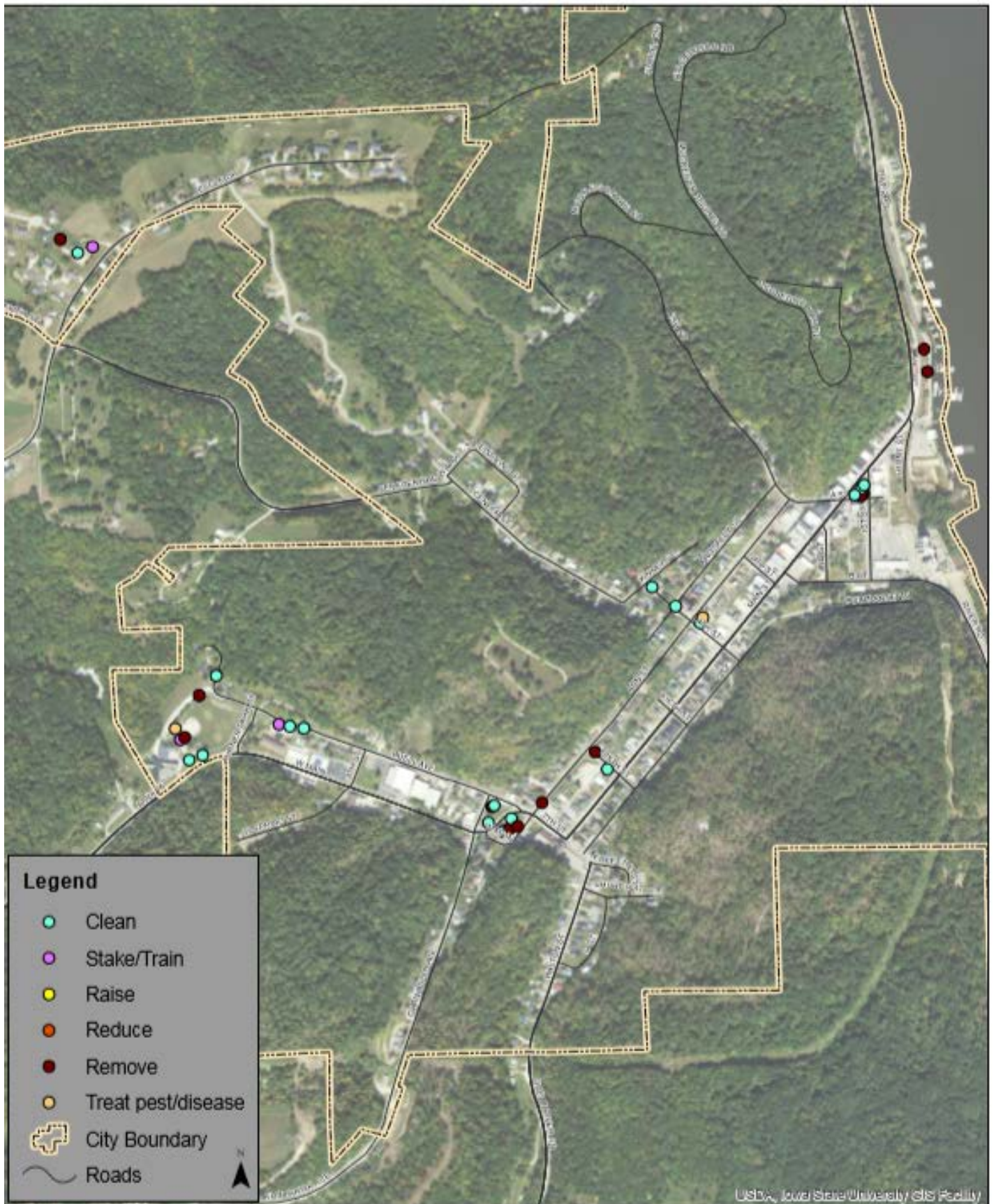
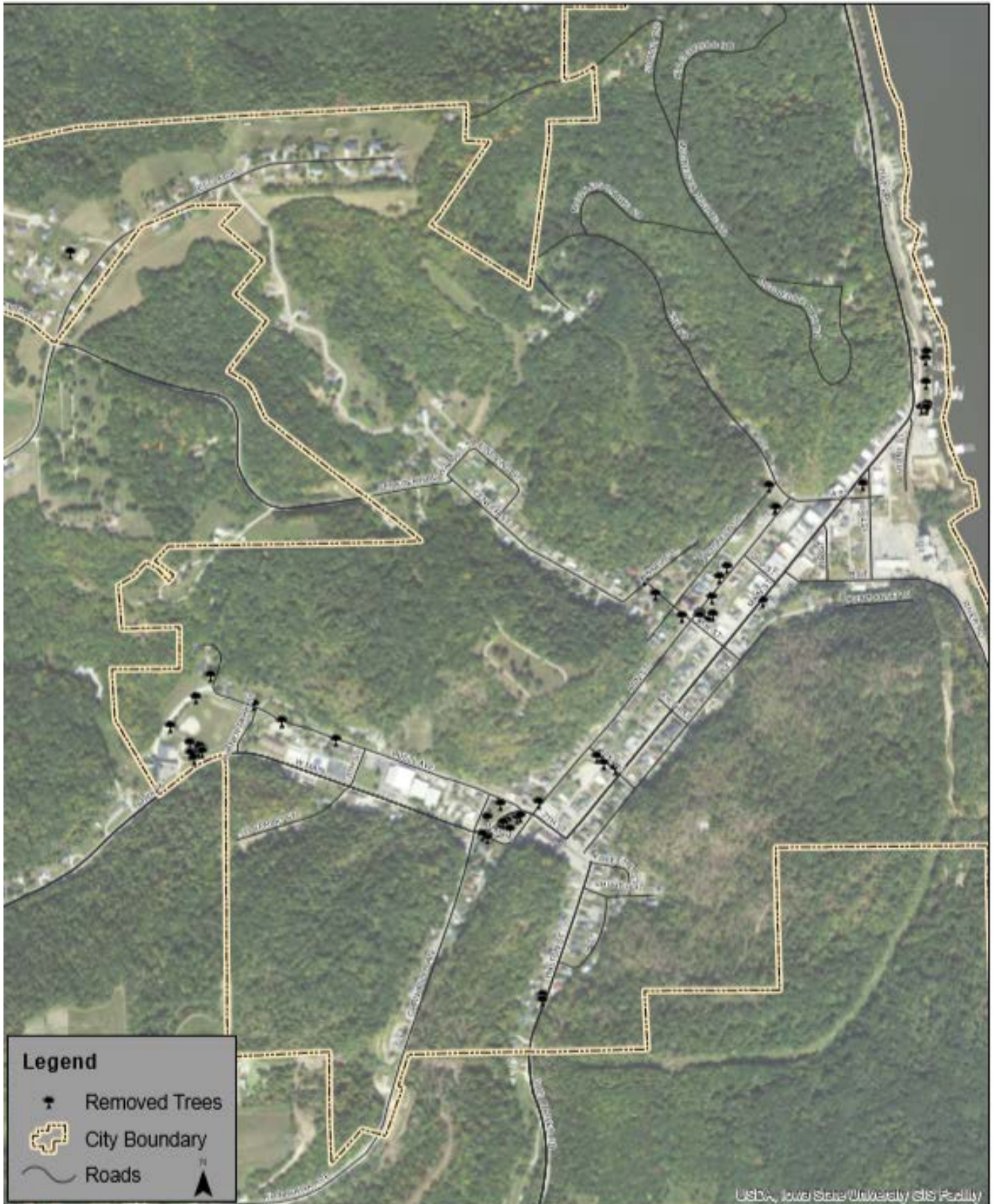


Figure 5:

Removed Trees  
2018 Community Tree Inventory  
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# Appendix C: McGregor Tree Ordinances

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## CHAPTER 151

### TREES

151.01 Definition

151.02 Planting Restrictions

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151.05 Disease Control

151.06 Inspection and Removal

**151.01 DEFINITION.** For use in this chapter, “parking” 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 person shall plant a tree in any street or parking.

**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 fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street 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 dead, diseased or damaged, and such trees and shrubs shall be subject to the following:

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

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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 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 fourteen (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])*

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