



## Memorandum

**Date:** 3/25/2025

**Meeting of:** Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

**File No.** CM 25-175

**Type:** Committee Memo

**TO:** Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability

**FROM:** Mayor Angela Birney

**DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR CONTACT(S):**

Parks	Loreen Hamilton	425-556-2336
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**DEPARTMENT STAFF:**

Parks	Darcey Rayner Shepard	Park Operations Manager
Parks	David Tuchek	Deputy Director

**TITLE:**

Tree Mitigation Update

**OVERVIEW STATEMENT:**

In the 2023/24 budget cycle a Tree Risk Health Assessment was completed on approximately 18,000 city-owned trees in parks, right of ways, open spaces, and street trees, to ensure public safety while preserving our urban forest. The assessment focused on trees that were 12" or greater in trunk diameter, located within striking distance of a target, near streets, parking spaces, buildings, or structures. 211 trees were identified as high priority trees needing mitigation, which can include pruning, limbing, wildlife snag creation, and removals. In 2024 the 35 highest priority trees were mitigated. In 2025, we will focus on the next 50-60 highest priority trees with additional funding for mitigation in 2026.

☒ **Additional Background Information/Description of Proposal Attached**

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

☒ **Receive Information**

☐ **Provide Direction**

☐ **Approve**

**REQUEST RATIONALE:**

- **Relevant Plans/Policies:**  
2023/24 Adopted Budget  
2025/26 Adopted Budget
- **Required:**  
N/A
- **Council Request:**  
N/A
- **Other Key Facts:**  
N/A

**OUTCOMES:**

This work helps protect both people and property while maintaining the ecological benefits our urban trees provide, including wildlife habitat and urban canopy coverage.

**COMMUNITY/STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH AND INVOLVEMENT:**

- **Timeline (previous or planned):**  
2023-2026
- **Outreach Methods and Results:**  
City of Redmond website and social media.
- **Feedback Summary:**  
No major feedback following outreach.

**BUDGET IMPACT:****Total Cost:**

\$300,000 in 2025, \$300,000 in 2026.

Approved in current biennial budget:

☒ Yes☐ No☐ N/A**Budget Offer Number:**

CIP

**Budget Priority:**

Healthy and Sustainable

Other budget impacts or additional costs:

☐ Yes☒ No☐ N/A

*If yes, explain:*

N/A

**Funding source(s):**

CIP

**Budget/Funding Constraints:**

N/A

☐ Additional budget details attached

**COUNCIL REVIEW:****Previous Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
6/27/2023	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Provide Direction

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7/18/2023	Business Meeting	Approve
2/27/2024	Committee of the Whole - Parks and Environmental Sustainability	Receive Information
3/12/2024	Study Session	Receive Information

**Proposed Upcoming Contact(s)**

Date	Meeting	Requested Action
N/A	None proposed at this time	N/A

**Time Constraints:**

N/A

**ANTICIPATED RESULT IF NOT APPROVED:**

N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Tree Mitigation Update