

# Tree Mitigation Update

## Overview

During the 2023-2024 budget, the City completed a comprehensive Tree Health Risk Assessment of 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. This work helps us protect both people and property while maintaining the ecological benefits our trees provide, including wildlife habitat and urban canopy coverage.

## Timeline

- Tree Health Risk Assessment Complete 2023/24
- Phase 1 Mitigation in 2024: 35 highest priority trees
- Phase 2 Mitigation: next 50-60 highest priority trees will be mitigated in 2025
- Phase 3 Mitigation: additional mitigation in 2026

## Key Findings

- 211 trees identified as needing mitigation such as:
  - Pruning & Limbing
  - Wildlife Snag Creation
  - Tree Removal
- Assessment focused on specific criteria:
  - Trunk diameter of 12" or greater
  - Located within striking distance of targets
  - Near streets, parking spaces, buildings, or structures



Healthy Forest



Tree Mitigation



Wildlife Snag