



**DES PERES PUBLIC WORKS
EAB ACTION PLAN
UPDATED JUNE 2020**

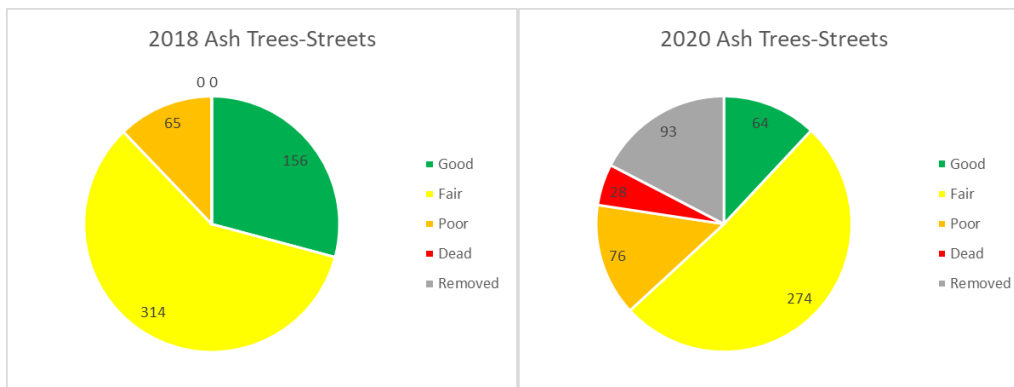
Year 1 of the Action Plan was implemented in 2019, with 63 “Poor” ash trees removed and replaced under contract, and approximately 150 “Good” ash trees treated for EAB. Streets staff removed another 30 ash trees in-house in 2018/2019.

Due to budget cuts related to COVID-19, Year 2 of the Action Plan has been delayed. The City’s on-staff arborist reevaluated all ash trees in spring 2020, and the Streets Division is removing additional Dead/Poor ash trees as workload allows. Without budgetary support, replacement trees will not be planted at this time. We intend to replant if the budget allows in 2021.

The tables and graphs below illustrate the decline of ash trees over the intervening two years. We expect this decline to continue into the future, therefore the arborist will reassess all remaining ash trees in spring 2021 before determining the breakdown of trees to be treated or removed/replaced under contract in 2021. We also believe the 2018 assessment may have been overly optimistic. The work was performed by a contractor in February/March under a TRIM grant. Since the work was performed “leaf-off”, the evaluator may not have seen the true condition of the trees. When our contractor began treating Good trees in 2019, he identified quite a few that were already degrading to the point where treatment was not appropriate.

| 2018 Inventory | | | | | | |
|----------------|------|------|------|------|---------|-------|
| Ash Trees | | | | | | |
| | Good | Fair | Poor | Dead | Removed | Total |
| Streets | 156 | 314 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 535 |
| Parks | 19 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Combined | 175 | 345 | 65 | 0 | 0 | 585 |

Table 1



Graph 1

Graph 2

| 2020 Reassessment | | | | | | |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|---------|-------|
| Ash Trees | | | | | | |
| | Good | Fair | Poor | Dead | Removed | Total |
| Streets | 64 | 274 | 76 | 28 | 93 | 442 |
| Parks | 19 | 26 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 48 |
| Combined | 83 | 300 | 78 | 29 | 95 | 490 |

Table 2