



Street Tree Program
Winterset Community Association

November 2, 2017

The Issue

- 1,445 ash trees planted on the streets within the public right-of-way
- Projected devastation of all ash trees caused by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
- Challenges with current ash blight and leaf loss, other borers and the EAB
- Protecting (and enhancing) home values in immediate area and entire Winterset community
- Protecting concrete curbs and sidewalks

Evolution of the discussion

- Developer and Board first alerted to the U.S. presence of EAB in 2005
- Developer stopped planting ash trees in 2007
- Every annual meeting since has had some level of EAB discussion, sometimes with special guests
- ARC Research and Recommendation most recently presented to the community in November 2016
- Developer requested and the Board approved a hold on that policy pending new analysis
- A white-paper was issued on 3.15.17 detailing the history and community dialogue along with a recommended plan of removal and selective replanting with budgets.

Explanation for the temporary hold on the November 2016 Policy

1. Home valuation in areas of the community with piece-meal tree removal
2. Costs and challenges of future enforcement & litigation
3. New cost data based on a coordinated community-wide attack program over several years

Recommendations from the Special Meeting of March 8, 2017

Winterset Community Association Managed Program for removal and replacement. Eight to ten approved tree species planted in a mix throughout the neighborhoods.

Cost Comparison of Individual Resident Program vs. Community Program

	Resident Managed	
	<u>Springwater Ln Project</u>	<u>WCA Program*</u>
• Remove and dispose tree	\$105.00	\$80.00
• Grind Stump and add soil/seed	\$85.00	included
• Tree supply/\$240-\$325	\$250.00	\$220.00
• Plant labor	\$200.00	\$50.00
• Irrigation repair & watering	N.A.	\$13.00
• Contingency	<u>N.A.</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>
	\$640.00	\$383.00

WCA Approved Street Tree Program

1. Existing ash trees and other street trees showing stress or designated for removal will be cut down, tree stumps ground-out, black dirt and seed installed. Where necessary irrigation lines will be repaired.
2. In order to protect sidewalks from root damage no new trees will be placed between curb and sidewalk;
3. Placement of new trees will be 12' from the curb where there are no sidewalks or 6' from the sidewalk;
4. Some residents will receive no new trees due to conflicts with existing vegetation, house location, position of driveways, etc.
5. New trees will be selected from the list of ten species;
The list of trees was compiled after laborious hours of consultation with landscape architects, arborists and nurseries considering adaptability, availability, life span, color and shape. The list includes: Linden American Sentry, Shumard Red Oak, Northern Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, Black Gum, Golden Raintree, Skyline Honeylocust, Fall Fiesta Maple, Autumn Splendor Maple and State Street Maple, Patriot Elm and Allee Elm. Color photos will be available prior to selections. A multi-year contract has been negotiated with KAT Nurseries, a major, regional supplier of quality trees.
6. Every reasonable effort will be made to coordinate the tree removal crew and the tree planting crew in order that the streetscape can benefit from the new trees as soon as possible. In some select areas new trees may be planted before the street trees are removed.
7. Winterset staff has prepared a layout for new trees along collector streets throughout W5 taking into account existing vegetation, building location, size of the tree at maturity, etc.
 - a. Step One: Respective residents will receive a personalized letter explaining the details of the tree program and listing their options.
 - b. Step Two: Winterset staff will flag the location of each proposed new tree.
 - c. **Step Three: Resident Options & Action Required:**
 - i. **A negative or no reply to the letter will mean no new tree(s) are planted**
 - ii. **A positive reply means a tree(s) will be planted subject to the resident:**
 1. **approving the tree species assigned to that location;**
 2. **choosing an acceptable alternative from the approved list.**
 - iii. **Residents who were on the list to receive trees and who, for whatever reason, did not reply or opted-out can be considered in Year Two/Three of the program.**
 - iv. **Residents in Phase 3 who, for whatever reason, do not reply by March 29, 2019 will not be guaranteed new tree replacement. It will only be a possibility if Winterset staff and KAT Nursery are able to secure trees before the delivery time for Phase 3. After Phase 3 trees are delivered to Winterset in fall of 2019 there will not be any replacement of new trees, except for trees that die during the first year and need replaced.**

- Note:
- A. Only after each of the above 4 steps has been completed will any tree(s) be planted;
 - B. With this program tree removal can be managed separate from tree planting;
 - C. This removal and planting program is projected to occur over three winter seasons;
 - D. It is projected that on average for every 3 trees removed, 2 will be planted;
 - E. Residents who have ash trees within their property will be permitted and encouraged to utilize this program for removal, for which they will be invoiced separately.

Projected cost for this WCA program over the next three years is \$402,000.00.

Q & A

1. Have all alternatives been considered
We believe that the multi-year discussion, neighborhood testing and community meetings, literature and professional review has flushed out all concerns
2. What do we do for those who have already removed their trees? Should they be compensated?
Upon request and subject to approval of the board compensation per the WCA cost structure and plan
3. When will the trees be turned back over to the residents?
One year after planting to allow for warranty
4. Will same type of tree be planted in zones or different varieties in all neighborhoods?
Refer to #5 above
5. How many varieties will be planted and what will they be?
Refer to #5 above
6. What if someone wants to keep their ash tree and are treating it?
Resident to sign special documentation obligating the resident to maintain or remove at their future cost
7. What if someone doesn't want a street tree at all?
We honor that request
8. When will the program start?
January to March 2018
9. How will it be paid for, will there be an increase in dues?
Paid for from general operations, no special assessment is required.
10. Where will the work start?
Along the main collector streets throughout Winterset5
11. Will there be trees added to areas that do not currently have trees?
20 in Winterset Garden and 18 in Winterset Woods