City of Boerne Urban Forestry
Oak Wilt Management Program

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Unified Development Code – Tree Preservation

  - Restructured protected tree size classifications
  - Increased tree preservation rate for residential and commercial projects
  - Established minimum canopy coverage requirements in downtown and historic overlay districts
  - Increased the re-planting ratio and fee in lieu of replacement for tree removal
    - PRESERVE > PLANT > PAY
  - Removal of Exemptions
  - Redefined the Tree Restoration Fund
Tree Restoration Fund - Proposed Projects

- Oak Wilt Management Incentive Program
- Tree Maintenance and Removal: City Owned Properties
- Northside Community Park
- Beautification of Entrance Corridors
- Public Drainage Easement and Riparian Restoration Projects
- Tree Giveaway Events
- Outreach and Education
Oak Wilt Management Program - Overview

- Oak Wilt Management Program FY23 Budget: $50,000
- Incentives are provided for individual properties within Boerne City Limits not associated with subdivision development or a commercial building permit application process
- Incentive program focuses on two categories: A) Tree Removal and B) Treatment
- Incentives are provided through a reimbursement to the applicant upon completion of work
- Each property can receive a maximum of $3,000 in combined incentives annually
- Trees receiving therapeutic or preventative treatments are exempt from the program for 2 years from date of treatment
Oak Wilt Management Incentive Program – Tree Removal

- Reimbursement of $50 per inch of diameter removed for any symptomatic or deceased red oak species greater than 8 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH) suspected of hosting fungal mats.

- Reimbursement of $25 per inch of diameter removed for any oak wilt killed tree greater than 12 inches in DBH not identified as a red oak species

- City of Boerne will coordinate with the Kendall County Brush Site for delivery of infected red oaks on a designated day where all material delivered will be chipped that day.

- Maximum of $1,500 per property, per fiscal year, for tree removal.
Oak Wilt Management Incentive Program - Treatment

- **Therapeutic treatment** of any symptomatic oak species within Boerne City Limits not identified as a red oak variety and experiencing no more than 30% canopy loss.

- **Preventative treatment** of any asymptomatic oak species within 100 feet of symptomatic tree

- **Applicator Qualifications**: Only treatments performed under the guidance of a degreed forester, or an Oak Wilt Qualified ISA Certified Arborist will qualify for treatment reimbursement.

- Reimbursement of $5 per inch of diameter for proper fungicide injection.

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City of Boerne Oak Wilt Distribution

Approximate Location of Oak Wilt Infections Within Boerne City Limits

Oak Wilt Center Boundary
Boerne City Limits
ETJ Boundary
Questions

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