



## **5.03 INFRASTRUCTURE TREE REPLACEMENT POLICY**

### **PUBLIC WORKS - ENGINEERING**

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#### **POLICY**

The City of Northfield has a variety of tree species in its urban forest. Some of those trees are of considerable age, size and historical significance. Routine pruning, removal and replacement of the trees within the boulevard are a responsibility of the City.

As the City performs infrastructure projects, there are normally trees that need to be removed due to their proximity to the construction. These trees are removed as part of the project by a tree removal contractor, and the costs for the removals are paid for as part of the project.

To maintain the health of the urban forest, any tree that is over 8 inches in diameter will be replaced with the project at a 2:1 ratio on infrastructure projects. For example, if 50 trees are removed for the project, 100 trees will be planted in the project area if space is available. If space isn't available, the City Horticulturalist shall identify locations where trees can be placed in other areas of the City.