

WHEREAS, invasive tree species can seriously overrun forests including urban forests and lead to environmental and financial difficulties later, Northfield should have a prohibited tree list; and

WHEREAS, the state of Minnesota has a prohibited tree list, which includes invasive and disease carrying trees, however it is slow to recognize local and regional appearances of invasive and disease species; and

WHEREAS, Northfield has thus far relied on the existing state of Minnesota prohibited tree list, the City of Northfield should take steps to addend the state prohibited tree list to move quickly to prevent invasion.

Therefore, the Environmental Quality Commission urges the Northfield City Council to:

1. Add to the state of Minnesota tree list of invasive and disease trees that threaten the City's urban forest as necessary.
2. The Northfield prohibited tree list, which is the state list, should addend the list as necessary to protect Northfield's urban forest.
3. The city forester and the EQC together may recommend species to the city council to be added to the state list.