

Red Lodge Parks, Trees and Recreation Board Tree Committee Report – April 2018

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City Staff: James Caniglia

Tree Committee and James met to discuss MDT Project and RL Forestry Targets

The Tree Committee met a couple times between the Board meeting of March 21st and April 18 for the purpose of closing out the grant with DNRC, following up on the MDT Robinson to 2-Mile Project and identifying potential RL Program trees (Arbor Day and Cost-shares) for 2018.

FY 2017 Urban Forestry Grant: DNRC awarded Red Lodge \$3,650 in support of the 2017 Tree Inventory for Red Lodge city trees (trees in the public right-of-way and in City parks). DNRC did not expect RL to complete the inventory w/ the limited grant funds it received. However, since RL did complete the inventory, DNRC has been pushing to receive the revised and adopted UFMP from Red Lodge before it releases the 2018 grant award. The grant is awarded considering the 10-year work plan contained within the UFMP.

Milestone Updates:

- **10/18/17 - Finalized Field Data: Tree Inventory** (collection & QA/QC) - **completed**
 - Full inventory data available to DNRC for posting to statewide inventory (TreeKeeper)
 - DNRC may begin their data analysis & value-add fact sheet updated for Red Lodge
- **11/7 – 11/9 Extracted Inventory** from GIS for data manipulation in Excel – **completed**
- **11/9/17 – DNRC Program Development Grant application submitted**
- **11/17/17 - Analysis and First Draft Updated UFP – Completed**
- **1/15/18 – RL application for Arbor Day Grant submitted (\$750) - Completed**
- **3/5/18 - UFP Draft finalized & approved by Parks Board - completed**
- **3/13/18 –City Council Review – completed**
- **3/27/18 – UFMP adopted by City Council - completed**
 - Available to share with public, DNRC, etc. following
 - Tree Committee will begin planning and targeting 2018 Cost Share, Arbor Day, Grants* or proposals based on the updated UFMP Work Plan
- **3/30/18 – DNRC Obligation met - completed**
 - City submitted UFMP to DNRC with write up & forms to close it out.
 - DNRC acknowledged acceptance and RL compliance

City Forestry Updates – Arbor Day and Cost-Share Trees: The goal this past month was to target trees where needed and see if there's interest among property owners to collaborate on planting (cost-shares). To do this ahead of ordering trees will ensure we can order the right kind of tree for each location AND that we'd have a preliminary "OK" from public works.

Milestone Updates:

- **4/3-4/18** - Locations proposed and discussed with James, submitted to Public Works for first pass (attached)



proposed trees 2018.docx

- 4/17/18 - Target locations accepted by Public Works and/or adjusted
- 4/20/18 - Proposals discussed with other property owners w/ desired public tree locations
 - Proposed to RL Community Church 4/3 to see if any interest (provided go ahead from PW)
- 4/30/18 - Locations finalized
- 5/1/18 - Trees ordered by City for Delivery
- 5/30/18 - Trees delivered to RL City for Planting
- 6/1-30/18 - Contractor conducts further evaluation of locations and schedules planting
- 6/30/18 - Trees planted, staked, mulched and caged

City Forestry Updates – MDT Robinson to 2-Mile Project

The plans for the MDT Red Lodge Robinson to 2-Mile project were shared with James and the Tree Committee. There are approximately 197 trees and 123 shrubs of several varieties mapped among the schematics that were shared. Some of the trees are not on the City's preferred tree listing and further evaluation of substitute trees is in progress.

The project is not planned to begin until 2022, but the MDT project team needs feedback from Red Lodge by 4/20 so they may finalize their plans including the 3rd party landscape architect they have contracted.

A rough layout and location of the proposed trees was created using the City/County GIS. A listing of the proposed trees and shrubs is listed and needs to be finalized to include substitutes RL is asking for. Sheet with maps and list is attached.



Robinson to 2-mile MDT
Project.xlsx

Respectfully submitted by Theresa Whistler