

Eagle Glen Perimeter Tree Project

In 2014 the HOA formed the Beautification Committee to address the need for management of trees along the perimeter of the subdivision. We hired an arborist to help us develop a long term plan.

In May 2015 at the HOA Annual Meeting the Beautification Committee presented a plan along with projection of costs for replacement of trees along perimeter of the subdivision that will span at least 7 years. The total cost of the project was projected to be approximately \$68,300 in 2015 dollars. Three sections were considered.

Section 1 – from the east, along Westland to Westland Entrance

Section 2 – Between the Westland Entrance and Northshore Drive

Section 3 – Along Northshore

Tree management is needed to:

- Address safety issues. Tree roots along Westland in Section 2 had been destroyed by road widening work toward the intersection of Westland and Northshore. This was our priority since those trees were in danger of falling toward homes.
- Address the size and growth problems of trees.
- Meet the desire for consistency of appearance and creating a barrier along the subdivision. We are addressing areas of gaps in the pine trees that have developed as the trees have fallen over time.
- Contain cost in the long run. It is less expensive to address this problem at one time than to pay to deal with individual trees as they continue to grow and fall over time.

Timeline

- May 2015 funding was approved to move forward with the project
- July 2015 – pines removed along Section 2 and Westland Entrance
- March 2016 replacement trees were planted in that same area: Nellie R Stevens Holly, Little Gem Magnolia, Thuja Golden Ribbon Arborvitae, and Dwarf Blue Atlas Cedar. Green Giant Arborvitae and then Emerald Green Arborvitae are planted toward Northshore and wrapping around into section 3 due to spacing issues.
 - Trees are small but this contains cost and gives them the best chance of survival
 - They will grow to 2/3rd to 3/4th of their mature size in 8 – 10 years and continue to grow to mature height ranging from 15 – 40 feet tall.

- Irrigation has been run from the boulevard irrigation system to the trees to make sure they get established. Trees will be watered for the 1st growing season in each section as they are planted and later only if drought conditions threaten the plants.
- Each area will be mulched to enhance appearance and define area to allow for maintenance.
- Additional trees that were dead or leaning toward homes and at risk of falling have been removed, stumps ground. (3 dead trees, 1 that was leaning in 2016)
- It was discovered in fall 2017 that 3 trees along Westland were dead and another dying.

Next steps

- Plan is to collect money allocated, approximately \$10,000/year from budget over time until we have enough to remove and then replace trees as soon as possible.
 - Next phase will be Section 1 – in 2017/2018 – cutting of remaining pines and grinding of stumps along Westland in December 2018 and replanting in February 2018 with Holly, Little Gem Magnolia, Blue Atlas Cedar and Thuja Golden Ribbon Arborvitae.
 - Third phase will be Section 3- likely by 2021.