



**TWO
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Parks and Recreation
Environmental and Forestry
Initiatives

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Bee City, USA

Application Steps - <https://beecityusa.org/apply-to-bee-city-usa/>

Commitments -

<https://beecityusa.org/learn-bee-city-usa-commitments/>

Existing Designations

- Bird City - <https://birdcity.org/>
- Tree City - <https://www.arborday.org/our-work/tree-city-usa>

2025 Urban Forestry Grant

- \$25,000 grant + \$29,963 from city sources = \$54,963,000 total 2025 forestry budget
- EAB as a Tree Committee
 - Assist with planning and execution of outreach events
 - Recruit volunteers
 - Raise funding
 - Promote and market efforts
 - Advise P&R and DPW on tree issues
- School Involvement
 - Host planting activity at Koenig
 - Develop walking field trips about forestry
- Library Involvement
 - Arbor Day planting event
 - Winter activities, lectures and kids' activities
- Staff and Volunteer Training
 - 1 staff member will attend WI DNR Community Tree Management Institute
 - \$1,000 in stipends for 6 volunteers and/or teachers to complete LEAF training
 - K-12 forestry curriculum workshop that will train people to support field trips and special events

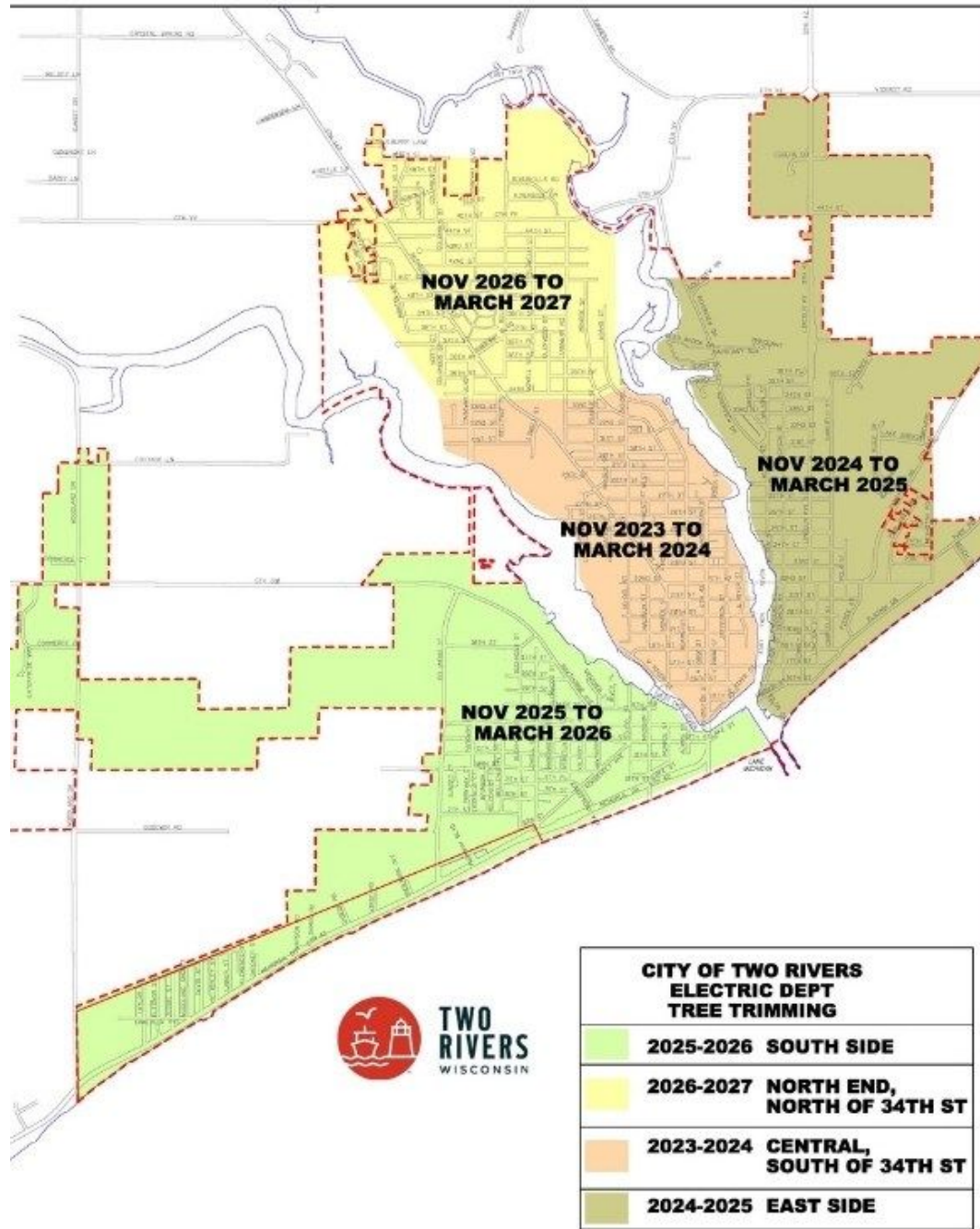
2025 Urban Forestry Grant

- Removals and Pruning
 - Continue efforts to remove and prune street trees
 - P&R staff time, Electric Dept., outside contractor
- Planting
 - 6 trees at library, grant funds
 - 44 trees planted by contractor, city tree budget
 - 25 trees for community outreach events, grant funds
 - Neshotah Park, Koenig Elementary, Washington Park
- Staffing Support
 - 450 hours of Youth Apprentice with a forestry focus
 - 250 hours of seasonal park maintenance labor
 - 50 hours of full-time staff labor
 - Planting, watering, pruning, removals

New Forestry Website and Dashboard

- Updated website and dashboard
 - <https://www.two-rivers.org/parksrec/page/forestry>

2024/2025 Street Tree Removals & Pruning



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Annual Tree Trimming

TRU Electric Department will begin to prune trees that have grown into our power lines December through March 2025. They will be focusing on the East Side of the City.

The City is broken down into quadrants. The map on the left shows the schedule of when each section of the City will be trimmed.

For questions call
920-793-5550

2025 Lake Michigan Bird Observatory Grant

- \$10,000, 60 trees, southside, natives, city staff will plant and water
 - AUTUMN BRILLIANCE SERVICEBERRY
 - BLUE BEECH
 - COMMON HACKBERRY
 - MN STRAIN REDBUD
 - YELLOWWOOD
 - KENTUCKY COFFEE TREE
 - BLACK TUPELO NORTHERN SEED SOURCE
 - IRONWOOD
 - SWAMP WHITE OAK
 - BUR OAK
 - SHOWY MOUNTAIN ASH





Paddlers Park 2024 & 2025

- Site plan
- LNRP trees
- LNRP surface water application
 - Native plantings
- City Coastal Application
 - Concrete boat launch
 - Concrete pathway
 - Signage
 - Dock
 - Picnic tables
 - Fishing sites

2025 Neshotah Park Improvements

- Tree and rain garden planting, volunteers needed, \$25,000 available



2025 Faith in Place Tree Grant

- Pending application
 - Partnership with Grace Congregational Church
 - 20 trees to be planted at Washington Park
 - 450 hours forestry youth apprentice
 - 50 hours of seasonal maintenance staff
 - Watering and mulch costs
 - Outreach event supplies, speaker/presenter stipend
 - P&R and church administrative time



Paddle Palooza



Paddle Palooza

2024

- ~100 participants over the full day
- 50 people launched for kayak float

2025

- Connect with Metalware about combining with Dragon Boat Races
- Integrate adaptive paddling components
- Explore additional outdoor expo type activities



Adaptive Paddling and Public Programs 2025

- Fleet of 17 kayaks and adaptive paddling gear bought in 2024
- Launch series of educational kayaking programs and sunset paddles (schedule TBD)
- Host American Canoe Association Adaptive Paddling Workshop for 10 participants
- Expand and improve Paddle Palooza
- Develop connections to draw paddling conference to Two Rivers



Summary of EAB To-do's/Up-coming Tasks

1. Recommend Bee City, USA designation to Council
2. Library Arbor Day Program, Friday, April 25th
3. Library Winter Lectures and Activities
4. LEAF Curriculum Training, Koenig Walking Field Trips
5. Faith in Place Planting Spring Event
6. Faith in Place Pruning and Planting Workshop
7. Paddlers Park Planting Date
8. Neshotah Park Tree/Rain Garden Planting Event