

The City of Kewaunee was awarded an Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin DNR. The project scope for awarded funds includes the creation of a public tree inventory and database, an urban forest management plan, an EAB readiness/response plan, and two days of staff training which will cover tree biology, pruning, planting, and felling.

Wachtel Tree Science & Service was awarded the project by our city council. Over the next three to four weeks they will be completing a comprehensive Geographic Information System (GIS) inventory of existing public trees and vacant planting spaces. Data will include a unique ID#, inspection date, location, growth space size, DBH, height class, condition rating, tree value, percent deadwood, maintenance need categories, work priority, clearance issues, overhead utilities present, special conditions and general notes.

After the data is collected Wachtel Tree Science & Service will begin preparing our Urban Forestry Management Plan and EAB Readiness/Response Plan. The comprehensive plan will summarize inventory results, provide general recommendations, and identify long term goals. The plan will also include a five-year strategic schedule for pruning, planting, and removal of trees. All planning documents will be reviewed by our regional DNR forestry representative to ensure the management plan meets their requirements.

Be sure to welcome Nate Schuettpelz and Tim Krystyn from Wachtel Tree Science and Service to Kewaunee if you see them working along our streets and in our parks. The data they are collecting will help us manage public trees which are a valuable asset to the entire community.

