

City of Darien Tree Inventory and Management Plan

The City of Darien has been awarded a \$53,000 Illinois Community Canopy Tree Inventory & Management Plan Grant awarded through Trees Forever with funding through Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).

This grant will support a comprehensive tree inventory and long-term management strategy to ensure Darien's public trees remain safe, healthy, and sustainable for years to come.

Project Scope of Work

1. GPS Based Tree Inventory

Davey Tree will conduct a GPS based inventory of approximately **9,000 trees, stumps, and planting sites** located within street right-of-ways (ROWS).

The project area will be defined by the following parameters:

- Parcel boundaries
- Street right-of-ways

This digital inventory will allow the City to maintain accurate, up-to-date tree data for improved planning and management.

2. What the Inventory Includes

A tree inventory is a systematic assessment of public trees conducted by certified forestry professionals (Arborists). Data collected will include:

-  Species identification
-  Tree size
-  Overall health and structural condition
-  Maintenance needs (pruning, removal, treatment)
-  Potential safety concerns
-  Available planting spaces
-  GPS coordinates

This information creates a detailed snapshot of the City's urban forest.

What Residents Can Expect

During the inventory process, residents may see forestry crews walking through neighborhoods and working near parkways.

- Crews will work **only in publicly maintained areas**.
- No access to private property will be required.
- The project is to begin March 9th 2026 and be completed in approximately nine weeks.

This project represents a long-term investment in Darien's infrastructure. Like roads, sidewalks, and utilities, public trees are valuable community assets that require strategic management and planning.

Tree Inventory Analysis & 5-Year Maintenance Strategy

After completing the inventory, Davey Tree will:

- Analyze collected data
- Apply industry standards and best management practices
- Develop a comprehensive Tree Inventory Analysis
- Help the city deliver a **projected maintenance plan and budget**

This strategy will help the City proactively address pruning cycles, removals, risk management, and future planting needs.

Stay Informed

Project updates will be shared on the City's website and social media channels as the project progresses.

For questions:

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By investing in data-driven tree management today, Darien is ensuring a safer, greener, and more resilient community for the future.