

Parks & Recreation Commission FY '18 Five-Year Tree CIP List

1. Identify locations for tree plantings in parks and along trails.
 - a. As new parks get built, trees will be installed as part of the landscape plan (funds secured thru project).
 - b. Identify parks with lowest canopy cover or areas where trees are most needed.
 - c. Choose parks/trails/streets with existing irrigation systems to tie into.
2. Add on to irrigation systems where it can aid in the watering of new trees.
 Staff recommended priority project list that will begin in FY '18 as funds are identified:

Irrigation Installations for Memorial Groves & Arbor Day Plantings			
Park	Area	Cost Estimate	Notes
Cambridge Heights	Along loop trail.	\$7,500.00	Continuation of 2016 plantings.
	subtotal	\$7,500.00	

Total Irrigation Estimate \$7,500.00

3. Identification of pest related and other tree diseases in our parks and trails, to include training of park staff in spotting these problems. Possible hiring of consultant (Pflugerville's past Urban Forester) to help with training.
 - a. First priority should be staff training (or outsource) to identify tree risks (hazards) in parks/trails/city bldgs. (ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualification) – this would produce funding needs for priority pruning & removals
 - b. Allocate funds to hire, or train existing staff as ISA certified arborist (or retain consultant arborist for certain projects)
4. Advocate for landscape/streetscape improvements to be part of all roadway projects.
 - a. 2%-4% of the project budget should be allocated to landscape/streetscape.
 - b. All projects should be designed to accommodate landscape/streetscape (sleeves, utilities, etc.)