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To: Brett Hebert

From: John Kemppainen

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Re: February Forestry Activities Report

- In-house crews trimmed trees when time allowed in Zone 3. This zone is scheduled to be completed in 2020 and crews made significant progress. Our trimming contractor will be starting during the second week of March as well.
- Assisted with plowing during multiple snow events in the month of February.
- I attended the Wisconsin Arborist Association (WAA) annual conference in Green Bay February 17-19. Additionally I was a speaker on the topic of Urban Wood Utilization. The talk was well received and I have tentatively been asked to give an expanded version of that presentation at the Arbor Day Foundation's Partners in Community Forestry conference later this year in Louisville, KY. I will provide details regarding this opportunity as they become more solid.
- Public Works staff and directors from the City of Monona and the City of Edgerton came to visit and get a tour of our wood utilization efforts after hearing my presentation in Green Bay. Both cities are very interested in urban wood utilization and are looking for assistance getting their programs off the ground.
- I attended a meeting on the behalf of Wisconsin Urban Wood in Stevens Point WI. We met with the WIDNR regarding our ongoing partnership and how to further improve the urban wood utilization message across the state and region.
- Began reviewing and providing input on the 2020 road construction projects. Several trees will require removal unfortunately and the removal process will begin this spring. Replacement trees will be installed once the projects are substantially completed.
- I met with utilities crews multiple times to review trees that are posing a conflict with power lines. So far this winter we have allowed or assisted in the removal of six (6) mature trees under wires. These will be replaced with more appropriate species where space allows.

Respectfully Submitted,

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City Forester