

International Falls Secures \$203,385 DNR Grant to Restore Trees and Revitalize Neighborhoods

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The City of International Falls has been awarded a \$203,385 Community Tree Planting Grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The funding will remove 75 dead or declining trees along the boulevard affected by emerald ash borer and support the planting of approximately 103 new native and climate-adapted trees across the community.

Working with Bolton & Menk, the City is developing a restoration plan before hiring contractors to begin tree removal this summer. New trees will be planted starting in late summer or early fall and continue through early summer 2027, prioritizing neighborhoods with the greatest need for canopy recovery.

The project will restore the long-term benefits of boulevard trees, strengthen the urban forest, and support city beautification efforts. For more information, visit the city's website at <https://www.ci.international-falls.mn.us/news/community-tree-planting-grant/>. For questions, contact Betty Bergstrom at 218-283-7983 or Emma Rud at 218-283-7985.