



**ROCHESTER PARK AND RECREATION
2007 FORESTRY DIVISION
Jacob Ryg: City Forester**

TREE TRIMMING

<u>Small</u>	<u>Medium</u>	<u>Large</u>	<u>Total</u>
3309	846	1945	6100

TREE REMOVALS

<u>Public DED Elms</u>	<u>Private DED Elms</u>	<u>Other Public Trees</u>	<u>Total</u>
65	488	750	1,303

PLANTING PERMITS

280 permits issued

TREE SHRUB PLANTING

130 trees in parks / boulevards
270 RNeighborWoods trees boulevards
166 shrubs in parks

EMPLOYEE – PUBLIC EDUCATION SESSIONS

Electrical Hazard Awareness Program (EHAP)

Forest Industry Safety Training Level Four

5th Annual SE MN Arborist Workshop – with Ed Gilman – over 300 attended

FORESTRY DIVISION HIGHLIGHTS 2007

- Assisted in statewide Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) detection program for the third year; 10 trees were utilized finding no EAB present
- Taught two citizen forester classes in conjunction with RNeighborWoods at Quarry Hill Nature Center
- Planted 270 boulevard trees using citizen volunteers
- Designed a new emerald ash borer and sidewalk construction around trees brochure that is available on the Forestry website
- Planned and hosted the SE Minnesota Arborist workshop & moderated the sessions
- New CIP to begin in 2008 to fund city tree planting
- Completed City of Rochester tree inventory
- Rochester awarded 25th Year as Tree City USA – 3rd Year with a Growth Award
- Hired new flood control equipment operator – Kurt Krenke
- Purchased replacement aerial lift truck 941
- Started monthly radio program with KROC 1340 – Tracy McCray
- Presenter at state tree inspector workshop in Mankato
- RNeighborWoods won Environmental Innovation award for Elton Hills Dr. NW boulevard tree planting – from the Committee for Urban Design and Environment