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URBAN FOREST RESTORATIVE WORK GETS UNDERWAY THIS SUMMER

Work Begins July 25th

The City of Spokane Urban Forestry Division and Water Department will be partnering with the Spokane Conservation District and Washington Department of Natural Resources to perform forest health restoration work at various public sites this summer.

Work will begin July 25th on the first project site near the Five Mile water tank located at Woodside Avenue and Belt Street. This site is approximately 18-acres and abutted on two sides by private residences.

The project is funded in part by the Washington Department of Natural Resources which provides cost-share grants to forest landowners for forest health improvements, protections, and degradation reduction.

About Urban Forestry

City of Spokane Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. City arborists help manage the urban forest by planting and maintaining trees throughout the City. The thinning of trees in some areas is also done to improve the overall health of various stands of trees in the City's park system. Improving the City's urban forest is an ongoing project that will take decades of work and careful management. In 2010 Spokane received its eighth year in a row designation as a Tree City USA. That program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the USDA Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters. For more information please call 509.363.5495 or go online to www.spokaneurbanforestry.org

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