



Tree Removal and Planting – Q+A

How many trees will be removed in total for the project improvements?

Approximately 130 trees will be removed in total for the project improvements. 106 trees are 6-inches or greater in diameter, while 24 trees are less than 6-inches in diameters. Trees less than 6-inches in diameters do not require a tree permit for removal.

Why do you need to remove them?

In order to widen the road and accommodate the new public features, some trees need to be removed. Most of the trees being removed to accommodate the project (80%) are deciduous street trees (e.g. pear, cherry or ash trees) located along the existing sidewalks near the street. The project team put forth a great effort in juggling all competing interests to minimize tree removal and avoid impacts to trees in the corridor.

Where are the trees located?

The trees are located along Boones Ferry Road, between West Sunset Drive and Douglas Way.

How many large firs/evergreens will be removed?

Approximately 15 evergreen trees are slated for removal.

Are you protecting any trees?

Yes, 80 trees located in the project corridor will be protected and preserved. A certified arborist will be on site to help monitor construction work taking place close to trees. Tree protection fencing will be installed around many of the existing trees. There are four large Douglas-firs that may be impacted during construction, but the project team and contractor will be working with an arborist to try and save and protect them during construction.

Are you planting any trees back?

Yes. More than 170 trees will be replanted in the project corridor. Trees will be planted in the new medians, sidewalks, and stormwater planters.

What type of trees are you planting back?

There are a mix of 26 types of site-appropriate trees being replanted in the corridor. Tree species were chosen based on space and growing conditions in the urban environment. A complete tree species list can be found at www.boonesferryproject.org under “reference materials.”

Who is removing them?

A specialized tree removal company with certified arborists, Northwest Tree Specialists, will be removing the trees.

When will the trees be removed?

Tree removal is expected to begin in mid-June and continue over a two or three-week period.

Did the City apply for a tree removal permit?

Yes. The City and project team went through the required Type II tree removal permit process per the City's Tree Code. A tree removal permit was issued on 5/17/19 after the process was completed. No appeals were submitted.

A link to the removal application can be found here:

<https://www.ci.oswego.or.us/api/trees/permits/952/application>

Isn't it nesting season for birds?

Yes. The City has and will be following its Bird Conservation Strategy. A biologist has been on site multiple times to look through the trees to determine if there are any active nests. Our goal is not to remove trees that have any birds/nests in them. At this stage, there have been no active nests found in the trees to be removed.

How will the trees be removed and what happens to the wood?

The contractor will limb the tree and slowly remove sections. Limbs may be chipped up and the larger logs will be removed from site.

Was information shared about tree removal with the community?

Impacts to trees and tree removal along the corridor has been a topic of discussion since the early stages of the village center planning (over twenty years ago). [Community and business members](#) discussed the extent of tree removal during project advisory meetings, subcommittee meetings and a walkthrough on the project back in 2015. Information about the expected number of trees to be removed has been provided on the [project website](#) and at the two previous open houses (boards from the January 2019 open house can be found under 'reference materials' at www.boonesferryproject.org)

Notification about the tree removal application and flagging was provided in [early March 2019](#). This included (but not limited to): email to project listserv, city-wide post on Nextdoor and other social media accounts (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter), articles in the *Lake Oswego Review*, signage of the removal application posted along the corridor, a pending application notice on the planning department's [tree map](#), and a link to the tree removal application on the [project's website](#).

Where can I get more information about the Boones Ferry Road Project?

Visit www.boonesferryproject.org, email info@boonesferryproject.org or call 503-697-6573.