

January 2026 Landscape Committee Report

Quotes requested for numerous tree pruning and removal projects, one with arborist. Two approved projects scheduled for this week.

Suggestion from several in the past that we should have a long range plan such as “forestry management” to address problems and solutions. As suggested, contact was attempted with A&M, Davey Tree, and Harris County with mixed results.

While we are often reacting to problems, we are also trying to be proactive and deal with issues before they become a more costly issue. Future plantings should be well informed, including, choice of varieties that tolerate weather extremes, drought, heat and cold. Knowledge of height and width at maturity, recommended spacing, sunlight requirements and knowledge of negative growth habits such as cypress knees or vulnerability to pests is necessary. Over-crowding of trees limits access to sunlight, moisture, and nutrients.

Proper spacing allows ease of mowing and avoids mechanical damage to base of trees.

Failure of grass beneath trees is due as much, or more, to water as it is to sunlight. Best approach is to increase distance between canopy and ground by pruning. Thinning of canopy growth will regrow. Success of grass in overcrowded areas or limited space is difficult or unlikely.

Adding of soil to cover surface roots is a temporary solution. Roots need oxygen and they will come to the surface. Avoid heavy foot traffic in root zone. It will compact soil and inhibit water absorption.

We should do our best to eliminate the need for future corrections.