



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

FORESTRY DIVISION



Dear Property Owner,

The City of Aurora Forestry Division is beginning an exciting project concentrating on tree diversity and health to help us better understand the trees in our community and improve future tree planting. This tree surveying project will provide a canopy assessment of the trees in Aurora and your property is one that will help us to obtain the best data possible. We are simply requesting your permission to look at the trees on your property, take simple, non-damaging tree measurements and note the surrounding vegetation.

To support this project, we kindly request your permission to allow technicians on your property to survey the trees present. Field technicians will begin their work during the first week of August and will continue for 5-6 weeks until they have surveyed all selected properties. For your convenience, we've made it simple for you to grant permission.

To opt-in, you may choose from the following options:



Phone: 720.327.5906



Email: treediversityproject@auroragov.org

If you prefer to schedule a potential day (not required) you may request to do so. When opting in by phone or email, please note a weekday that works best between Monday through Friday and a field technician will survey your property sometime between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

We are happy to receive your approval by phone or email, noting your full name, property address and permission to survey the trees on your property. Please note, field technicians surveying your property will follow recommended public health guidelines issued by Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

We appreciate your willingness to help us acquire a comprehensive look at the trees in the Aurora area. The integral data gathered during the field survey will provide invaluable information for future planning. In addition to their beauty, trees benefit communities in numerous ways from saving energy to filtering water and air, improving land value and human health. The more we know about the trees in our community now, the better the decisions we make about planting a legacy for the future.

Sincerely,



John Wesolowski, Manager of Parks & Forestry
City of Aurora Parks, Recreation & Open Space



TREE ASSESSMENT SURVEY

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS



WHAT IS THE TREE ASSESSMENT SURVEY AND WHY WAS MY PROPERTY CHOSEN?

It is the gathering of tree data across the city of Aurora that will provide a comprehensive look at current tree diversity, health and also provide invaluable information for future planning. This property, among 300 others, were randomly selected as survey points to look at the property's trees, take simple, non-damaging tree measurements and note surrounding vegetation.



WHO IS INVOLVED IN THE SURVEY AND WHO WILL BE ON MY PROPERTY?

The City of Aurora Forestry Division and their contractor, Davey Resource Group, are partnering to accomplish this project. Field technicians from Davey Resource Group will conduct the tree survey. Prior to entering the property, their procedure is to knock on the door to inform residents of the survey and their presence. Field technicians work in teams of two and will be recognizable by their yellow or orange vests, carrying project ID cards.



WHEN WILL THE TREES ON MY PROPERTY BE MEASURED AND HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE?

If you chose to schedule an appointment, the day you request will be received by our team and you will be contacted with a confirmation in regards to the requested day of the week. For those who opt-in and do not require their property be surveyed on a specific day, we cannot say specifically when property will be surveyed, but field technicians will begin their work during the first week of August and will continue for 5-6 weeks until they have surveyed all selected properties. In most cases, it should take an hour to an hour and a half to survey the trees and vegetation in the front or backyard or possibly both. For the protection and safety of your property and pets, technicians will close and secure gates if they go into your backyard.



WHAT KIND OF INFORMATION IS COLLECTED AND HOW?

Location, species, size, condition of the trees and general information about related ground cover in the area. Field technicians will be using specialized tools, which do not harm the tree, to measure the height and diameter as well as making visual determinations of species and condition.



HOW WILL I KNOW WHEN IF/WHEN MY PROPERTY HAS BEEN SURVEYED?

Field technicians will leave a hanger on your front door when the work is completed.



WHAT WILL THE INFORMATION BE USED FOR ONCE IT'S COLLECTED?

Surveyed information will be gathered and compiled to get the project results. The gathered data will inform the city of Aurora Forestry Division of the current tree canopy and inventory of our community.



WILL MY PROPERTY ADDRESS BE MADE PUBLIC?

Absolutely NOT. No personal information related to the locations of the properties surveyed will be public. Protecting your privacy is of the utmost importance. Project results will never share the exact location where any of the information was collected.