

## Public Works Board Agrees to Ash Tree Removal

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Another board in city government has agreed to a preemptive cutting of ash trees in La Crosse. The city parks department wants to cut down all the ash trees in four different parks before the emerald ash borer kills them. The parks board has said yes to the plan. Today the public works board has done the same. There's about 900 trees in total in the parks and the plan is to get the trees down while they're still healthy and have value to offset the cost of removal, estimated currently at around a hundred thousand dollars. The DNR has recommended the healthy tree removal and the public works board finds there's little reason to forestall the cutting.