



Fairfax County Park Authority Funding for Hazardous Tree Remediation

Recommendation

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Introduction

- Collaborative efforts by Urban Forestry, Dept. Management & Budget, County Attorney & Park Authority
- Fairfax County Park Authority removes/prunes trees on parkland that pose a risk to life/property
- Increase in public requests for remediation, including Emerald Ash Borer cases
- Current funding for tree removal insufficient to cover the number of cases requiring attention

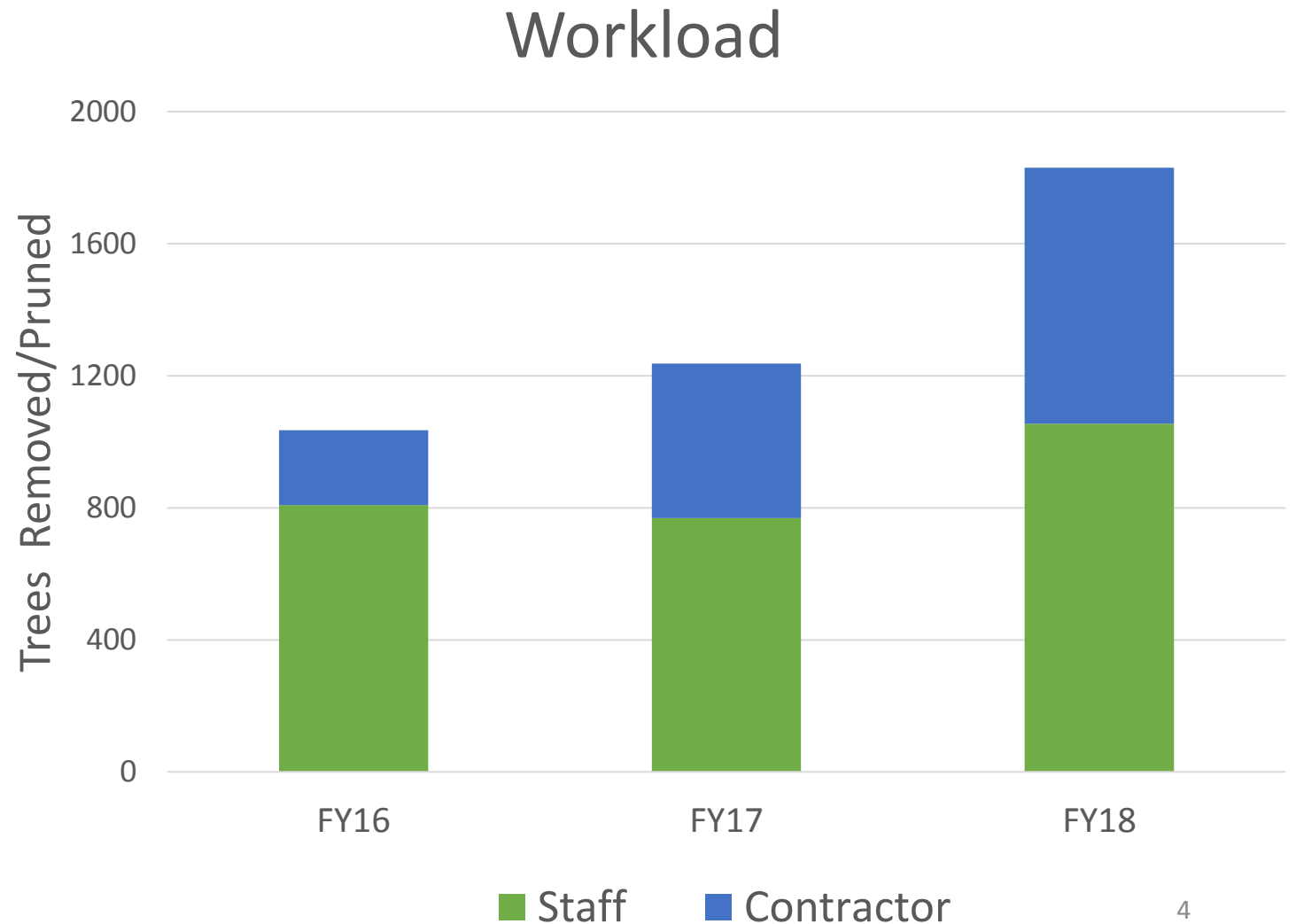
Special Service District- Appendix I Control of Infestations of Insects

- County Code Appendix I provides that taxes levied for service district can only be used for control of infestations of forest pests and disease carrying insects
- Removal of trees killed by pest infestation is not a control measure
- Taxes levied for one purpose cannot be used for a different purpose
- Must amend Appendix I to add new purpose for service district—remediation of damage from forest pest infestations on Park Authority land



Park Authority Forestry Operations

- 23,512 acres, 77% forested
- 163,000 ash trees on parkland est
- \$498/ash removal
- FY18- 1,100 tree requests

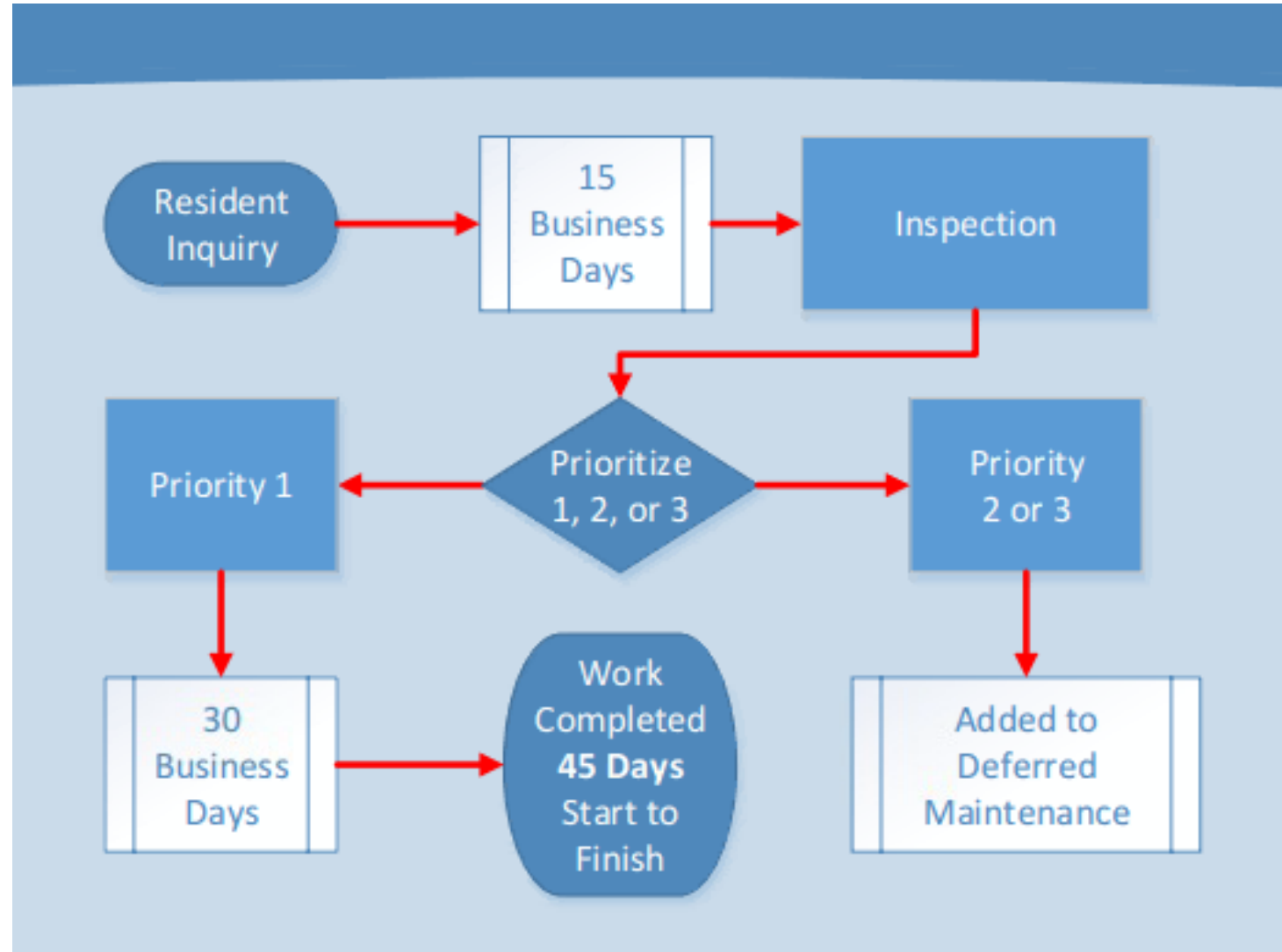


Priorities-Extreme/High Risk Only

- Industry Standards
- Consequences of Tree Failure can impact Life & Property

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	NEGLIGIBLE	MINOR	SIGNIFICANT	SEVERE
VERY LIKELY	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme
LIKELY	Low	Moderate	High	High
SOMEWHAT LIKELY	Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate
UNLIKELY	Low	Low	Low	Low

Work Flow Process



Forestry Work Order Backlog

DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

Calendar Year	Priority 1 Extreme/High Risk	Priority 2 Moderate Risk	Priority 3 Low Risk	Total Backlogged /Deferred Work
2018	117	127	12	256
2017	11	47	34	92
Total	128	174	46	348



Overspend Trend

Forestry Contract Budget vs. Actual



What Can Pest Funding Do?

- Allow for some Park maintenance funds to be redirected back to infrastructure maintenance and repair
- Alleviate pressure on budget caused by Pest damage to park trees
- Available funding for tree remediation will be dependent on annual requirements for treatment and control of forest pests and DCIP activities
- Pest funding will not:
 - Address deferred tree maintenance
 - Improve response time to residents
 - Address cases unrelated to damage caused by forest pests

Current Forestry Operating Funding \$767K	Current Funding + Special Service District Pest Funding
Priority 1 work Reactionary	Still reactive to Priority 1 work only
All Priority 2/3 Tree Work Deferred	Priority 2/3 work still being deferred
Park Maintenance Deferred	Less Impact to Park Maintenance Funds
Decline in Overall Forest Health	No change to Overall Forest Health

Next Steps

- Request BOS authorization to advertise a public hearing on proposed amendments to Appendix I. Amendment would add new purpose to service district covering remediation of damage from pest infestations.
- Hold Public Hearing on proposed amendments. If enacted, service district taxes levied thereafter can be used for damage remediation on Park Authority land.