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For word

Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, manages an urban forest of approximately 10,000 trees distributed over three campuses (Main, South, and Foothills), comprising 2,400 acres of land. The majority of CSU’s managed urban forest (9,792 trees) is located on the Main Campus within 220 acres of irrigated landscape.

The Main Campus urban forest is diverse in terms of age, class, and species. The 2017 inventory indicates 275 species ranging in age from newly planted to over 135 years old. The largest trees have up to a 66” diameter at breast height (DBH), with an average trunk diameter of 11.4 inches. The most common Main Campus tree is honey locust (10.3 percent), followed by green ash (9.94 percent), blue spruce (6.83 percent), crabapple (4.66 percent) and American elm (4.10 percent).
History

CSU Main Campus

Originally a treeless prairie, the Colorado State University campus has since had a rich and interesting tree history. Much research has been done on the people, buildings and CSU campus itself, but up to now the trees have been omitted. This omission is ironic when one considers that to most alumni the most cherished memory of the campus is the Oval.

The trees growing in the older section of campus are a product of three major tree planting projects. In 1877 the local grange undertook the beautification of the Agricultural Colleges campus. Black walnut cuttings were set out and grew into the large trees at the present site of Danforth Chapel. (These trees stood until 2015, when they succumbed to 1000 canker disease. The wood was then harvested for use in campus buildings.)

The second and most important tree planting occurred in 1881, when 3,000 trees were planted on the campus. The three hackberry to the east of Spruce Hall and the green ash and American elm trees in the open field to the east of the Old Main site are remnants of this planting. Most of the trees were planted as street trees, however, lining the road system that existed in 1881. This was a mixed planting consisting of American elm, green ash, cottonwood, and possibly silver maple. Remnants of this original street tree planting are scattered throughout the older section of campus today, but the most obvious examples are the alley trees in the Oval. Although hard to believe, the allée trees have been in the ground for 113 years.

The perimeter trees were not planted until 40 years later and were part of the third tree planting. In 1922, the west perimeter was planted with 1-inch caliper American elms and the east perimeter followed two years later. The green ash along the west perimeter was a volunteer growing along an irrigation ditch that fed the Oval area and was a mature tree at the time of the third planting. The American elms around the Administration Building were planted in the spring of 1925 and the street trees lining both East and West drives followed in the spring of 1927.

Several separate tree plantings have also occurred. The rock elms were planted in 1892, while the American elms growing on city property along S. College Ave. to the east of the gym were planted in 1920. The trees growing in Sherwood Forest were planted in the late 1940s and the Ohio buckeyes on the Student Center/Morgan Library plaza were planted in 1961 and 1964, respectively. Most other trees planted on the campus were in association with the construction or expansion of buildings. (As of 2017, 62 original elm trees remain.)

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1 This history of trees on campus is from a 1994 Tree Management Plan prepared by Kathleen Alexander for Colorado State University Facilities Management. Alexander is currently the City Forester for the City of Boulder, Colorado.
The main objectives of the Heritage Arboretum and demonstration garden are to determine which woody plants are best suited for growing in the Rocky Mountain area and to display these plants for public and teaching purposes.

The arboretum at CSU has the largest collections of woody plants in the region with over 1,100 different taxa represented. Presently, a computerized method for collection, storage, and retrieval of information on plant performance has been implemented for all the woody plants in the arboretum. New plants are continually being added and evaluated in the collection. In 2017, 79 different woody plants were donated from eight different nurseries, arboreta, USDA, and other state experiment stations for evaluation. All new bare root woody plants were containerized after arrival. Shrub and tree species obtained this year are growing in our lath house and/or greenhouse and eventually will be planted in the various collections.

Due to construction of Canvas Stadium and the new practice field adjacent to the arboretum, many areas of the old Plant Environmental Research Center (PERC) were relocated in 2015 and 2016 but the

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Photos from the Heritage Arboretum (from top left, clockwise): Berberis x AKA Emerald Carousel in snow; Forsythia x intermedia AKA Golden Belle; Malus x Silver Drift; Acer tataricum AKA GarAnn

Heritage Arboretum & Garden

The following information is sourced from the Arboretum/Woody Plant Demonstration/Research Area webpage at [http://landscapeplants.agsci.colostate.edu/arboretum/](http://landscapeplants.agsci.colostate.edu/arboretum/).
The woody plant section is designed on a grid pattern, and exact permanent locations of plant material have been determined and recorded. Most plants in the arboretum are labeled, and each plant label has a trial selection number, along with scientific and common names listed on it. Display labels with scientific and common names have been placed on one replication of each taxa throughout the arboretum this year on the north side of the plant.

In the southeast corner of the arboretum, a Plant Select® demonstration garden is planted. In this planting current and future woody and herbaceous Plant Select® endorsements, introductions or original plants are planted. Plant Select® is a joint plant introduction program between Colorado State University, Denver Botanic Gardens and the Green Industry of Colorado.

The woody plant demonstration/research area is under the direction of Dr. James E. Klett. David Staats (Research Associate) is in charge of record keeping for this area in 2018.

In the spring of 2003, approximately 1.5 acres of the arboretum was lost for the construction of a new dormitory on campus. The approximately 120 taxa of plants located in this area were tree spaded to a new arboretum site off of Center Avenue, north of Spring Creek and adjacent to the City of Fort Collins horticulture center known as the Gardens at Spring Creek. These trees are planted in rows by genus at the new site. In the Spring of 2005 seventeen different Elm cultivars were planted in order to find varieties that may be more resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. This is one site in the National Elm Trial program.
Recent Efforts 2008–2019
Over the last decade, CSU has been part of a building boom that has included investment of 1.5 billion dollars in new buildings. While this construction activity has resulted in the loss of many mature trees on campus, it has also provided the opportunity for the university to increase tree diversity and goals of being a more sustainable campus. Trees removed on campus have been replaced in an exceeding 2 for 1 basis. New tree plantings have been selected for increasing species diversity; to provide passive cooling for buildings and hardscapes; resistance to known disease and insect problems; adaptability to the harsh local environment; and for the overall aesthetic of campus. These efforts have been managed by the University Landscape Architect and the Outdoor Services manager. Over 2,000 trees have been planted during this decade.

Mission Statement and Intent

Colorado State University
“Inspired by its land-grant heritage, Colorado State University is committed to excellence, setting the standard for public research universities in teaching, research, service and extension for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado, the United States and the world.”

CSU Campus Arboretum & Collections Policy
The Living Collections Policy guides the development and enhancement of CSU’s living collections of trees and woody plants. The CSU Campus Arboretum now comprises approximately 10,000 trees representing 275 tree species. Inherent to the concept of a living collection is the inevitable occurrence of the growth and death of individual trees or that of entire species populations.

The CSU Campus Arboretum embodies CSU’s land-grant heritage and mission by offering an engaging learning laboratory environment for students, employees, and community visitors. The arboretum experience generates opportunities for the campus to learn through interaction with tree diversity, interpretive signage, and improved campus habitat. The Campus Arboretum upholds CSU’s Campus Tree Care Plan, which sets guidelines to protect, maintain, and grow CSU’s urban forest through best management practices in tree care; to reduce risks to public safety related to hazardous trees; and to ensure a sustainable campus urban forest through species diversity and compliance with the Campus Master Plan framework.

The Campus Arboretum leverages the investments of our historical and diverse urban forest, the Heritage Garden, PERC Arboretum, CSU Horticulture Research Center, Annual Flower Trial Gardens, and the Perennial Garden at the UCA. On their own, each are great accomplishments by individual faculty members, departments, colleges, and the University. However, tied together as an arboretum and botanical garden, these successes positively and more fully express the story of CSU’s land-grant heritage and commitment to excellence. The CSU Campus Arboretum is an exceptional asset for the
community, advancing individual programs and efforts around research and teaching through the overarching structure and prominence of the arboretum, while solidifying a legacy that preserves our urban forest for future generations.

Planning and Design
Many campus construction projects impact the landscape. The landscape component of all campus improvements will enhance or contribute to plant collections and the arboretum mission.

Academic Programs
Establish collections of woody plants and landscape systems to support teaching, research, and collaboration with other institutions.

Stewardship and Sustainability
Work with all campus stakeholders to promote sustainable practices for long term success of arboretum and landscape investments. This includes a strategy to anticipate altered precipitation and temperatures along the Front Range.

Urban Forest
Provide an educational setting that advances the University of Denver’s mission to promote the relationship between people and their environment. The arboretum will provide spaces for memorable and enriching experiences for students, faculty, staff and visitors, and will enhance the overall campus landscape.

The Oval in autumn
Living Collections Policy

Curation History
Documentation has evolved from hand-written records on a grid map to incorporation of the general campus arboretum tree population listed and described in the GIS database. Special collections including heritage arboretum and UCA perennial gardens are currently managed independently but will be incorporated into the GIS database.

Collection Management: Plant Inventory Database
The CSU Campus Arboretum uses ArcGIS, a database to track the numerous characteristics and occurrences within a tree’s life span. Attributes listed within our GIS Tree Database include:

- ID
- New_common
- Genus_spec
- Cultivar
- DBH
- DecidConif
- Notes
- Mapsheet
- Campus
- Family
- Shrub_Tree
- ReviseYear
- Status
- Memorial
- GlobalID
- CreationDate
- Creator
- EditDate
- Editor
- Condition
- Observation
- Tree_Care
- CareCompYr

Phone Screen Captures GIS Tree Database 1, 2, 3
Collection Preservation

The following actions are completed on an as-needed basis:

- Tree health evaluations
- Pruning
- Relocation
- Removal
- Replacement

Tree Health Evaluations

Health evaluations are conducted regularly throughout the year by the Campus Arborist. Every tree is checked for condition, safety hazards, insects, pruning and raising needs, and storm damage. Any resulting prescribed work or treatment is done in-house or contracted out. Additionally, the Campus Arborist does an ongoing pruning assessment to generate a list of trees that need pruning to be sent out to contractors for bids.

Pruning

Pruning is accomplished with our inhouse arborist staff and through outside contractors. The Outdoor Services Group, totaling over 45 employees, has approximately five arborists on staff. Apart from the Oval, which is on a shorter pruning cycle, trees are generally on a three- to five-year pruning cycle.

Pest Treatment

Pest treatment is per the IPM guidelines. Dates and treatments are recorded and documented in GIS.

Relocation

The University Landscape Architect manages tree location and relocation as necessary in consultation with the Campus Arborist when campus construction impacts location. This relocation is tracked through the GIS database.

Removal

Small trees may be removed in-house; larger trees are contracted out. When trees are removed the process is documented in the GIS database.

Replacement

If viable, trees are returned to the same or nearby location. Species may vary in this type of replacement. For mature trees, the arborist replaces trees at a two for one ratio and emphasis is placed on tree diversity for replacement trees.

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3 Please see Protection and Preservation Policies under the Campus Tree Care Plan section, listed on page 16.
Arboretum Responsibilities and Staff

Responsible Department
The responsibility for enforcing the collections management guidelines and campus tree care plan rests with the Facilities Management Department, under the direction of the Vice President for University Operations. Ongoing tree care activities, both in-house and by outside contractors are overseen by the Campus Arborist within the Outdoor Services Group. The Campus Landscape Architect has the primary role within Facilities Management in species selection, tree placement, and the enforcement of tree protection during construction.

Campus Arboretum Committee
The Campus Arboretum Committee leads all efforts for the Campus Arboretum.

Representatives:
- Assistant Director of Facilities Management, University Planner
- Campus Landscape Architect
- Campus Arborist
- Outdoor Services Manager
- GIS Specialist

Tree Campus USA Committee
The Tree Campus USA Committee provides recommendations and support for overall tree care, while contributing to maintain a comprehensive Campus Tree Care Plan. Through service learning opportunities and Arbor Day observance events. The committee affirms the benefits of the campus trees and our community forests to CSU students, CSU employees, and the public. Committee members serve for two years with an option for renewal. The student representative serves for two years, and then serves one more year as a mentor to a new student representative. Several committee members represent the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), a service and outreach agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at CSU.

Representatives:
- Assistant Director of Facilities Management, University Planner
- Campus Landscape Architect
- CSFS Fort Collins District Forester
- CSFS Community Forestry Program Manager
- CSFS Public and Media Relations Coordinator
- Undergraduate Student, College of Liberal Arts
- Fort Collins City Forester
- Campus Arborist
- Outdoor Services Manager
- GIS Specialist
- Department of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship Instructor
- CSFS Fort Collins Assistant District Forester
- Landscape Horticulturist and Professor
- Nursery Manager, CSFS
- Program Manager, Facilities Management
- Colorado State Forest Service Experiential Learning Program Manager
- Communications Coordinator, WCNR

### Collection Responsibilities

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| **Outdoor Services Manager** | - Works with University landscape architects, consultants, and contractors from concept to installation  
  - Makes decisions with Campus Arboretum Committee in consultation with Tree Campus USA Committee about:  
    - which trees to add to collection  
    - tree relocations  
    - when to remove a tree  
  - Helps to evaluate specimens |
| **Campus Arborist** | - Maintain inventory through GIS  
  - Fills out the Pruning, Spraying, Relocation, and Removal Logs through GIS  
  - Updates the GIS inventory and grid map  
  - Makes decisions with Campus Arboretum Committee about:  
    - which trees to add to collection  
    - tree relocations  
    - when to remove a tree  
    - tree pruning, spraying, and insect applications |
| **University Planner** | - Overall management of collection  
  - Leads efforts for the care and development of the Arboretum, guiding CSU forward with a tree care plan and tree collections policy, creating a legacy for the CSU community to value and interact with  
  - Makes decisions with arborist, researchers, educators, and/or Campus Arboretum Committee about:  
    - how plant records will be managed  
    - what nomenclatural sources will be used  
  - Manages exterior design and operational aspects of CSU’s 2,300-acre campus, including facilitating the master planning efforts and physical development standards for the university  
  - Advocates for and contributes to the strategic implementation of sustainability initiatives, such as Arboretum status, Tree Campus USA, Bee Campus USA, and Botanical Garden certifications for CSU |
| **GIS Specialist** | - Overall management of GIS inventory  
  - Compiles inventory reports  
  - Requests collection data and inventories for research students |
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<td>Manage Campus Arboretum status among other related sustainability initiatives</td>
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<td>Act as primary interface with national organizations, students, faculty and staff.</td>
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**Campus Tree Care Plan**

**Tree Planting and Maintenance Best Practices**

Colorado State University Facilities Management employees and tree care companies contracted to do work on CSU campuses shall be supervised in their work efforts by an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certified Arborist, or by an individual holding a current arborist license issued by the City of Fort Collins Forestry Division. The work shall be performed in accordance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300 Standards for Tree Care Operations. Best Management Practices for Tree Care Operations on the CSU campuses are defined in the following publications, available from the International Society of Arboriculture. These publications can be accessed online at [http://isa-arbor.com/home.aspx](http://isa-arbor.com/home.aspx)

- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Tree Pruning
- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Utility Pruning of Trees
- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Tree Support Systems
- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Tree Lightning Protection Systems
- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Tree Planting
- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Managing Trees during Construction
- ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Tree and Shrub Fertilization

**Landscaping Standards**


Drawings detailing the standards for tree planting and protection are contained within the Facilities Management Construction Standards Drawing Appendix - [https://www.fm.colostate.edu/drawings](https://www.fm.colostate.edu/drawings)
Tree Removal Policy
Trees with a potential of being removed as part of construction or utility projects are evaluated on a tree-by-tree basis. The process for removal, transplanting or protection is detailed in the Protection and Preservation section of this document.

Trees potentially requiring removal because of disease or safety risks posed to the campus community undergo a risk assessment by the Campus Arborist, City Arborist and Campus Landscape Architect. Based on this assessment, a recommendation is made to the Associate Vice President for Facilities Management and the Vice President for University Operations. If the determination is made that a tree requires removal, the removal is communicated to the campus community through the building proctors.

Trees that require removal as part of major campus development projects must be approved for removal as part of the development review process. The Master Plan Committee reviews all tree removal proposals and recommends further action as necessary.

Wood Utilization Policy
Facilities Management at CSU is dedicated to the responsible management of all wood waste associated with tree care operations, including dead, broken, or low-value wood as caused by heavy snowfall or strong winds. All wood waste from tree care operations is chipped on campus. The chipped wood is then used as high-quality mulch on landscaping projects across campus. Removed wood material is also milled with the intention for use within the interior millwork of on-campus construction and remodel projects. No wood or material is sent to the landfill, except that which is suspected as being infected by disease.

Recommended Species
Trees recommended for planting on the CSU campuses are listed in the Front Range Tree Recommendation List - http://www.coloradotrees.org/PDFs/TreeRecommendationList.pdf. The Larimer County CSU campuses vary in soil characteristics, exposure, and temperature extremes. The recommended list is intended as a reference for design consultants doing work on the CSU campuses; however, all tree plantings require the approval of the Campus Landscape Architect. Building projects require planting plans, which specify both species and size of proposed trees, and these plans also require the approval of the Campus Landscape Architect.

Prohibited Species
Trees listed in the National Resources Conservation Service State of Colorado Invasive weed list (http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxious?rptType=State&statefips=08) are prohibited from plantings on campus. As of 2007 there has been a moratorium on any new plantings of green or American ash because of a concern about emerald ash borer, and due to an overrepresentation (on a percentage basis) of green ash on the CSU campuses.
Managing for Catastrophic Events

Catastrophic events are managed by the CSU Emergency Management Team. This team includes members from Facilities Management, the CSU Police Department and Environmental Health. The CSU campuses frequently experience early and late season snowstorms (three major events in the last 10 years). Each of these events caused significant damage to trees on the campuses, especially in the historic Oval area. The first priority of the Emergency Management Team is the safety of the campus community.

Areas of campus which are assessed at high risk for either branch or total tree failure by the Outdoor Service Group are closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic during major events, and individual trees that are assessed as high risk are cordoned off. Arborists from the Outdoor Services Group and external tree care companies are called in immediately to remove limbs and trees that pose the highest risk.

Work continues by both the internal and external work forces until risks are removed and trees damaged in the event have been pruned for safety and long-term structural health. Trees destroyed in catastrophic events are replaced on a tree-for-tree basis.

Protection and Preservation Policies

Colorado State University recognizes the environmental, economic, and aesthetic value of the campus urban forest and focuses efforts to be good stewards of trees on campus with specific concerns for both significant individual trees and significant collections.

Trees that have potential for damage from development activities on campus are subject to the following process:

1. The contractor or design-build team shall provide a tree inventory of all the trees on site and develop a tree mitigation plan as part of the work.

2. The Campus Landscape Architect works with a design team starting in the conceptual design phase to determine if there are alternatives to building, utility and pavement layouts which will allow for existing trees to remain in the project.

3. An existing conditions drawing, based on a topographic survey and detailing the location and size of each existing tree, is submitted as part of schematic design submittal. Based on this submittal, the design consultant, working with the Campus Landscape Architect and Campus Arborist, makes a determination as to which trees are to be removed, transplanted or protected. Trees up to 10” DBH are considered of transplantable size, and are moved per criteria at the following webpage: [http://www.sustland.umn.edu/implement/treespade.htm](http://www.sustland.umn.edu/implement/treespade.htm).

4. Trees to be removed are replaced based on the standards described as follows (these standards mirror the replacement process required of development projects in the City of Fort Collins). A tree that is removed shall be replaced on the CSU campus from which it was removed with not less than one (1) or more than two (2) replacement trees sufficient to mitigate the loss of value of the removed tree. The applicant shall select either the Campus
Landscape Architect or a qualified landscape appraiser to determine such loss based upon an appraisal of the tree to be removed by using the most recent published methods established by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers (http://viewer.zmags.com/publication/4d7e29e6#/4d7e29e6/1).

Replacement trees shall meet the following minimum size requirements: (a) Canopy Shade Trees - 3.0" caliper balled and burlap or equivalent, (b) Ornamental Trees - 2.5" caliper balled and burlap or equivalent, (c) Evergreen Trees – 8' height balled and burlap or equivalent.

5. All development projects require a Tree Protection Plan as part of Contract Documents. The Tree Protection Plan is enforced through the life of the project by the CSU Project Manager assigned to the project and the Campus Landscape Architect. The contractor is required to follow ANSI A300 Best Management Practices – Managing Trees during construction. This requirement is reinforced with the contractor throughout the project, starting with the CSU-mandated pre-construction meeting, in which specific tree protection for the project is discussed on a tree-by-tree basis with the site superintendent.

Goals and Targets

**Inventory:** A comprehensive GIS inventory of all campus trees has been developed within Facilities Management. Using this inventory, goals are to complete a campus-wide tree canopy analysis and set a canopy percentage goal to be achieved through strategic tree planting. The use of available software such as i-Tree to complete an environmental services statistical sampling inventory will help meet goals of the campus-wide Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS) program. In 2013, students in the HORT 466, Urban and Community Forestry Class, began this i-Tree analysis.

**Tree replacement:** Implement tree replacement and damage assessment policies as outlined in the Campus Tree Care Plan. Since 2012, CSU has implemented Arbor Day observance planting projects with students on campus each year.

**Increase species representation:** Using the GIS tree inventory as a benchmark, increase the percentage of underrepresented species, especially in the historic areas of campus. Recent planting projects include considerations toward increased species diversity.

**Shorten pruning cycle in overly mature trees:** Obtain resources to increase the frequency of pruning in the historic pre-1922 American elm Oval area.

**Experiential Learning and Outreach:** The University will focus on providing 1-2 experiential learning opportunities per semester in urban and community forestry to CSU students and the surrounding community. Students and volunteers will assist with efforts in inventory and tree care. An Urban and Community Forestry Course (HORT 466) was offered in fall of 2013; and fall of 2015.

**Emerald Ash Borer (EAB):** The University anticipates that up to three quarters of the ash on campus justify treatments based on their condition and contribution to the campus environment. Funding is in place to remove and replace the remaining untreated ash trees. Base funding will be allocated over a
decade, which we will use for treating trees if and when EAB is confirmed in or near Fort Collins, as well as to address the ongoing cost of removal and replacement dollars. (See plan for treatment of trees below)

**Oval Preservation:** Facilities Management maintains routine pruning of the historic trees on the Oval to help prevent damage and keep the trees healthy, an investment of $125,000 or more each time the trees are pruned. Costs are supported through university funds. The Oval Tree Preservation Endowment was created in 2011 to devote resources specifically to preserving the elms, and contributes a fraction of the costs until it reaches a sustainable level.

**Tree Stocking:** The campus goal is to establish and maintain optimal tree stocking, and optimal age and species diversity of the campus urban forest. We are moving towards these goals through the current construction projects. A minimum of two trees are being replaced for every one tree removed as a result of the current era of construction - an era of construction which is unprecedented since the 1960’s. Our tree planting efforts are resulting in a 10% increase in the total number of trees in our main campus urban forest. At the same time as we are increasing the urban forest in absolute numbers, we are also increasing species diversity.

**Emerald Ash Borer - Plan for Treatment of Trees**
CSU will be developing treatment recommendations appropriate for the Front Range and Colorado. Until then, refer to this publication for treatment options.

Prior to treatment the following should be considered. Trees to be treated should be of significant value and depend upon:

1. **Proximity to known infestations**
   - CSU should consider treatment of desirable ash when within 5 miles of a confirmed EAB infestation.
   - Follow all pesticide label directions correctly

2. **Health of tree**
   - If there is less than 40% canopy dieback, treatment may be effective.
   - If there is more than 40% canopy dieback, treatment is likely to be ineffective.

3. **Age and size of tree**
   - Trees of a significant size (8” – 12” DBH) are the best candidates for treatment
   - Very mature and declining trees are not the best candidates for treatment.

4. **Tree benefit to the public and CSU**
   - Trees that provide significant environmental, social or economic value are candidates for treatment.

Action of communities outside of the quarantine area:

1. Monitor and investigate declining ash
2. Promote landscape diversity
The Front Range Tree Recommendation List is an excellent resource for recommended tree species; developed by CSU Extension, CTC, CNGA and ASLA. A copy of this list is available on the CNGA website – [http://coloradonga.org/articles/Tree_Recommendation_List.pdf](http://coloradonga.org/articles/Tree_Recommendation_List.pdf)

If a new detection of EAB is suspected, contact:

1. Colorado Department of Agriculture
   - 888-248-5535
   - [http://www.eabcolorado.com](http://www.eabcolorado.com)
2. USDA/APHIS/PPQ
   - 303-371-3355
   - Updated information regarding EAB in Colorado and the delimitation survey is located at [http://www.eabcolorado.com](http://www.eabcolorado.com)

**Tree Damage Assessment**
Trees damaged during construction, which are either noted for protection or preservation in the project Contract Documents, or are outside the development limits of work, shall require monetary compensation from responsible parties.

The damage will be assessed by the Campus Landscape Architect or a qualified landscape appraiser based upon an appraisal of the damaged tree using the most recent published methods established by the Council of Tree and Landscape Appraisers. The amount of monetary compensation shall be the full value of the tree.

**Prohibited Practices**
Practices not consistent with the Best Management Practices referenced in this Tree Care Plan are prohibited. In addition, the following practices are regulated by CSU Facilities Management and CSU Police Department, and prohibited on the CSU campuses:
- Locking of bikes to campus trees
- Attachment of slack lines to campus trees
- Attachment of swings and ropes to campus trees

**Definitions of Terminology**
Unless defined below, definitions of terminology are to be those defined in the International Society of Arboriculture online dictionary at [www.isa-arbor.com/Dictionary/](http://www.isa-arbor.com/Dictionary/)

**American National Standards Institute A300 standards (commonly referred to as the ANSI A300)**
- Industry developed, national consensus safety standards of practice for tree care in the U.S.

**National Standards Institute Z133.1 standards (commonly referred to as the ANSI Z133.1)**
- Industry-developed, national consensus safety standards of practice for tree care in the U.S.
**Best management practice** - Best available, industry-recognized course of action, in consideration of the benefits and limitations, based on scientific research and current knowledge.

**Campus Arborist** - The Colorado State University Facilities Management Arborist or duly designated representative.

**Campus Landscape Architect** - The Colorado State University Facilities Management Landscape Architect or duly designated representative.

**Canopy tree** - A tree that will grow to a mature height of at least 35 feet with a spread of at least 25 feet.

**City Forester** - The City Forester of Fort Collins or a duly designated representative.

**Development** - The act, process or state of erecting buildings or structures, or making improvements to a parcel or tract of land.

**Green Space** - Any area retained as permeable unpaved ground and dedicated on the site plan to supporting vegetation.

**Irrigation Plan** - A construction drawing, approved by the Campus Landscape Architect, detailing the layout of mainline and lateral irrigation, valves, sprinkler heads and control wiring.

**Job briefing** - The communication of at least the following subjects for arboricultural operations: work specifications, hazards associated with the job, work procedures involved, special precautions, electrical hazards, job assignments, and personal protective equipment.

**Landscape Plan** - A construction drawing, approved by the Campus Landscape Architect, detailing the layout of plant material, as well as the species, sizes of the plant materials and the method of installation.

**Replacement tree** – A tree indicated on the Landscape Plan which replaces a tree removed as part of campus development.

**Tree Protection Plan** – A drawing included in the Contract Documents showing the location and means and methods of protection of each tree to be preserved on development sites.

**Communication Strategy**

Following official acceptance of the Campus Tree Care Plan and Policies by the Campus Tree Advisory Committee, as well as approval from Colorado State University Administration, the university will take several steps to garner attention for the program. To increase awareness of the program among the university’s internal audience (students, faculty and staff), the Department of Public Relations will publish an article on CSU’s participation in the Tree Campus USA program in SOURCE, a news email sent twice weekly to students and staff. A feature story will also be created to run in CSU Life, a monthly newsletter designed specifically for faculty and staff.
CSU’s participation in the program will additionally be featured on university websites, including the CSU Facilities Management site. The Department of Public Relations will send a news release about the program to local media outlets, including the Rocky Mountain Collegian, the daily student newspaper; KCSU, the student radio station; and CTV, the student television news station. The news will also be shared through CSU’s main social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Google+.

Ongoing service learning opportunities generated by CSU’s acceptance as a Tree Campus USA will provide further opportunities to communicate information about the importance of protecting and maintaining trees on campus and in the surrounding Fort Collins community.
APPENDICES

Maps
The CSU Campus Arboretum currently uses an interactive map, informed by GIS. Maps are updated annually to reflect information on relocated trees, removals, and additions to the collection. Maps are the only way to link a specific plant and the related records in the database to a specific location. They are used by staff and contractors to locate trees for work, as well as by visitors, students, and researchers.

Arboretum information is hosted on the Facilities Management website.

The Arboretum Committee has a future goal of developing a Tree Walk Guide brochure and kiosk map to highlight the assets of the Arboretum.

Tree Genus and Species List
View at this link: https://www.fm.colostate.edu/sites/default/files/CSU_Trees_Genus_Species.xlsx