

Monthly Report – April 25, 2011

Administration

1. Tree City USA award presentation rescheduled for Wednesday, May 11th, 2:30 pm at the Woodland Center, Finch Arboretum. Members of the WA Community Forestry Council will make the presentation to Mayor Verner.
2. The [Arbor Day Celebration](#) is scheduled for Saturday, April 30th, 11am- 2pm, at Finch Arboretum.

Education & Outreach

3. Four official [NeighborWoods](#) group have been established with more pending application.
4. The NeighborWoods Launch Party is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, 5:00 pm at the Spokane Public Market, 24 W 2nd Avenue at Browne.
5. Cindy Deffe and Matt McCain staffed our booth at the Earth Day celebration on Main Street, April 23rd.
6. Design completed for bookmarks, brochure, and print advertising for our education campaign funded by a WDNR grant. TV and radio ads are nearly complete.

Partnerships

7. Spokane Conservation District planted native species at the natural drainage near Sky Prairie Park. Species detail and plant numbers forthcoming.
8. Received verbal commitment from The Lands Council to plant Ponderosa pines at the Merkel Sports Complex for the purpose of establishing and enhancing the perimeter buffer and single-track natural trail. Target date for first planting is fall 2011.
9. Developing database and providing handheld computers to Downtown Spokane Partnership for their staff to collect data on tree well integrity within the central business district.
10. We are very grateful to all our NeighborWoods Launch Party partners – Spokane Public Market, The Lands Council, The Susie Forest, Spokane Conservation District, and AHBL – for extreme coordination, cooperation, and collaboration.

City Projects

11. Continue permitting & consulting on street bond projects – 11 active projects.
12. Met with Public Works staff to discuss active and potential projects – Sky Prairie Park, Hazel's Creek, Garden Springs Creek, Division Street Gateway, MLK Way, Francis Ave, and Playfair Commerce Park.

Operations

13. Planted 8 trees – 1 SF ash at 24th & Garfield; 3 (elm, 2 oak) at Friendship Park; 1 elm at 35th & Ray; 3 SF (dogwood, oak, elm) at Corbin Park. (*SF signifies a Susie Forest tree.)
14. Pruned 28 trees – 3 cottonwood at Polly Judd; 18 at Riverfront Park, 1 at Fire Station 15; 2 Ponderosas at Finch.
15. Removed 76 trees – 1 cottonwood at C-Trail; 2 at Fire Station 15; 40 poplars at Polly Judd for thinning/dead; 25 Ponderosas at 41st & Cuba Wastewater for thinning/fence clearance; 8 Austrian pines at Friendship.

16. Prepared for Arbor Day Celebration including tree climbing demonstration, tree planting, and vendor activities.