

Summary

To: Parks and Tree Board Members
From: Ricky Allison, Park Supervisor
Subject: Tree Inventory Summary
Date: March 18, 2014

Summary: Periodically the Town has performed tree inventories in order to assess the overall status and health of the urban tree canopy. These inventories are conducted by a certified arborist who takes a holistic view of the tree and provides information on the health, aesthetics and recommended course of action. The town then uses this information in long range planning for the maintenance of the urban canopy. This is the first time that residential trees were included in the inventory.

Previous Commission Action: The Board previously agreed to proceed with tree inventory.

Background/Problem Discussion: The Town of Belleair has a very mature urban tree canopy that requires structural pruning to ensure long term survival of the tree and safety for the public. Most of the tree canopy in Town is comprised of resident owned trees and many are in conflicts with vehicular and pedestrian traffic. A long term plan is needed to correct and maintain the deficiencies found during the inventory.

Alternatives/Options: Review the report from the tree inventory and discuss plans to take corrective action.