

Renz Park Habitat Restoration

While completing tree inventory work, City staff noted further decline in the trees at Renz Park. The Western red cedar trees continue to decline along with red alder, aspen, Douglas fir and other species. There are 35 trees which now require modification or removal. This work will be conducted August 14 through August 16.

Some trees will be modified to resolve any associated hazards while other trees will be removed. Western red cedar have proven to be stable while dead for years; however, there are higher risks associated if the tree has structural concerns; concerns which will be addressed during the work. Other species are less stable when dead and will therefore be completely removed.

Although we are faced with tree removal in Renz Park, it is important to point out that in the park, there has been extensive replanting over the past several years, including a planting program with the students from Ballenas and the ROAMS Global Studies group from PASS Woodwinds. Many of these trees have begun to re-establish along with 'volunteer' trees and shrubs from nature's seedbank in the park. Staff will protect these young trees with signage and directive split rail fencing this fall.

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