





The City of

# Eden Prairie

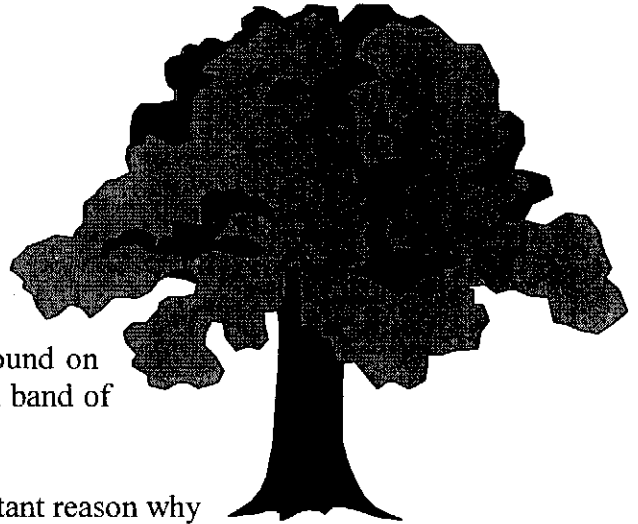
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Summer 2004

Dear Homeowner:

Checking trees is a routine part of Eden Prairie's effort to maintain our urban forest. Your property was inspected by JEFF

I'm sorry that a tree with Dutch elm disease was found on your property. The diseased tree(s) is marked with a band of orange paint.



While we all hate to lose a tree, there is a very important reason why the diseased tree(s) should be removed properly. Diseased elm trees are a breeding site for elm bark beetles. These beetles spread disease fungus to healthy trees by their feeding activities.

In addition, healthy elm trees within 40' of a diseased elm may be joined by a root graft, which results in a common root system. Disruption of the root system by chemical or mechanical trenching is recommended for these situations to prevent infection.

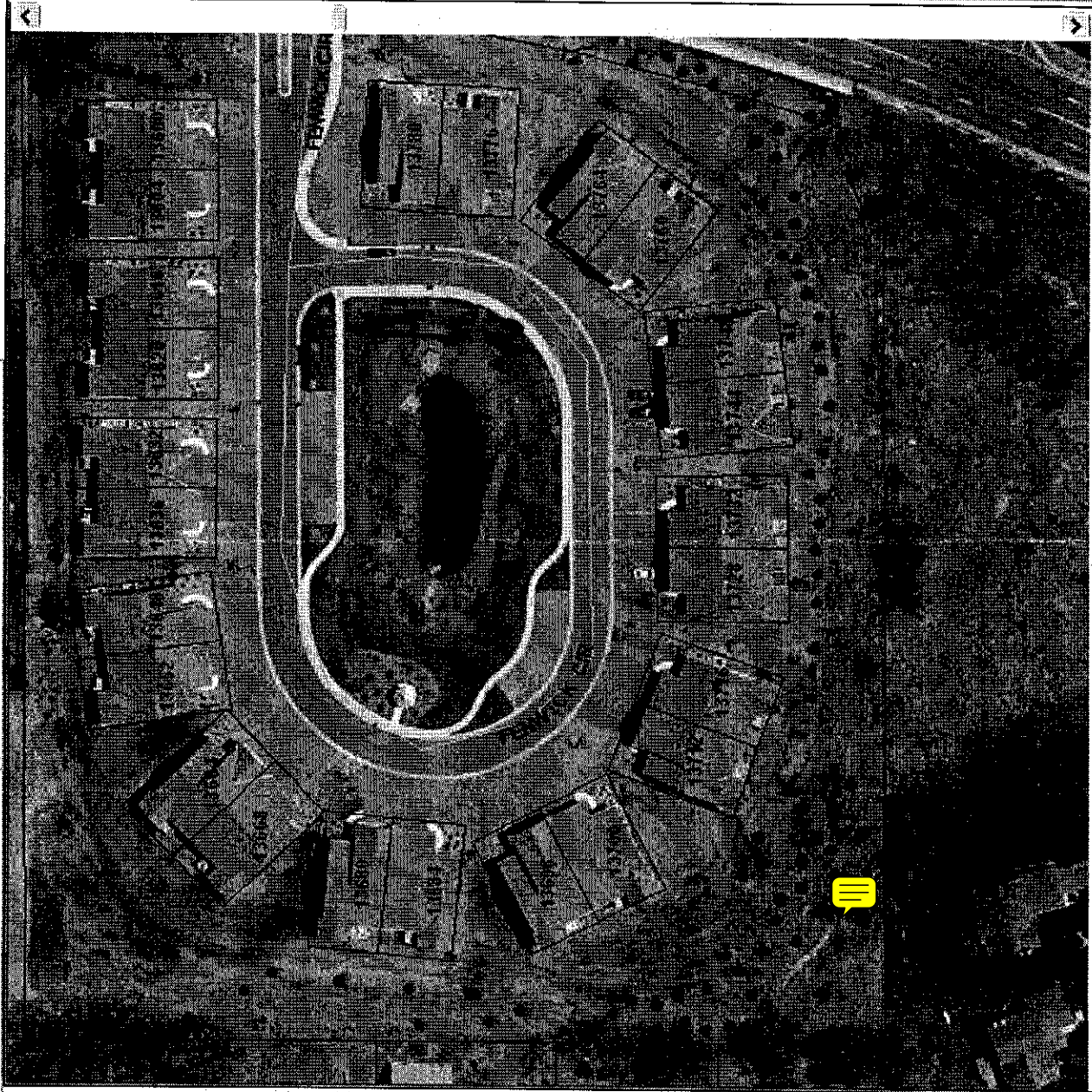
Enclosed is a notification card which includes information on the identification number of the tree(s) needing removal, the diameter of the tree(s) and removal date. The deadline for removing trees seems like a short time, but prompt removal of diseased trees is still the best way to slow the spread of Dutch elm disease and protect the elm trees in your neighborhood.

If you have any questions about the removal of diseased trees, please call me at 949-8463.

Sincerely,

Jeff Cordes  
Forestry Technician

JC:bjv



Permits | Connection | Comments | Assess/Sales | Property | Zoning / Land Use | Owner

Parcel ID 1011622210108

Address

Owner 1

WYNSTONE TOWNHOMES ASSDC  
219 EAST FRONTAGE RD  
WACONIA MN 55387

Owner 2

Owner 3

Owner 4

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## DIAGNOSIS & REMOVAL OF DISEASED TREES

1. Identification of diseased trees must be done by a City Tree Inspector prior to removal to qualify for hauling/disposal assistance.
2. Deadlines for takedown of diseased trees:

**HIGH RISK** - 20 days after marking

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**LOW RISK** - as soon as possible, but not later than ~~November 1, 2004~~

- a. Homeowner is responsible for takedown.
- b. Cut up tree - 7' minimum length - 15' maximum length.
- c. Stack adjacent to street (**DO NOT STACK TREES IN STREET!**).
- d. Debark stump to ground line.
- e. Call for pickup - 949-8441.

### Identification:

The identification of diseased elm or oak trees will be done by City Tree Inspectors during the growing season. Diseased or dying elm or oak trees will be clearly marked with a band of ORANGE and **NUMBERED**. Homeowners/property owners are to remove only the trees which have been identified as diseased, painted, and a notification card issued by the Tree Inspector.

**NOTE:** If you have an elm or oak tree which is wilting, dying or dead, please call 949-8441 and request that a Tree Inspector look at the tree. The City **WILL NOT** haul any tree(s) which are removed prior to marking by a Tree Inspector.

### Removal:

It is the responsibility of the property owner to take down or contract the removal of the diseased tree(s). The removal date for the tree(s) is indicated on the notification card you have received.

**HIGH RISK TREES** - An elm tree which is dead, barren or has greater than 30% wilt is classified as a high risk tree. The number on the tree will be followed by a letter "H" indicating its high risk condition. High risk trees must be removed within 20 days of marking.

**LOW RISK TREES** - An elm tree which has less than 30% wilt is classified as a low risk tree and removal is recommended as soon as possible, but not later than ~~November 1, 2004.~~

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In the event that a property owner has a high risk and low risk tree(s), the 20 day time frame for removal will apply to all trees.

When cutting a tree down it should be cut into pieces 7' (minimum) to 15' (maximum) in length and stacked adjacent to a City street. Please stack the tree within 10' of the curb, but no closer than 2' off the traveled portion of the roadway. **DO NOT** block sidewalks or bike trails.

## **Hauling Information:**

**WHEN THE TREE IS DOWN AND READY FOR PICKUP, OR IF YOU DISPOSE OF THE TREE, (I.E. DEBARK FOR FIREWOOD OR HAUL DEBRIS AWAY YOURSELF),** please call Brenda at 949-8441. Under normal conditions, your tree will be picked up within 7 working days.

### **PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING:**

- A. The City **WILL NOT** haul tree debris cut less than 7' long.
- B. **DO NOT** stack trees under **ANY POWER LINES** - (for operator safety, the truck needs 25' of overhead clearance.
- C. The City **WILL NOT** haul trees that are stacked off the road unless arrangements are made with the City Forester prior to hauling.
- D. Debark tree stump to ground line.
- E. The City **WILL NOT** haul stumps. (Contact a tree service to have them ground.)

## **Firewood:**

If the Tree Inspector has marked a woodpile containing elm wood which has tight bark, the elm wood must be debarked or hauled away by the owner within the time indicated on the notice.