



CITY OF ROCK HILL

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City of Rock Hill Conducts first Comprehensive Tree Survey

Collaborative Partnerships Help Get the Job Done

Rock Hill, MO The City of Rock Hill is collaborating with Missouri Botanical Garden's Deer Creek Watershed Alliance to conduct its first comprehensive tree survey of all City of Rock Hill public property. This project will enable City of Rock Hill to create and maintain a public street and park tree inventory. The City's plans to thoroughly inventory their trees will allow them for the first time to develop and implement a strategic tree maintenance plan. The goal of the project is to enhance the quality of life for City of Rock Hill residents and improve water quality in the Deer Creek Watershed.

The City of Rock Hill has hired Davey Tree Company, an experienced urban forestry consulting firm to conduct a comprehensive GIS-based inventory of street trees and park trees in 7 city-owned parks. The information collected will assist the City of Rock Hill's staff in its ability to efficiently locate existing trees, prioritize tree maintenance tasks, and identify, assess, and correct storm damaged trees. This information will also allow Rock Hill to partner with neighboring communities, Webster Groves and Glendale, for future tree planting initiatives.

A portion of the funding for this project was made available through the Missouri Department of Conservation's Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) Program, and also through the Great Rivers Greenway District.

Rock Hill parks and recreation director, Al Hayden said he was grateful for the assistance from the Botanical Garden's Deer Creek Watershed Alliance with this project as it will be very beneficial with future tree care and planting strategies.

The City of Rock Hill, Missouri is located in the Deer Creek Watershed in St. Louis County, Missouri. It is governed by a Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Rock Hill is served by Webster Groves Public Schools. There are seven city parks—Greenwood, Hensley Park, Oakhaven Park, Oak Trail, Rock Hill Park, Stroup Field and Whitfield Park. An annual calendar and periodic newsletters are published to inform citizens and businesses of current events; as well as board and commission meeting, court dates, and trash, recyclables and yard waste collection days.