



2011 Tornado Response and Recovery Park Board Forestry efforts continue

After a tornado touched down for a 3.5 mile span through north Minneapolis, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) staff throughout the organization began working to clear tree debris and provide services to residents. The downed park and boulevard trees have been removed and MPRB Forestry crews are going through tornado-damaged neighborhoods working to safely remove tipped stumps. Below is an update on the Park Board's ongoing recovery work.

By the Numbers

200,000	Boulevard trees maintained and cared for by the Park Board
1,078	Linear miles of streets lined with MPRB-maintained trees
5,500	Park and boulevard trees to be planted by MPRB by end of 2011
1,000	Trees planted by MPRB on north side before May 22 tornado
2,600	Park and boulevard trees damaged by May 22 tornado
5,000	Loads of tornado tree debris hauled by MPRB and City by semi trailer, dump truck and flat bed trucks
30,170	Cubic yards of tornado tree debris removed in first 24 hours
120,165	Cubic yards of tornado tree debris removed from May 22 – June 27
\$259,405	Estimated cost to extract and process tipped boulevard stumps

Timeline

May 22	Tornado touches down
May 22-23	Crews remove trees to reopen roads and emergency routes
May 24-June 27	Removal and processing of tree debris continues
June 28-Aug. 5	MPRB Forestry photographed and inventoried the addresses of all 1,529 stumps. FEMA began process of determining the GPS location of each stump. MPRB worked with FEMA to determine reimbursement eligibility and processes of tipped boulevard stumps.
August 11	Tipped-stump extraction begins. Following completion, the City of Minneapolis will begin sidewalk repairs.
Mid-Sept.	Tipped-stump removal anticipated completion (weather permitting)
October	North side reforestation efforts kick off with planting of 250 trees in Folwell Park by MPRB, Folwell Neighborhood Org. and volunteers.
End of 2011	Removal and grinding of all boulevard stumps expected to be completed in tornado zones in preparation for 2012 planting
Spring 2012	MPRB launches program to replant trees, in collaboration with neighborhood groups, along boulevards in north Minneapolis areas impacted by the tornado. Spring planting allows time for City repairs of sidewalks and curbs and residential repairs to homes.



Commitment to the Community

In addition to Forestry efforts, the whole organization reached out to help the residents in tornado-damaged areas immediately. Below are examples of the Park Board's commitment to residents in north Minneapolis.

- Setting up the **Disaster Recovery Center** at the Farview Park Recreation Center
- Opening of temporary **Red Cross Shelter** at North Commons Recreation Center
- Hosting the **Farview Community Carnival** with games, donations and food to provide community relief and place to gather on Memorial weekend
- Working with the Univ. of Minnesota to offer a free football camp to more than 100 north side youth in June of 2011
- Collaborating with WCCO Radio to sell 359 Metrodome squares on Sept. 2 at Minnesota State Fair to raise funds for uniforms and gloves for north side youth baseball teams

