Tree Care and Removal

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The purpose of this budget is to give priority to considerable concerns regarding the infestation of oak trees due to the recent gypsy moth infestations and associated drought conditions combined with the loss of ash trees due to the invasive ash borer. Both of these issues are resulting in a large number of trees that are dying across our community and the State. The purpose of this budget is to highlight the need for long-term remediation of tree care and removal.

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Major Service Level Accomplishments

Removal of over 1000 hazardous trees from Town properties, schools, and right of ways.

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Major Service Level Goals

- Continue aggressive efforts for the care and removal of dying oak and ash trees.
- Work collectively with Eversource to identify and report all dangerous trees to reduce the number of falling trees near and on powerlines to help decrease power outages.

Expenditures by Expense Type

Name	Account ID	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted	FY2026 Budgeted ($ Change)	FY2026 Budgeted (% Change)
Expense Objects							
Purchased Professional Services							
TREE WARDEN	10543550-53925	$125	$105	$1,500	$1,500	$0	0%
Total Purchased Professional Services:		**$125**	**$105**	**$1,500**	**$1,500**	**$0**	**0%**
Purchased Property Services							
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	10543550-54303	$229,090	$290,798	$250,000	$280,000	$30,000	12%
Total Purchased Property Services:		**$229,090**	**$290,798**	**$250,000**	**$280,000**	**$30,000**	**12%**
Total Expense Objects:		**$229,215**	**$290,903**	**$251,500**	**$281,500**	**$30,000**	**11.9%**