

Green Tree Inventory Markings

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As you travel around Highland Park, you may have noticed that some of the trees adjacent to City streets are marked with a green dot. Depending upon where you are in the City, some of the dots appear fresh and bright green while others are weathered and faded.

Not everyone realizes that there is a strip of land adjacent to the edge of most public streets that is owned by the City, even in those areas where a sidewalk doesn't exist. This strip of land is the public right of way. The green markings are placed on trees, under the direction of the city forester, to help track trees standing on the right of way. Each year, in preparation for routine trimming, all trees in a scheduled section of Highland Park are re-inventoried and all markings are refreshed. For this reason, some dots in town may appear greener and brighter than others. The dots may be more noticeable in the winter when vegetation is sparse. The markings do fade quickly and in many parts of the City, the dots are barely visible.