

Forest Stewardship Committee

The Forest Stewardship Committee, assisted by the Castle Pines Homes Association Compliance Coordinator, evaluated trees within the Village to monitor the overall health of our forest. During these evaluations, 96 trees were identified as dead or dying and were marked for removal. Currently, all 96 trees have been removed.

The Forest Stewardship Committee along with the Castle Pines Homes Association and Castle Pines Metropolitan District undertook a project to have a complete forest assessment done. The forest assessment was completed by Dahl Environmental Services over the months of April, May, June, and July. The forest assessment found the Village has an estimated 236,000 trees. They evaluated the forest is healthy overall and identified different areas that should be evaluated in the future.

The Committee is currently evaluating areas identified in the assessment that need to be cleaned of debris and dead trees to help with maintaining a healthy and stable forest. Two areas on the north side and two areas on the south side have been scheduled for clean-up in 2024.

It was a particularly dry summer and fall and hopefully we will get some much-needed moisture this spring. With the dry conditions, residents should monitor the health of your trees and hand water as needed. Forest Stewardship Committee members for 2023 include: Jim Huffman, Pat Foley, Dave Cooper, and Cindy Wagstaff.

Respectfully submitted,

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