

Project Newsletter - Arden Park Ash Tree Replacement Program

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The Sacramento
County Department of
Transportation

Mission

Our mission is to continuously improve, operate, and maintain a safe and efficient transportation system that serves our citizens and commerce.



Dear Resident:

In Spring of 2014, the Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) will begin a project to replace aged and decaying ash trees in Arden Park. The program is an extension of an ongoing effort between SACDOT and the Sacramento Tree Foundation to remove older ash trees that are in poor health, and replace them with varieties that will thrive and enhance the tree canopy of Arden Park. Additional project information is listed below, and a staff contact is listed on the back of this newsletter if you have any questions. You are encouraged to attend the community meeting we have scheduled on October 24, so you can meet with project staff if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Penrose, Director
Department of Transportation

Background Information: When the Arden Park neighborhood started to be built in the 1920 and 1930's, developers systematically planted ash trees to create a uniformed look and create a consistent tree canopy for the area. Most of these trees grow within the County roadway right-of-way, and are nearing the end of their life span. In recent years SACDOT has been removing trees at a rate of approximately 50 a year. The current criteria for removing the trees are the following: the tree must be at least 90% dead, be structurally unstable, or pose an imminent danger to the public.

Replacement Program Details: Details of the ash tree replacement program are listed below:

- SACDOT will remove approximately 100 trees per year for the next 10 years. Trees to be removed in a given year will be identified in the spring of each year except for emergencies.
- The objective will be to remove the trees that are in the worst condition first. However, if a resident would like to nominate tree(s) adjacent to their property for removal, SACDOT will evaluate the tree and attempt to accommodate the request.
- Trees will be removed at no cost to the property owner.
- After a tree(s) is removed, the property owner can coordinate with the Sacramento Tree Foundation to assist with picking a replacement tree, and re-planting.
- The property owners will be notified in the summer if their tree(s) are on the list for removal.
- The tree removals will be scheduled during the fall and winter months.
- SACDOT will abandon excess right of way so that replacement trees will need to be planted outside the right-of-way on the homeowner's property.
- The ash tree replacement program will begin in the spring of 2014.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND A COMMUNITY MEETING

Date: October 24, 2013.

Time: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Location

Mariemont Elementary School
Gym/Multi-Purpose Room
1401 Corta Way
Sacramento, 95864



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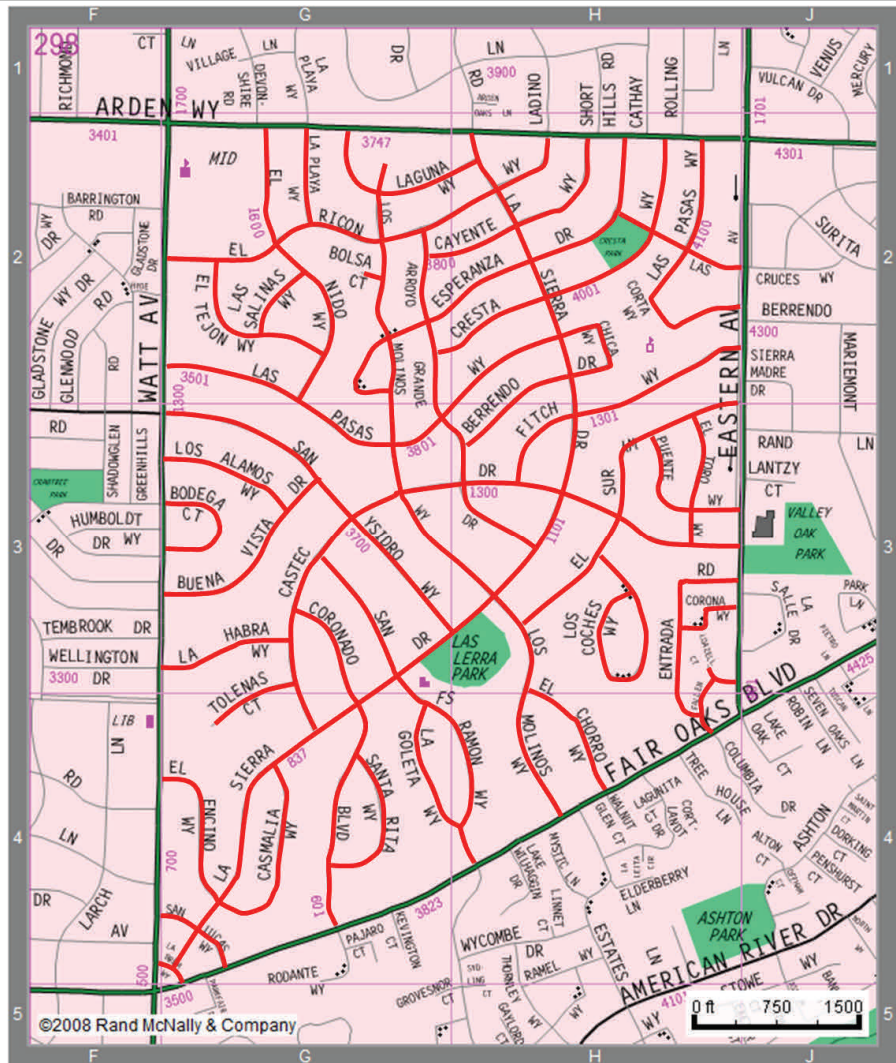
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Arden Park: Ash Tree Replacement Area



The meeting location is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals who require reasonable accommodation (sign language interpreter, assistive listening devices, alternate formats of documents, etc.) are requested to contact Dan Regan of the SACDOT Communications & Media Office at (916) 874-7056 (CA Relay Service 711) or by e-mail at regand@saccounty.net at least seven (7) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Contact Information

If you have any additional questions or need more information about the project, please contact:

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