



# CITY OF CONCORD

## REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** David Gill, Parks and Recreation Director

**DATE:** November 28, 2016

**SUBJECT:** Trees at Rollin Park

### **Recommendation**

I recommend that City Council concur with staff that it is necessary to remove trees as needed at Rollins Park this winter when weather allows and to include a new multiyear Capital Improvement Program that includes community input for the affected area that includes; replanting trees, new walking trail and picnic area in the Park.

(See Attached map of Rollins Park).

### **Background**

As reported this spring, many of the Rollins Park Trees are affected by **Red Pine Scale** which is fatal to the infected trees. On Thursday, September 15, 2016, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee held a community meeting at Rollins Park. As part of that meeting Ron Klemarczyk, the City Forester, and Beth Fenstermacher from the Planning Division, held an informational meeting around the affected trees. Ron indicated within the next 12 months or so most of the affected trees will be dead. Ron highlighted most of the trees now show signs of disease and several are already dead. Before long the trees will have no value on the market and may become a safety issues for folks walking and playing in the area. As part of the discussion Ron also explained the White Pine Plantation should also be removed.

Mr. Klemarczyk indicated if the City was to remove the trees this winter it would most likely not cost anything for the tree removal. In fact, depending on wood prices the city may make a profit of a couple thousand dollars. Ron however, indicated this would not include removing the 200 plus tree stumps, regrading area or planting new trees. There was agreement from those present at the meeting the city should remove the trees this winter and create a plan to replant the area.



*Red Pine Scale infested trees 2015*



*Red Pine Scale infested trees 2016*