Duluth Tree Commission
2004 Annual Report

Members: Brian Allen, George Kirk, Louise Levy - Chair, John Moir, Christine Penney - Secretary, Ethan Perry, Margi Preus, Wendy Sjoblom, Therese Vaughn.

Trees in the News
- Duluth city government complex trees dying due to stem girdling roots
- Dutch elm disease
- Emerald ash borer


Community Collaborations:
- Skyline parkway vegetation management: issue - public and private desire to remove or retain trees along Skyline parkway to enhance views or retain privacy; litter accumulation is high. Collaborations with Duluth Parks and Rec Commission, Skyline Parkway Preservation Alliance, and Sierra Club to assist in species selection, manual labor projects, and future joint work-days.
- North Shore vegetation management: issue - illegal removal of woody vegetation to improve lake views contributes to increased erosion of shore embankments between Scenic highway 61 and Lake Superior. Northshore community association jointly develop a shoreline vegetation management procedure

City Parks:

Street Improvement Program: funded through casino revenue. Some of the SIP allocation will be diverted to the Kroc Center project. New tree planting only occurs in conjunction with SIP projects.

Duluth city forestry budget: City forestry budget is insufficient for tree planting projects; tree hazard inspection occurs in limited scope.