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The city of Linwood has had a tree maintenance program for the last three years. The city street maintenance program focuses on preserving the street tree coverage, reducing tree hazard conditions are promoting healthy tree form and structure, and reducing tree liability in the community.

The tree maintenance program is broken down into two categories. The first category is tree maintenance the city is broken down into five districts. In each of these districts we go around each street and identify very low hanging branches that can cause a liability for a truck or a car that can hit these branches and damage the car and possibly injure an individual which end up becoming a liability issue for the city of Linwood. Once we are finished with the low-lying branch survey we go around to the district and we start identifying any dead trees that are on city property.

Once we have completed our survey of low hanging branches and dead trees we send the crew around to start the program of trimming those branches. For the dead trees I hire a tree arborist to remove all the dead trees we've identified on city property. It takes about 80 hours to complete the pruning process of all branches. The tree maintenance program cost the city with contractors and city workers approximately \$7000 a year. Our objective is to complete at least one district per year.

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Tree Maintenance Map

