



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

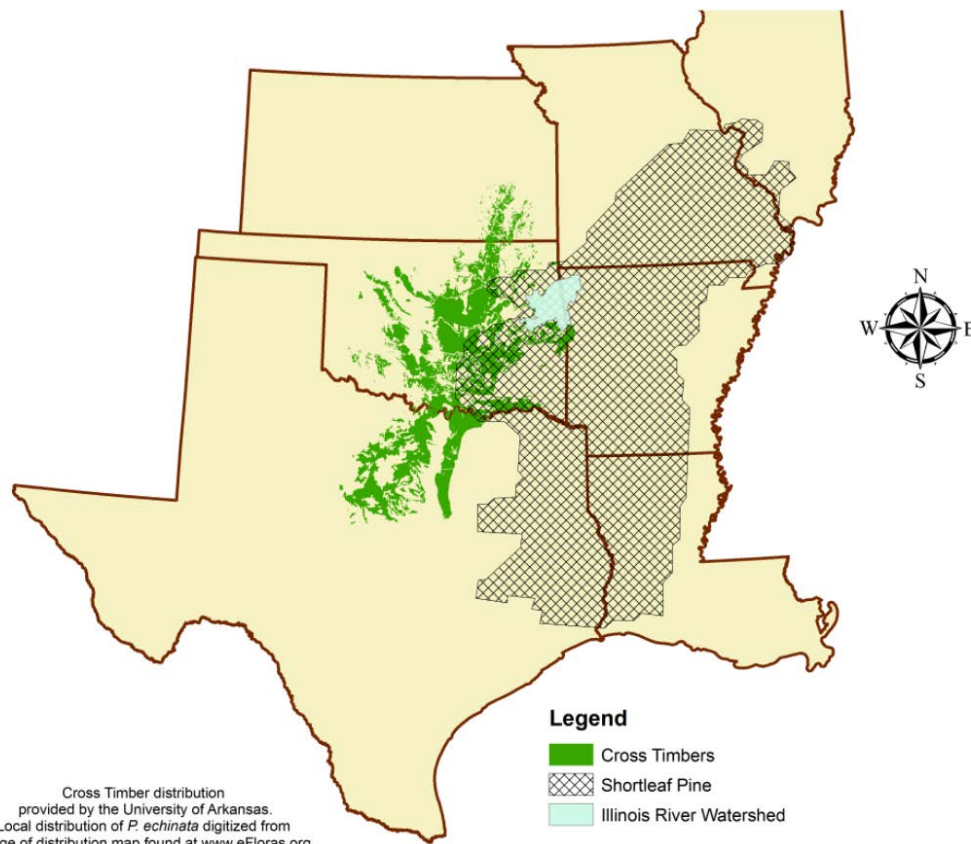
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SUBJECT: URBAN FORESTRY FINE STRUCTURES OF MUNICIPALITIES IN THE CROSS TIMBERS IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA AND ARKANSAS

This IR is to provide Council with information regarding fine structures for other municipalities in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas that are located in the Cross Timbers. The Cross Timbers are used to describe a strip of land that is a mix of prairie, savanna and woodland that runs from southeastern Kansas across Central Oklahoma to Central Texas. The predominant tree species in the Cross Timbers are Post Oaks and Blackjack Oaks.

No major metropolitan areas lie wholly within the Cross Timbers, although roughly the western half of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex does, including the cities of Fort Worth, Denton, Arlington, and Weatherford. The western suburbs of the Tulsa metropolitan area and the northeastern suburbs of the Oklahoma City metropolitan area also lie within this area.




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The following are municipalities in the Cross Timbers in Texas and Oklahoma with tree preservation regulations for unauthorized tree removal. The City of Fort Worth increased the penalty fee for unauthorized removal of trees on September 10, 2019.

City	Penalty (per caliper inch)	Applicability	Exceptions
Fort Worth, TX	\$300/diameter inch or \$7.50/canopy sf- nonsignificant trees \$600/diameter inch or \$15.00/canopy sf - significant trees	Citywide	Residential lots with a one- or two-family dwelling less than one (1) acre; areas within design districts and central business districts with regulations; gas well sites
Edmonds, OK	\$0	Citywide	Properties 5 acres or less; downtown; allows red cedar to be excluded from canopy count
Norman, OK	[On site replacement] \$250 per inch <12", \$325 per inch >12", [Off site replacement/payment in lieu] \$300-\$350 per inch	Citywide	Legal conforming Single-Family residences; Injured/dying/diseased/infested trees; potentially hazardous trees
Granbury, TX	\$125	All nonresidential zoned properties, Historic Overlays	Agricultural, Damaged/Diseased, Utilities, Public Safety, Public Property, Homeowners (existing residences)
Denton, TX	\$200	All nonresidential zoned properties	Agricultural, Damaged/Diseased, Utilities, Public Safety, Public ROW
Arlington, TX	\$100	Residential properties over an acre; all Non-Residential properties	Residential dwellings under an acre, Diseased/Dead Trees, Public Utilities within ROW
Grand Prairie, TX	\$0	Industrial only	n/a
Mansfield, TX	\$153	All property within the city	Residential property, Diseased/Damaged Trees, Public Safety, Landscape Nursery



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