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## City of Manitou Springs Hosting a Wood Auction for High Quality Siberian Elm Planks on August 30, 2021

MANITOU SPRINGS CO – To further promote tree planting and friendly landscapes within Manitou Springs, the City of Manitou Springs will be hosting a Wood Auction for 20 planks of Siberian Elm Wood on August 30<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-8PM at City Hall. This event will be in a silent auction format, with bidding closing at 8PM. All the generated funds will split 50/50 into gardening and tree planting through the City’s Parks and Recreation Department.

The wood being auctioned off originates from the 12 trees that were removed for the Beckers Lane infrastructure improvement project.

“Although the removal of trees is our last resort, it is great to see these Siberian Elm Trees become useful for planting more trees and gardens within Manitou Springs” said Mayor John Graham.

These trees were milled, and kiln dried by the Colorado Springs Sawmill at Penrose, which was paid fully by the Manitou Springs Urban Renewal Authority. The planks produced by this sawmill are approximately 2” thick and vary in sizes and shapes but are anywhere from 4’ to 8’ long.

To view images of some of the wood, please visit: <https://bit.ly/2WcGs20>

For any questions regarding the auction, please email [atrefry@manitouspringsco.gov](mailto:atrefry@manitouspringsco.gov)

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