

PROJECT #6: TREE TRIMMING



Mill Park is the only city park accessible by residents in Northeast Brainerd without having to cross Mill Avenue or Washington Street. In other words, it is the only city park where it would be moderately safe for children to travel to. It is an important feature for the health and vitality of the neighborhood.

Mill Park is not visible along most of M Street NE due to the presence of some poorly-maintained coniferous trees. When parks are not visible to the neighborhood, they are perceived by the potential user as unsafe. Neglect of the public space is tolerated and crime can become an issue.

For a variety of reasons, Mill Park is rarely used outside of scheduled events. Trimming these trees is a modest step towards reconnecting the park to the neighborhood.

Immediate Objectives

1. Begin to reconnect the value of the park to the value of the neighborhood.
2. Improve the security of the park through passive neighborhood interaction.

Project

1. Trim the pine trees along the north side of M Street NE.



Fig. 9. Before and after: the removal of lower branches from a coniferous evergreen will improve access around the tree without affecting its vigor.

Project Cost
\$0