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Hello all,

My name is Tyler Schultz, owner of 836 & 842 Jenifer Street. Currently 842 has a mature ash tree that has been classified as a treatment candidate for EAB. I know this because city forestry was in front of my house today.

I also learned that MG&E would be interested in some cost sharing program with owners where undergrounding of high voltage power line currently exists. While looking at the power line, it appears that the line itself is frayed or some insulation has torn off. This is right in front of 842 and visible from the ground with the naked eye.

I, for one, am all for the undergrounding. It is my understanding that MG&E pays for the pruning of trees near high voltage lines. Undergrounding will eliminate future need for such services. In my opinion, MG&E should incur cost of 10 years of pruning to offset cost of undergrounding per homeowner. MG&E should provide estimate of annual pruning expense for the location where undergrounding is proposed. Looking at the city's Code 118 for a Line Constructor rate of \$55.56/hr from

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/business/pw/contracts/documents/7312%20specs.pdf> and adding in cost of equipment, I'd think the utility would stand to save quite a bit in the long run.

Of course all this is pointless for the current canopy if EAB infiltrates our area. I would like the option to replant a new canopy tree in the future. Or maybe a flowering tree.

I'm also concerned about new tree root growth potentially blocking my personal laterals.

Thank you for your time,
Tyler