

IOWA COMMUNITIES UTILIZING URBAN TREES

Ames- providing urban logs being removed in accordance with a management plan and city purchasing guidelines to a local business that uses them to make home improvement products. This results in less woody debris that the city has to pay to have mulched each year and is a positive step towards becoming a more sustainable community. By keeping logs in longer lengths the City crews spend less time cutting up trees, they have less woody debris to haul to their tree pile, and less wear and tear on the people performing the work and on the equipment.

Davenport- collaborates within their Public Works Department to utilize all of their tree waste into products they produce. They have systems and equipment in place to fully utilize all wood from a tree, putting them on the cutting edge for becoming a responsible and sustainable community with regards to how they handle their trees. Small woody debris gets processed with other waste and turned into compost. Debris unsuitable for compost gets shredded into mulch using their own grinder. Wood that is suitable for firewood is sent through their firewood processor and made available to the public for sale. Logs that are suitable for cutting into wood products are set aside and milled into lumber by a local portable sawmill operator. This lumber is then sold to the community or used to build items during the winter in their wood shop for their own use. They have "Leopold" style benches for sale for example. A link to their website for more information:

https://cityofdavenportiowa.com/services/public_works/trees