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# BPU ANNOUNCES TREE TRIMMING LOCATIONS

Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) announces that tree trimming by the utility in the City will move to the area west of Hallock Street, as part of its regular tree trimming program, for at least the next couple of months.

The BPU trims trees to help limit weather-related electric interruptions or outages. Tree branches contacting electrical wires often cause power outages. Trees are pruned to avoid outages such as in the Buffalo, NY, October, 2006, storm when heavy snows caused thousands of trees and tree limbs to fall onto electric lines, disrupting electrical delivery for weeks.

The BPU and the utility's contractor, Asplundh, work continuously to trim or remove trees throughout the BPU service territory in an attempt to minimize the number of electrical outages.

The BPU's trimming is performed according to guidelines established by tree specialists in order to avoid potentially hazardous situations created when branches come close to or actually touch utility power lines. Trees and power lines can co-exist and potential conflicts can be avoided by selecting and planting trees with size and growth characteristics appropriate to their locations.