

DEVELOPMENT OF A LARGE UTILITY TREE PROGRAM

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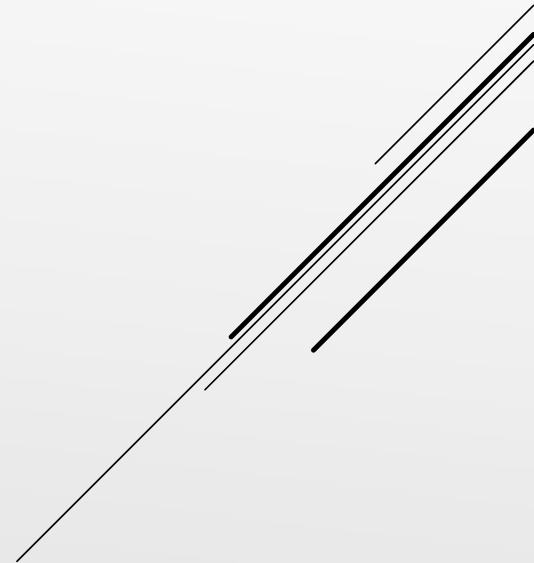
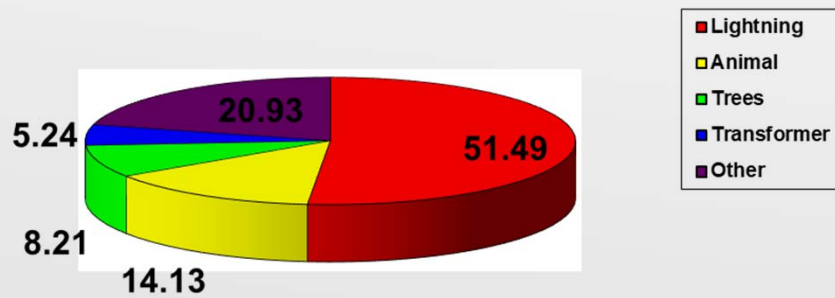
Vegetation Maintenance Manager

Pedernales Electric Cooperative

2007

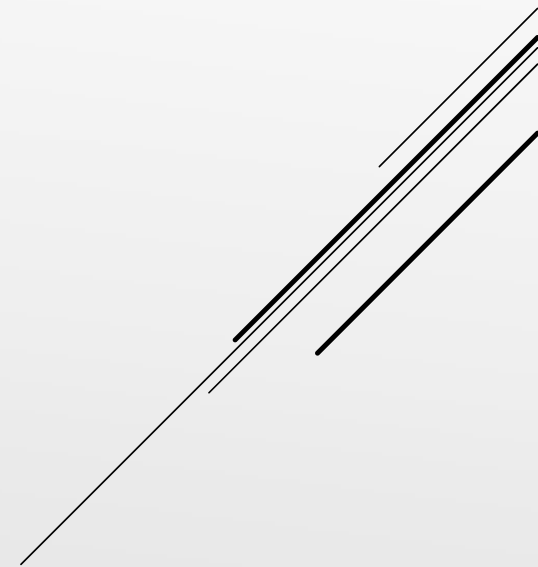
- Trees were the third highest cause for outages

Outage Causes by Percent - 2007



2008

- Creating a comprehensive Vegetation Plan
- Executing said plan



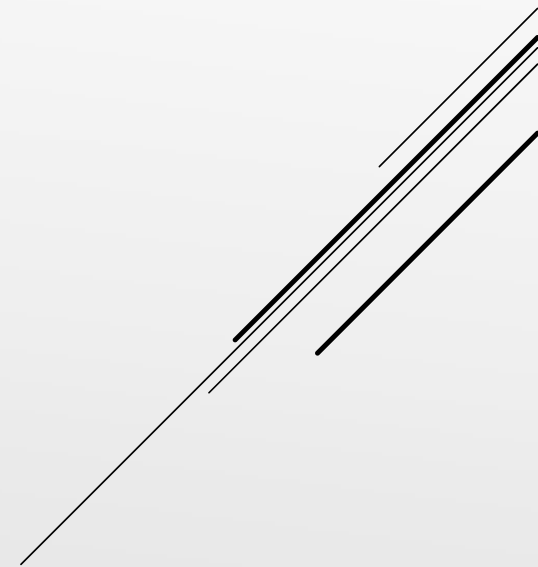
WHERE TO START???



Talk with Professionals

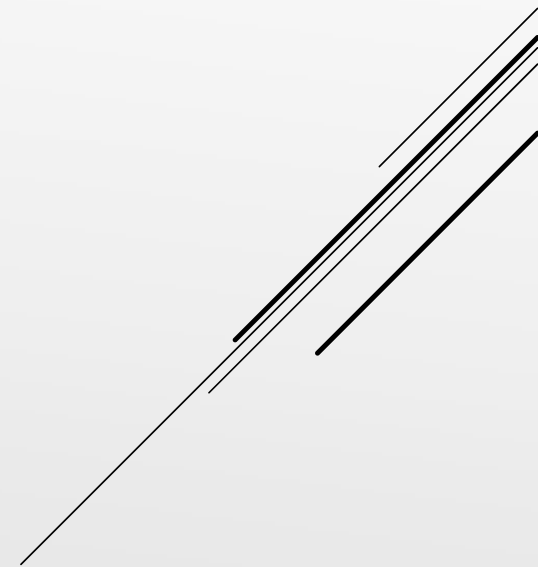
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Create a base plan



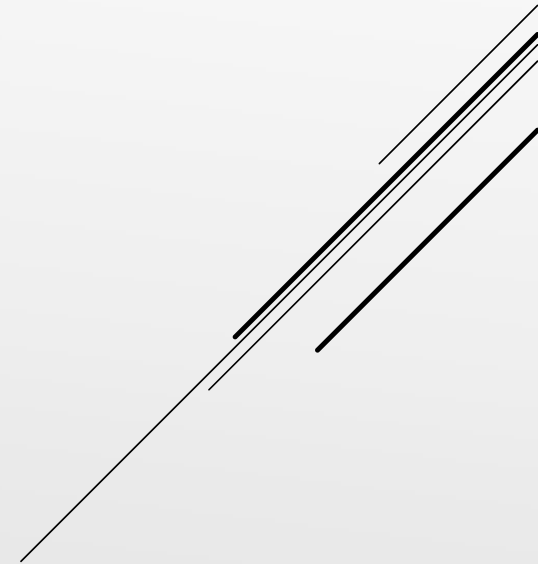
WHAT I LEARNED

- Goals and Objectives
- Organizational Structure
- Tree Clearance Issues
- Tree Pruning Methods
- Proactive Storm Management



2018

- 5 year cycle
- Utilizing new technology
- Tree outages down to 4.5%



QUESTIONS?

