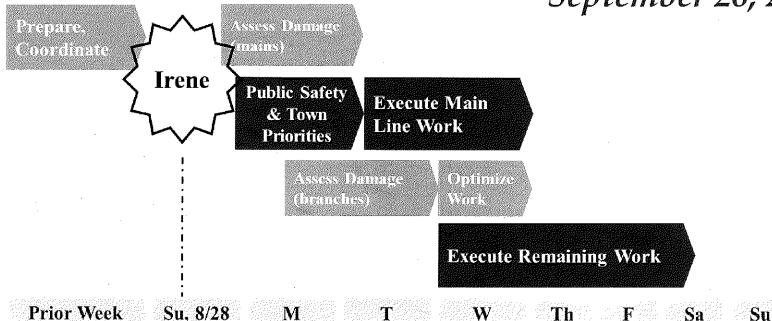




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Preparations, e.g.:

- Model predictions
- Mutual assistance coordination
- Communications to government leaders
- Notify towns 4-7d outages likely

Damage Assessment: ~ 9500 locations

Work: $\sim 10,000$ locations to sequence & execute work

Lessons learned – Now and Pre-Event

- 1. As well as we did, <u>restoration could be shorter</u> 4. <u>if damage can be reduced by a ...</u>
 - a) More aggressive tree management policy in collaboration with the State, Municipalities and local officials:
 - Trim "envelope"
 - Cycle and duration
 - Unhealthy tree administration
 - Right tree Right Place
- 2. We <u>didn't always meet the information-</u> <u>expectations</u> of our customers and government leaders:
 - a) Need to further develop and add methods & processes for conveying useful information ... Given the restrictions and reality of the first 36–48 hours after the event
 - b) Utilize technologies to more effectively & efficiently turn data into information, i.e. implement UI's Road-Map
- 3. Conduct customer survey(s) to further understand needs and communications channels

- 4. Meet with each of our towns/cities to further collaborate on the areas for improvement
 - a) Process and priorities of the town
 - b) Method and manner for "wire-down" and treerelated road closures
- 5. Complete our after action assessment
- 6. Continued training and education across the municipalities and Company
 - a) 1St Responders
 - b) EOCs
- 7. Further explore staffing resource requirements for large-scale events like Irene
 - a) Line Contractor Current partnership Thirau
 - b) Tree Clearance Contractor Current partnership with Lewis Tree
 - c) Electrical 'Service' Contractor
 - d) Patrolling Services