



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item G
8/25/08

SUBJECT: Approval to submit a Community Forestry Grant application, for a maximum grant award of \$20,000 (City's grant share is \$20,000 to be funded from the tree fund) to inventory major road and park trees.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$40,000 (\$20,000 funded from the Tree Fund) with \$20,000 reimbursed by grant
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$0
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$20,000
LINE ITEM NUMBER	209.000.000-939.260

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has announced that grants are available for Community Forestry Programs to assist communities in managing their urban forests.

This year, approximately \$120,000 will be awarded statewide for approved projects. Funding will be focused on management and planning projects such as community tree inventories and management plans. The City of Novi is eligible to apply for funds up to \$20,000 and requires an equal match on the part of the City. The project cost is approximately \$40,000 (\$20,000 MDNR grant/\$20,000 city share cost funded from the Tree Fund) which will include an inventory of park and major road trees by certified arborists using GPS (Global Positioning System) technology.

In 2006, Davey Resource Group (DRG) was hired to perform a subdivision street tree inventory for the City of Novi which was partially funded through a \$20,000 grant from the MDNR. The purpose of the project was to develop a comprehensive urban forest management program which included an inventory and management plan.

The inventory of residential street trees has enabled the Forestry Division to efficiently utilize resources, has increased customer service, and has reduced the number of hazardous trees (see attached work order for tree removal). To date, with the use of the software to create work orders, staff have been actively performing various aspects of the maintenance work identified in the plan, such as tree removal (176 trees), stump removal (40), tree pruning (nearly 2,500), tree planting (approximately 2,800 since the fall 2006 tree planting), and the implementation of the of the yearly tree maintenance operations plan. Staff updates the database during the fall, winter, and spring months.

One of the recommendations made by DRG in the management plan was to inventory parks and major roads (i.e. Novi Rd, Meadowbrook Rd., 9 Mile Rd.) in the spring/summer of 2009. The Department estimates that there are between 12,000 – 15,000 trees in these areas that need to be inventoried and since this grant is available, staff recommend pursuing it to complete the project.

The deadline for submitting the application is August 29, 2008. Grants will be awarded to the highest rated proposals, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources. Following the rating, the Department will be notified of the application status within a few months after the application deadline. If awarded, bids for this project will be obtained through the through the City's bid process and the project will be performed in the spring/summer of 2009. The deadline for completing the project is September 1, 2009.

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department staff will be preparing the application for submission to the Department of Natural Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approval to submit a Community Forestry Grant application, for a maximum grant award of \$20,000 (City's grant share is \$20,000 to be funded from the tree fund) to inventory major road and park trees.

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Capello				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Gatt				

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Council Member Margolis				
Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

Priority Two Tree Removals

Greenwood Oaks #4	24775 Venice Dr Side 2	Cider Mill Blvd	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Heatherwoode Subdivision	40705 Village Wood Rd Median 1	Village Wood Rd	oak, sawtooth/Quercus	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove		
Jamestowne Green #1	24512 Jamestowne Rd Front 1	Jamestowne Rd	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Jamestowne Green #3	44724 Mansfield Dr Front 2	Mansfield Dr	linden, littleleaf/Tilia cordata	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Jaron Subdivision	39955 Burton Ct Front 2	Burton Ct	willow, corkscrew/Salix	43 +	Poor	Priority 2 Removal			
Meadowbrook Glens #1	41975 Cherry Hill Rd Side 1	Ridge Rd W	maple, silver/Acer saccharinum	13 - 18	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove		
Meadowbrook Glens #2	24742 Apple Crest Dr Front 1	Apple Crest Dr	maple, silver/Acer saccharinum	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove		
North Hills Estates	21940 Cumberland Dr Side 2	Ironside Ct	spruce, white/Picea alba	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal			
Pioneer Meadows	25670 Glamorgan Dr Front 1	Glamorgan Dr	willow, spp./Salix spp.	19 - 24	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove (Check ROW)	Do Not Replace	
Simmons Orchard #1	24404 Simmons Dr Side 1	Briar Ridge Ln	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Timber Ridge #1	43514 Serenity Dr Front 1	Serenity Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Check GIS		
Unknown	20925 Club Ln Front 1	Club Ln	maple, red/Acer rubrum	19 - 24	Dead	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Whispering Meadows #2	40340 Ladene Ln Front 1	Ladene Ln	maple, red/Acer rubrum	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove		Send Notice
Whispering Meadows #2	40270 Sandpoint Way Side 1	Ladene Ln	maple, red/Acer rubrum	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove		Send Notice
Yorkshire Place #1	45551 Amherst Dr Front 1	Amherst Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Yorkshire Place #2	24969 Avon Ct Front 2	Avon Ct	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Yorkshire Place #2	24715 White Plains Dr Front 1	White Plains Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace	
Total	134								

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Address	City	Street	Tree Species	Removal Date	Health	Priority	Action	Notes
Addington #2	24100 Elizabeth Ln	Elizabeth Ln	maple, red/Acer rubrum	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Bradford of Novi #1	21872 Roxbury Dr	Roxbury Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Bradford of Novi #1	22097 Worcester Dr	Worcester Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Bradford of Novi #1	43412 Galway Dr	Galway Dr	fir, white/Abies concolor	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Bradford of Novi #2	44570 Galway Dr	Galway Dr	maple, silver/Acer saccharinum	13 - 18	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Do Not Replace
Bradford of Novi #2	45701 Galway Dr	Galway Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Brianwood of Novi	47237 Cider Mill Rd	Red Wing Dr	maple, red/Acer rubrum	6-Apr	Critical	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Brookland Farms	43550 X Cottisford Rd	Cottisford Rd	elm, American/Ulmus americana	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal		
Chase Farms	42849 Ashbury Dr	Ashbury Dr	sweetgum, American/Liquidambar styraciflua	12-Jul	Critical	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Chase Farms	21166 Chase Dr	Dundee Dr	platanus, London/Platanus x	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Chase Farms #2	22102 Chase Dr	Reindeer Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Do Not Replace
Comensura Hills #1	45225 Emery Dr	Emery Dr	pear, callery/Pyrus calleryana	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Do Not Replace
Country Place Condominiums	41488 Broquet Rd	Broquet Rd	willow, weeping/Salix babingtoniana	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal		
Country Place Condominiums	41770 Broquet Rd	Broquet Rd	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Dead	Priority 2 Removal	Already Removed	
Country Place Condominiums	42160 Pellison Dr	Pellison Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Critical	Priority 2 Removal		
Deerbrook	41433 Fawn Trl	Fawn Trl	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	
Deerbrook	41528 Fawn Trl	Fawn Trl	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	
Deerbrook	41509 Reindeer Dr	Antler Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	
Deerbrook	41590 Reindeer Dr	Antler Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	
Dinser Dr	24500 Disner Dr	Disner Dr	cherry, black/Prunus serotina	6-Apr	Critical	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Do Not Replace
Dunbarton Pines #1	44532 Midway Dr	Midway Dr	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Dunbarton Pines #2	44917 Lightway Dr	Lightway Dr	maple, Freeman/Acer x freemanii	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Dunbarton Pines #3	44917 Lightway Dr	Lightway Dr	maple, Freeman/Acer x freemanii	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Fairfield Farms Subdivision	23612 Londonderry Dr	Londonderry Dr	maple, sugar/Acer saccharum	13 - 18	Poor	Priority 2 Removal		
Greenwood Oaks #1	24378 Holyoke Ln	Salem Ct	oak, sawtooth/Quercus	6-Apr	Poor	Priority 2 Removal		Replace
Greenwood Oaks #4	24778 Naples Dr	Cider Mill Blvd	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace
Greenwood Oaks #4	24778 Naples Dr	Cider Mill Blvd	maple, Norway/Acer platanoides	12-Jul	Poor	Priority 2 Removal	Remove	Replace