

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 12, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
2008 Awards of Excellence for Community Trees	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to authorize staff to apply for the 2008 Awards of Excellence for Community Trees sponsored by the Home Depot Foundation.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals 2007-2012 identified *Top Quality Infrastructure and Facilities*. An objective is *Enhance Urban Forest*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the February 19, 2008 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Home Depot Foundation believes that the urban forest is one of the essential building blocks for healthy, livable communities and a critical component of a community's green infrastructure. Through the Awards of Excellence Program, the Home Depot Foundation and the U.S. Conference of Mayors hope to share successes and inspire municipalities across the country to work in partnership with their nonprofit community to create healthier, more sustainable communities.

The Village has been selected to submit a final application to the grant program. The project submitted involves the 175 trees planted for the 175th Anniversary. The Historical Society was listed as the Village's nonprofit partner. All required materials must be submitted by February 29, 2008.

Awards will be announced at the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Meeting in Miami, Florida, on June 26, 2008. Should an award be made to the Historical Society, possible uses for the award monies include tree plantings and urban forest improvements around the Blodgett house once the house has been moved to its final location next to the museum building. Another possibility includes historic interpretive plantings at Lyman Woods and the Main Street Cemetery.

A complete copy of the grant application is on file in the Village Clerk's Office.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO
THE HOME DEPOT FOUNDATION FOR THE
2008 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE FOR COMMUNITY TREES**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove, an Illinois municipal corporation, has developed application for the Home Depot Foundation 2008 Awards of Excellence for Community Trees for grant awards in the development and enhancements of the Village's urban forest; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has authorized the filing of said application with the Home Depot Foundation; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Village of Downers Grove submit the 2008 Awards of Excellence for Community Trees application of the Village of Downers Grove to the Home Depot Foundation.

2. That the Village of Downers Grove agrees to the conditions and requirements listed in the application.

3. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk