

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION TO THE
DUPAGE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (CDC) FOR THE
2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FOR THE DUPAGE
COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD INVESTMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove is a member of the DuPage Community Development Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove, a non-profit organization and municipal corporation in the State of Illinois, has prepared an application for Community Development Block Grant funding in the amount of \$45,051 for the project known as the removal and replacement of trees susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer which the Village of Downers Grove intends to submit to the DuPage Community Development Commission for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the policies of the DuPage Community Development Commission require that such applications be sponsored by a member of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has reviewed said grant application, and desires that said application be considered by the DuPage Community Development Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the Village of Downers Grove agrees to sponsor the 2009 application of the Village of Downers Grove in the amount of \$45,051 for the removal and replacement of trees susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer project.

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

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

FY 2009 APPLICATION FORM

DuPage County Neighborhood Investment, Community-Wide Benefit, Accessibility Improvements, and Planning Projects

This application form is for proposals for Neighborhood Investment, Community-Wide Benefit, Accessibility Improvements, and Planning Projects as identified by the DuPage Community Development Commission (CDC). This application must be accompanied by adequate support documentation.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: Village of Downers Grove

Name of Project: Removal/Replacement of trees susceptible to Emerald Ash Borer

Type of Project: Neighborhood Investment Community-Wide Benefit Planning Project
 Accessibility Improvements

Contact Person: Name: Susan Brassfield Title: Grants Coordinator

Address: Street: 801 Burlington Avenue Zip: 60515

City: Downers Grove State: Illinois

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Total Project Cost of Activities Funded (in whole or in part) by this Application: \$90,102

Total of CDBG Funding Requested to Support These Activities: \$45,051

(See NSA explanation, Part 3.1, in Project Ranking Criteria)

For NSA Projects, Year 2 CDBG Request N.A.

Total Project Cost N.A.

For NSA Projects, Year 3 CDBG Request N.A.

Total Project Cost N.A.

Project Abstract In the space below, briefly describe the activity for which you are requesting funds pursuant to this application.

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a potential threat to the Village of Downers Grove with staff expecting to find EAB in the Village by 2010; it has been positively identified within 6 miles of the Village. The Village seeks CDBG funding to remove and replace those ash trees designated as the weakest and therefore, most susceptible to the devastating EAB. This proactive approach in initiating an ash-tree reduction strategy will help manage the devastation this invasive beetle will cause and therefore, ultimately limit the number of ash trees that are more likely to attract and become infested with EAB. This project will include trees that are located in a primarily residential area, on public right-of-way and are in census tract (846002 Block Groups 1,3) (844800 Block Group 5) (844900 Block Group 5) (846307 Block Group 1,3).

Certification: *The undersigned certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, data in this application and its attachments are true and correct, the document has been duly authorized by the governing body of the organization, and the organization will comply with all regulations and guidelines applicable to DuPage County's Community Development Block Grant and/or Emergency Shelter Grant program, as applicable.*

Authorized Signature: Ron Sandack

Title: Mayor

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

PART 1: MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

1.1 Governing Body Authorization: A resolution that this application was authorized by your governing body is included as Attachment A on Page 3

1.2 Public Hearing: In the space below, briefly describe methods used to solicit stakeholder input into the planning process for this application. List date of public hearing.
Legal notice for a Public Hearing was held on September 16, 2008 at Downers Grove Village Hall (801 Burlington Ave. Downers Grove) during a regularly scheduled Council Meeting.

The public hearing notice and minutes are in Attachment B on Page 5-6

1.3 Capacity: Briefly describe the capacity of your organization to carry out the proposed activities. The proceedings incorporating the Village of Downers Grove in the county of DuPage were filed in the Office of Secretary of State on July 11, 1873. The Village of Downers Grove serves a population of 49,403 and is home to more than 200 businesses that employ 58,000 individuals. The 2006 adopted Mission Statement states: "Our Village government provides exceptional municipal services that are valued by our citizens and businesses. We are fiscally responsible, have passion for our customers and have an eye on the future, we engage our citizens and partner with others to make Downers Grove a great community in which to live and to do business."

1.4 Fair Housing Action Plan: A fair housing action plan is a necessary prerequisite to apply for CDBG funding. Summarize the actions that you have taken, or plan to take, to further fair housing in your community. On June 17, 2008 the Downers Grove Village Council authorized an agreement with DuPage County for a consortium agreement under the federal HOME program. As part of this agreement the Village agrees to cooperate to undertake and/or assist in undertaking housing assistance activities in order to alleviate housing problems through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. Moreover, this agreement authorizes the County to act in a representative capacity as the lead entity for the members of the Consortium and that the County will assume overall responsibilities as the lead entity to ensure that the Consortium's Home Program is carried out in compliance with the requirements of the HOME program.

a. Fair Housing Action Plan is included in Attachment C on Page 8-14

b. **Zoning Ordinance Compliance:** Local policy requires that in order to receive funding a municipality must have a zoning ordinance that is consistent with the amended Civil Rights Act of 1988. These zoning amendments will address the issues of group homes and the definitions of family.

An attorney's letter of opinion regarding consistency is in Attachment D on Page 16

1.5 Location Map: This map is included in Attachment E on Page 18-20

Budget: In the table below, provide information about the total project cost including information on each proposed activity (e.g., sewer, water, streets, landscaping, accessibility, planning, engineering costs, design fees, etc.) Each activity should be a separate line item in the budget. Please note that CDBG funds can only fund actual construction costs. Also note that multi-year funding is available only to Neighborhood Strategy Area Projects. Attach additional supporting information as necessary.

BUDGET SUMMARY for YEAR ONE					
Type of Activity and its Location	Amount of Non-CDBG Funding	Source of Non-CDBG Funding *	Commitment Date of Non-CDBG Funding	Amount of CDBG Funding	Total Cost of Activity
<p><i>(EXAMPLES)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • sanitary sewer • streets • sidewalks <p><i>installation on Garfield, Washington, and West Streets, Anytown, IL</i></p>	<p>*\$125,000</p> <p>*\$62,500</p> <p>*\$25,000</p>	<p>*Gen. Revenue</p> <p>*Gen. Revenue</p> <p>*Gen. Revenue</p>	<p>January 1999</p> <p>January 1999</p> <p>January 1999</p>	<p>*\$375,000</p> <p>*\$62,500</p> <p>*\$25,000</p>	<p>*\$500,000</p> <p>*\$125,000</p> <p>*\$50,000</p>
Ash tree removal and replacement	45,051	Village Operating Budget	January 2009	45,051	90,102
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR YEAR ONE	45,051			45,051	90,102

* If a special assessment is used, explain why and attach a resolution certifying that no other source of funding is available for use on this project. Explain the timing and availability of these funds. N.A.

PART 2: MEETING NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

2.1 Benefit to Low-Income Persons: Indicate the number of low income persons benefited.

Income Range *MFI means Median Family Income.	No. of Persons Benefited	% of Persons Benefited
0-30% of MFI*	684	10.99
31-50% of MFI*	897	14.41
51-80% of MFI*	1,450	23.3
81% + of MFI*	3,193	51.3
TOTAL	6,224	100

Please indicate the source of the income information:

- Income Survey conducted by Applicant
- Census Data, Block Group(s) 1,3 Tract(s) 846002
- Census Data, Block Group(s) 5 Tract(s) 844800, 844900
- Census Data, Block Group(s) 1,3 Tract(s) 846307

Documentation: The source of the above information is in Attachment F on Page 22-36

2.2 Eliminating Conditions of Slums and Blight:

Indicate, in the boxes below, all that apply to the target area: Attach supporting documentation.

- Residential Area
- Nonresidential Area
- Area has been designated as blighted per State requirements
- Area has not been designated as blighted per State requirements
- Area is considered as blighted ___ percentage of structures are considered dilapidated or deteriorating

Describe the conditions of slums and blight.

This residential area does not exhibit conditions of slum and blight. This project meets the national objective of benefiting low and moderate income persons which is the primary objective of the CDBG program.

2.3 Urgent Community Development Needs: Not applicable because no major natural disaster has occurred.

PART 3: PROJECT IMPACT

3.1 Neighborhood Strategy Area (NSA) Improvements

Is the proposed project a part of a NSA approach to planning for neighborhood improvements?

yes or no If yes,

What is the completion date of the NSA plan?

Why is the information still valid?

Neighborhood Needs

The NSA plan must cover "1" or "2," and "3" or "4" of the needs lists below. Please check the appropriate boxes.

1. Infrastructure

2. Facilities and Services

3. Neighborhood Safety/Environmental Hazards

4. Housing Quality

1. Infrastructure Provide a summary description of the Infrastructure needs evaluated in the NSA plan.

2. Facilities and Services Provide a summary description of the Facility and Service needs evaluated in the NSA plan.

3. Neighborhood Safety/Environmental Hazards Provide a summary description of the Neighborhood Safety/Environmental Hazards needs evaluated in the NSA plan.

4. Housing Quality Provide a summary description of the Housing Quality needs evaluated in the NSA plan.

3.2 Housing Affordability Provide information on the affordability of housing in the affected neighborhood.

Affordability Category	Number of Units
Affordable to households at 0-50% of median income	
Affordable to households at 51%-80% of median income	
Affordable to households at 81%-100% of median income	
Affordable to households at over 100% of median income	

Documentation: The NSA plan is in Attachment _____ on Page _____

3.3 Neighborhood Infrastructure and Facilities

This category includes activities that fall into four types. These types are: (A) flood management; (B) water and sanitary sewer; (C) open space and recreation; and (D) streets, sidewalks, street lighting, and other miscellaneous neighborhood facilities. Please provide information on activities appropriate to your project.

A. Flood Management

Please indicate the condition of flooding in the target area. One or more boxes can be checked. Attach supporting documentation.

- Project has been denied for county storm water funding
- A substantial number of dwelling units are flooded on a regular basis and flooding is inside the house.
- A substantial number of dwelling units experience flooding in their yards and streets, with minor basement seepage.
- Residential properties are affected by flooding, but the number is not substantial.

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project specifications.

B. Water and Sanitary Sewer

Please indicate the condition of waters and sewers in the target area. Attach supporting documentation.

- A health or safety hazard exists affecting a substantial number of households
- A health or safety hazard exists, but does not affect a substantial number of households
- There is a need for water and/or sanitary sewer, but a health or safety hazard has not been demonstrated

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project specifications.

C. Open Space and Recreation

Please check the box that best describes the proposed activity. Attach support documentation as needed.

- Project is in a high density area where there are no other facilities within a reasonable walk of the neighborhood.
- Project will be located in an area where there are no other facilities within a reasonable walk of the neighborhood.

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project specifications.

D. Street Improvements, Sidewalks, Street Lighting, and Other Miscellaneous Neighborhood Facilities

Please check the box that best describes the proposed activity. Attach support documentation as needed.

- Current facilities, or lack thereof, significantly contributes to a neighborhood safety hazard
 There is a need for facilities, but a health or safety hazard has not been demonstrated

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project specifications. Millions of ash trees are dead or dying from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle and millions of ash trees have been removed in hopes of containing EAB infestations. Once infested, ash trees often die within 3-4 years and removal of infested trees is essential. Removal not only limits breeding areas for EAB, but is also important because ash trees become brittle and fall apart once they are dead creating a safety issue of trees possibly falling on structures, automobiles or utility lines. EAB is a potential threat to the Village of Downers Grove with staff expecting to find the EAB beetle in the Village by 2010; it has been positively identified within 6 miles of the Village. Currently, there are more than 3300 green ash, 1100 white ash and a handful of blue ash and European ash. This represents over 18.6% of the public parkway tree population. Removal of suspect ash trees and ash trees in poor health limits the number of trees that are more likely to attract and become infested with EAB beetles. By sorting the ash tree inventory by condition, Village Forestry staff is aggressively reviewing and then removing those trees that are dying, have continual branch breakage, or have poor form, or are otherwise unhealthy. If suitable space is available, replacement plantings will be undertaken with a diverse variety of tree species. Though EAB has not yet been found in Downers Grove, removal of the worst ash trees now will lessen the visual impact of EAB once it eventually is found in the Village. As for the number of persons benefiting from this project, potentially, this project could benefit the entire population of Downers Grove or all 49,403 residents in curtailing the spread of the EAB beetle.

3.4 Accessibility Improvements for People with Disabilities

This category includes activities that will improve accessibility for people with disabilities through capital improvements to public or private facilities or structures.

Please check the box that best describes the proposed activity. Attach support documentation as needed.

- Improvement to a public facility that provides specific services to groups that would be expected to have a high percentage of persons with disabilities.

- Improvement to a public facility that would not be expected to have a higher than average use by persons with disabilities.
- Improvement to a private facility.

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project specifications.

3.5 Community-Wide Benefit Activities

This category includes activities that fall into two types. These types are: (A) community-wide facilities, and (B) economic development.

A. Community-Wide Facility

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project specifications.

Explain why the facility is not feasible as a need cluster activity because of its low priority and/or because of unavailability of funding in the need clusters.

B. Economic Development

Describe the current problems, estimate the number of persons that will benefit, and summarize the project design. The economic impact of EAB will be devastating to all communities infested by this beetle. Each community certified as infested will need to remove every ash tree costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to an already severely tight budget. Ash trees represent over 18.6% of the public parkway tree population. Though EAB has not yet been found in Downers Grove, removal of the worst ash trees now will lessen the financial and visual impact of EAB once it is eventually found in the Village. Through means of economic development all of these ash trees will need to be removed; estimated at \$250,000 annually over at least the next five years. Current survey data conducted by the Department of Agriculture reveals that Illinois is entering a period of time where EAB is on the verge of rapid spread. This will be a significant urban management and economic development problem for every municipality with large ash inventories. It will take the cooperative effort of everyone including federal, state, local official, tree care professionals and local residents to manage the devastation this invasive pest will cause. The major goal of economic development is to provide infrastructure and services to sustain a vibrant community and this project will fulfill this major goal.

3.6 Planning Studies

The role of a planning study is to implement the other objectives of the CDBG program. Please indicate below the type of plan to be done.

- Affordable housing plan
- Neighborhood planning related to multi-year Neighborhood Strategy Areas
- Multi-jurisdictional land use, growth management, and development control activities plan

Describe the proposed planning study and summarize the project design.

3.7 Other CDBG Objectives

A. Benefit to Minorities Describe benefit to minority populations in the table below.

Mono-racial

	No. of Persons Benefited	% of Persons Benefited
Race: White		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>	<u>21313</u>	<u>89.7</u>
Race: Black / African American		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>	<u>600</u>	<u>2.5</u>
Race: Asian		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>	<u>1148</u>	<u>4.8</u>
Race: American Indian / Alaskan Native		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>	<u>25</u>	<u>0.1</u>
Race: Native Hawaiian / Other Pacific Islander		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Per 2000 Census		
Some other race	361	1.5
Hispanic or Latino (of any race) part of the total percentage	1,246	

Bi-racial and Multi-racial

Race: Asian and White		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>		
Race: Black / African American and White		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>		
Race: American Indian/ Alaska native and Black / African American		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>		
Race: Other Multi-racial		
<i>Ethnicity: Hispanic / Latino</i>		
<i>Ethnicity: Not Hispanic / Latino</i>	326	1.4

Documentation: The source of the above information is in Attachment G on Page 38-45

B. Benefit for crime prevention/reduction

Describe any direct emphasis the project will have on crime prevention. Attach supporting documentation

C. Benefit for historic/environmental protection/energy conservation

Describe any direct emphasis the project will have on these items. Attach supporting documentation.

Attachment H on Page 47-48

Removal and replacement of ash trees susceptible to EAB will help curtail the spread of EAB and ultimately, assist in protecting the environment from further devastation that this beetle will cause.

D. Leveraging of funds (See explanation page 7 of Project Ranking Criteria)

E. Distribution Equity Adjustment for Municipal Projects (See explanation in page 8 of Project Ranking Criteria)

PART 4: PROJECT READINESS

4.1 Description of Readiness Describe how much planning work has been completed at the time of application, what work will be completed by the time agreement is executed, and what obstacles could remain in the way of completing each activity within one year. Forestry staff has a computerized tree inventory of all the public parkway trees. Currently, there are more than 3,300 green ash and 1,100 white ash. This represents over 18.6% of the public parkway tree population. Forestry staff is aggressively reviewing its ash tree inventory by condition in determining which trees are the most susceptible to EAB. Then, over the next five years, staff will focus on removing the weakest trees first. In grant year one (4/1/09-3/31/10), staff will remove the weakest trees denoted on Maps 1-3 (see attachment E on pages 18-20). Currently, Downers Grove is one of more than 35 communities participating in an EAB detection survey. The survey, conducted in cooperation with the Morton Arboretum and state entomologists, is designed to determine whether or not the beetle could already be present throughout northern Illinois. Throughout the Village, declining ash trees are also being dissected and inspected for the presence of EAB larvae.

Provide a schedule of activities for the project. For activities already completed, show the actual completion date and submit documentation.

Activity	Completion Date
Project team established	1/2006
Site control	
• Property acquired	N/A
• Option acquired	N/A
• All easements acquired	N/A
• Other	N/A
Other project authorization	
• Approval of Special Service Area	N/A
• Facilities Planning Area (FPA) approval	N/A
• Property annexation complete	N/A
• Other	N/A
Completion of preliminary engineering, or project design	N/A
Completion of final engineering, or project design	N/A
Advertise for bids	1/2009
Award of contracts	1/2009
Start of project	5/2009
Substantial project completion	11/2009
50% of Funds Expended	1/2010
100% of Funds Expended	3/2010

1. Describe the project team. Who will be responsible for each project component?

The Village Forester and the Assistant Village Forester will be responsible for all key components of the project.

2. Explain any site control issues and provide necessary documentation.

There are no site control issues that have been identified or anticipated.

3. Explain any authorization issues and provide necessary documentation.

Village Council will need to approve the 2009 Operating budget. The Village is currently in the process of developing next year's budget. The budget will go before Council for approval in November/December 2008. The Downers Grove Village Council will need to authorize awarding of a contract.

PART 5: FAIR HOUSING ACTION PLAN

A copy of the Fair Housing Action Plan is included as Attachment C

If any actions regarding Fair Housing have taken place in the past 12 months, please detail.

On June 17, 2008 the Downers Grove Village Council authorized an agreement with DuPage County for a consortium agreement under the federal HOME program.

Outreach to those minority groups underrepresented within the jurisdiction, through advertising in minority

media and contact with minority civil rights, community, and church groups are performed regularly. The Village is an EOE and the Village performs outreach through the Prentiss Creek Neighborhood Resource Center.

Support for and assistance to fair housing groups, both public and private was initiated in the form of the Village ceding bond cap authority to IHDA in 2008.

Organizing business, church, civic, community and political leaders to support and act to further fair housing is in the form of the Village's Ad Hoc Housing Committee.

Providing financial, legislative, and other support to enable the provision of affordable and low income housing within the jurisdiction was initiated in the form of the Village ceding bond cap authority to IHDA in 2008.