

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
FEBRUARY 24, 2009 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Resolution to participate in the Suburban Tree Consortium and authorize tree supply and planting services for spring FY09	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Naneil Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to continue the Village's participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to authorize tree supply and planting services in the amount of \$73,974.60 for spring 2009.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The 2008-2013 Strategic Plan identifies *A Beautiful Village* in the Downers Grove Vision 2023 statement. Associated objectives include *Tree Canopied Streets* and *Well Maintained Streetscapes, Green Spaces and Landscapes*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Village has \$73,974.60 in the tree removal deferred revenue account and parkway tree escrow account earmarked for tree supply and planting services.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the March 3, 2009 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has 36 municipal members. Downers Grove has been active in this group since 1987. The STC provides members with a consistent supply of quality trees of the species and varieties requested for the municipal parkways in an efficient and cost effective manner by maintaining contracts with several northern Illinois nurseries. Members have two options for selecting tree supply: 1) Members can place tree orders up to five years in advance at fixed prices, ensuring that the variety of trees they desire are available for a given year; or 2) Members can purchase trees in the current year at fixed prices, allowing for annual adjustment depending on need and availability. For each of the next five years, members have advance ordered over 1,500 trees. Then with each planting season, members add to their orders depending on their planting requirements. Collectively during 2008, STC members purchased over 6,000 trees.

A total of 280 trees are planned to be planted. Two hundred sixty trees spring planting locations are those located next to residential properties and are for replacement plantings scheduled to date. Another 20 new parkway trees are expected to be planted in Banchory Woods. Any tree plantings that will require staff care such as watering will be delayed until a later time. For more than a decade, staff has been honoring resident requests for specific tree species when practical, and so far 103 requests have been noted for this spring.

The STC requires that municipalities present a resolution annually. Included in the resolution to continue with the STC is a list of trees that Forestry staff has advance-ordered for Downers Grove. The order includes trees that are more difficult to obtain, as well as those species that are typically requested by

residents. The advance-ordering process has allowed staff to secure and obtain interesting trees such as miyabe maple and various new hybrid elms that are more resistant to Dutch elm disease. The advance order is a conservative quantity to ensure flexibility and the ability to add trees with each planting season subject to need.

ATTACHMENTS
Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CONTINUE
PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM AND
TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY 2009**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has heretofore joined the cooperative known as the Suburban Tree Consortium and has, on August 17, 2004, previously adopted Resolution No. 04-51 entitled "A Resolution Expressing Intent to Continue to Participate in the Suburban Tree Consortium", and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize purchases from the tree consortium for FY 2009 and to amend the policy as established in Resolution No. 04-51 as provided herein.

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

SECTION 1. The Village does hereby express its intent to remain a member of the Suburban Tree Consortium and to procure parkway trees through the Consortium, subject to sufficient annual budgeting therefore for the five-year period. A summary of the anticipated 5-year order is attached.

SECTION 2. The Village Manager is authorized to cause the purchase of trees and other vegetation in an amount of \$73,974.60 in addition to net proceeds of the money collected as fines for damaged trees as recommended by the Village Forester for FY 2009.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

SECTION 4. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Suburban Tree Consortium Secretariat at the West Central Municipal Conference Office.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

Suburban Tree Consortium 5 year orders
For Downers Grove only

Spring 2009 15 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 2" Swamp White Oak, 10 2" Bur Oak, 10 2" English Oak, 10 2" Red Oak,
10 2" Silver Linden, 10 2" Homestead Elm, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden,
5 2" Frontier Elm, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa,
5 2" Hackberry, 15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac

To be cancelled:

Fall 2009 15 2" Sugar Maple, 10 2" Honeylocust, 10 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple,
5 2" Hackberry

Spring 2010 15 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 Swamp White Oak, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,
10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm

Fall 2010 15 2" Sugar Maple, 10 2" Honeylocust, 10 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple,
5 2" Hackberry

Spring 2011 15 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 Swamp White Oak, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,
10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm

Fall 2011 5 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Honeylocust, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
5 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 5 2" Hackberry

Spring 2012 5 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,
10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm

Fall 2012 To be ordered in the future

Spring 2013 To be ordered in the future

All 36 STC members collectively order over 1,500 trees annually

Arlington Heights, Batavia, Berwyn, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Elburn, Elmhurst, Evanston, Geneva, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Hickory Hills, Hinsdale, Justice, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lincolnwood, Lisle, Lombard, Maywood, New Lenox, Northlake, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Park Ridge, Plainfield, Riverside, Sugar Grove, Western Springs, Westmont, Wheeling