

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 10, 2012 AGENDA**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>TYPE:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Tree Supply and Planting Services for FY 2012	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan 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 \$163,200.00 for FY 2012.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2011 to 2018 include *Steward of Financial and Environmental Sustainability* as well as *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2012 Budget includes \$163,200 in the General Fund for tree planting and associated contractual services.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the January 17, 2012 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has 37 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. Collectively, STC members annually purchase over 5,500 trees.

A total of 450 new and replacement parkway trees are planned to be planted this coming spring and fall at an estimated cost of \$163,200. The majority of these will replace parkway trees that were lost due to storms, disease, decline or death and include parkway trees that were lost in the 2011 June tornado. A total of 180 parkway trees were lost in that storm event, but 111 were replaced in the fall of 2011. The remaining 69 replacement trees are planned to be planted this spring. The Forestry staff works with residents to identify locations for new trees and honors resident requests for specific tree species when practical.

The Village has systematically been expanding and maintaining the urban forest since the 1970's and has been a member of Tree City USA for the past 27 years. Our history of parkway tree planting for the past five years is summarized as follows:

2007 – 301 trees	\$83,852.79
2008 – 239 trees	\$63,944.10
2009 – 394 trees	\$102,030.99
2010 – 264 trees	\$66,914.00
2011 – 347 trees	\$106,339.20
2012 – 450 trees	\$163,200.00 (planned)

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 2012**

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 2012.

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 \$163,200.00 in addition to net proceeds of the money collected as fines for damaged trees as recommended by the Village Forester for FY 2012.

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.

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Mayor

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

## **Suburban Tree Consortium 5 year orders**

### **For Downers Grove only**

- Spring 2012 15 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 10 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,  
5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2013 10 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Ginkgo, 10 Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Bur Oak,  
5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,  
10 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm
- Fall 2013 10 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,  
5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2014 10 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Ginkgo, 10 Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Bur Oak,  
5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,  
10 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm
- Fall 2014 10 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,  
5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2015 10 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Ginkgo, 10 Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Bur Oak,  
5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,  
10 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm
- Fall 2015 10 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 2016 10 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,  
10 Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Tuliptree, 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

### **All 37 STC members collectively purchase over 5,500 trees annually**

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