

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 6, 2013 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Amendment to Resolution for the Suburban Tree Consortium and Tree Supply and Planting Services for FY 2013	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Nan Newlon, P.E. Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to authorize an amendment for tree supply and planting services in the amount of \$29,900.00 for FY2013.

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 amount of the proposed amendment of \$29,900.00 would increase the tree supply and planting services from \$120,000.00 to \$149,900.00. Sufficient funds for the additional tree plantings are available in the Forestry accounts including New Sidewalk (220), New Subdivision Escrow (640), and reimbursement for plantings at the Belmont Underpass from Metra (471).

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the August 6, 2013 Consent Agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC) and a resolution to plant 375 trees for the 2013 planting season was approved by Council at its meeting on 12/11/2012. The original estimate of trees to be planted in 2013 was based on a projection of the number of trees in need of replacement and identified spaces for new parkway trees. Staff is recommending that a total of 500 parkway trees be planted in 2013. This increase is a result of a higher number of ash tree removals than anticipated, an increase in the planting of parkway trees in new areas and tree plantings in the Belmont Underpass project area.

The majority of the parkway trees planted by the Village replace a tree that was removed. Every year staff estimates the number of tree removals for budgeting purposes and then adjusts the number throughout the year. Tree removals as a result of EAB infestations are increasing which leads to a corresponding increase in replacement trees being planted.

Increased efforts were made by staff this spring to identify areas for the planting of new parkway trees. Staff identified areas where new trees could be planted and contacted residents to determine if they were supportive of additional trees. We have found that if residents are not supportive of new trees they do not have as good a chance of survival. Through these efforts we identified more areas for new trees than the original contract provided for.

Lastly, with the completion of the Belmont Underpass project Metra has turned over tree planting to the Village and financial compensation for the cost. Forty-six trees were planted in this area in this spring.

A full report on the Village's tree replacement program can be found in the Urban Forestry manual located at: <http://www.downers.us/res/forestry/urban-forestry-and-municipal-landscape-manual>. Chapter 4 shows the history of tree planting from 1989 to 2012.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY2013
FROM THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM**

WHEREAS, on December 11, 2012, the Village Council adopted Resolution No. 2012-94 entitled “A Resolution Expressing Intent to Continue Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to Authorize Certain Purchases for FY 2013”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2012-94 allowed for the purchase and planting of 375 new trees; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that there is a need for an additional 125 trees to be purchased and planted; and

WHEREAS, this increase is a result of a higher number of ash tree removals due to emerald ash borer infestation than anticipated, an increase in the planting of parkway trees in new areas, and tree plantings in the Belmont Underpass project area.

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

1. That Section 2 of the Resolution authorizing the purchase of trees and other vegetation in the amount of \$120,000.00 be amended to \$149,900.00.
2. That the proper officials, agents and employees of the Village are hereby authorized and directed to take such further action as they may deem necessary or appropriate to perform all obligations and commitments of the Village in accordance with the provisions of the Resolution.
3. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.
4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage as provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk