

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village**  
**11/19/2024**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>
Authorization for additional Suburban Tree Consortium and Tree Supply and Planting Services for FY2024	David Moody Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared requesting additional tree supply and planting services from the Suburban Tree Consortium, in the amount of \$18,000. This additional amount would result in a new total of \$178,000 for tree supply and planting in FY2024.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2023 to 2025 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability* as well as *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2024 Budget includes \$76,000 in the Community Investment Program (CIP) for the Emerald Ash Borer Eradication Program (FO-001).

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the November 19, 2024 Consent Agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has 49 municipal members. The Village has been active in this group since 1987. The STC provides members with a consistent supply of quality trees for the municipal parkways in an efficient and cost effective manner with several northern Illinois nurseries. Collectively, STC members annually purchase over 10,000 trees.

In February 2024, a resolution for the planting of an estimated 370 new trees for FY2024 was approved by the Village Council. The actual number of parkway trees planted each year is determined by the number of tree removals, construction, resident requests for additional parkway trees, and parkway locations that have been identified needing new trees. Staff is requesting additional spending authority since a total of 381 new tree locations have been identified this year. This includes 142 Trees that were planted in the spring, and 239 trees that are planned to be planted this fall.

In addition to planting more trees, additional spending authority is being requested to cover the cost of new planting steps that will be done by the installer to increase the long term survivability of the trees. These steps are the recommended best practices of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA).

The majority of plantings will replace parkway trees that were lost due to storms, disease, decline or death, as well as replacing ash trees that were removed due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). For FY2024, 92 Ash trees have been removed and more are planned to be removed before the end of the year. The Emerald Ash Borer Eradication Program provides funding for the removal of Ash trees and planting new trees in their place. For all plantings, 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 improving and maintaining the urban forest since the 1970's and has been a member of Tree City USA for the past 39 years.

A full report on the Village's tree planting program can be found in the Urban Forestry manual (which can be [viewed here](#)). Chapter 4 shows the history of tree planting through 2023.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2024-19  
TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN ADDITIONAL PURCHASES FOR FY 2024**

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, the Village Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-19 entitled “A Resolution Expressing Intent to Continue Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to Authorize Certain Purchases for FY 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has heretofore joined the cooperative known as the Suburban Tree Consortium which was created to jointly purchase parkway trees on behalf of a number of municipalities in an effort to realize cost savings and insure reasonable supply and a variety of suitable parkway trees, and;

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize additional purchases from the tree consortium for FY 2024.

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 continued 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.

SECTION 2. The Village Manager is authorized to cause the purchase of trees and other vegetation in an additional amount of \$18,000.00 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of \$178,000.00 in addition to net proceeds of the money collected as fines for damaged trees and fees for parkway trees in new subdivisions as recommended by the Village Forester for FY 2024.

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