

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
Report for the Village
12/16/2025

SUBJECT:	SUBMITTED BY:
Forestry Contract Extension – Parkway Tree Pruning	David Moody Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to authorize a one year contract extension for parkway tree pruning services to Abbott Tree Care Professionals (Abbott) of Bartlett, IL, in the amount of \$228,050.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The goals for 2025-2027 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability*, as well as *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The proposed FY26 budget provides \$190,000 in the General Fund for these services. Sufficient funds exist within the contracted services account in the General Fund to cover the remaining cost of these services.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the December 16, 2025 Consent Agenda.

BACKGROUND

A Call for Bids for three forestry contracts, tree and stump removal services, demand pruning services, and parkway tree pruning services, was issued at the end of October 2024 in accordance with the Village's purchasing policy. At the December 17, 2024 Village council meeting, one-year contracts with the option for two annual extensions, were awarded to Abbott Tree Care Professionals, the lowest and responsible bidder for each of the three contracts. The contract extensions for FY26 forestry services is summarized in the chart below, and is an increase from the proposed price in the original call for bids due to increasing costs for these services.

Contract	Original Contract 2025	First Extension 2026	Total Contract
Tree and Stump Removal	\$212,520.00	\$197,500.00	\$410,020.00
Parkway Tree Pruning	\$118,660.00	\$228,050.00	\$346,710.00
Demand Tree Pruning	\$17,150.00	\$29,127.50	\$46,277.50
Totals	\$348,330.00	\$454,677.50	\$803,007.50

Staff thinks it is in the best interest of the Village to award a contract extension in an amount greater than the proposed prices in the original bid since re-bidding this contract at this time would likely result in bids coming in higher than Abbott's proposed prices, and continuing to maintain one contractor for all three contracts provides multiple benefits to the Village. Having one contractor for all three forestry contracts simplifies communication, increases efficiency, and makes managing these contracts easier for staff. To date, Abbott has been very responsive to the needs of the Village, and staff have been very satisfied with their work. They performed especially well during the response to the severe weather storm event that occurred in August of this year and damaged a significant number of Village parkway trees.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

Contract Extension

Contractor Evaluation

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FIRST EXTENSION
TO THE PARKWAY TREE PRUNING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
AND ABBOTT TREE CARE PROFESSIONALS**

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

1. That the form and substance of a certain Agreement (the "Agreement"), between the Village of Downers Grove (the "Village") and Abbott Tree Care Professionals, LLC (the "Contractor"), for parkway tree pruning services, as set forth in the form of the Agreement submitted to this meeting with the recommendation of the Village Manager, is hereby approved.

2. That the Village Manager and Village Clerk are hereby respectively authorized and directed for and on behalf of the Village to execute, attest, seal and deliver the Agreement, substantially in the form approved in the foregoing paragraph of this Resolution, together with such changes as the Manager shall deem necessary.

3. 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 Agreement.

4. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

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

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk

**FIRST EXTENSION TO THE PARKWAY TREE PRUNING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE AND
ABBOTT TREE CARE PROFESSIONALS, LLC**

The Village of Downers Grove, Illinois and Abbott Tree Care Professionals, LLC (“Contractor”) entered into an Agreement for parkway tree pruning services on or about December 17, 2024 (“Agreement”). Pursuant to the terms stated therein, the parties desire to extend the Agreement under the following terms:

1. The Agreement shall be extended through December 31, 2026 (the “Extension”).
2. The fees for services throughout the duration of the Extension shall not exceed \$228,050.
3. All other terms from the Agreement remain in full force and effect.

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE

**ABBOTT TREE CARE
PROFESSIONALS, LLC**



Title: PRES.

Date: _____

Date: 12.10.2025



Village of Downers Grove

Contractor Evaluation

Contractor: Abbott Tree Care

Project: 2025 Cycle Pruning Project- Forestry

Primary Contact: Sue Abbott 630-606-8733

Time Period: 1/2025-12/2025

On Schedule (allowing for uncontrollable circumstances) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Provide details if early or late completion: _____

Change Orders (attach information if needed):

Difficulties / Positives:

Interaction with public:

☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Average ☐ Poor

(Attach information on any complaints or compliments)

General Level of Satisfaction with work:

☒ Well Satisfied ☐ Satisfied ☐ Not Satisfied

Reviewers: Greg Soltwisch, Village Forester

Date: 12/5/2025