



Village of Downers Grove

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## Report for the Village Council Meeting

*Table 1 - Council Agenda item.*

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Tree Supply and Planting Services for Fiscal Year 2026</b>
<b>Submitted By</b>	David Moody, 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 \$360,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026.

### Strategic Plan Alignment

The goals for 2025 to 2027 include Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability and Exceptional Municipal Services.

### Fiscal Impact

The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget includes a total of \$360,000.00 for tree supply and planting services.

### Recommendation

Approval on the April 7, 2026 Consent Agenda.

## Background

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has over 50 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.

An estimated 800 new and replacement parkway trees are planned to be planted in 2026. 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 new parkway locations that have been identified. 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 all plantings, staff works to identify locations for new trees and adheres to the motto "right tree, right place." This method ensures the right plant is placed in the correct planting site to allow the tree to thrive, not just survive.

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 41 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 2024.

The STC requires that municipalities adopt a resolution annually to continue participation. Included in the resolution is a list of trees that the Forestry staff has advance-ordered for Downers Grove. The order includes trees that are more difficult to obtain, as well as trees proven to thrive in the urban environment. 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 Fiscal Year 2026**

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 purchases from the tree consortium for Fiscal Year 2026.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove, 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 five-year order is attached.

SECTION 2. The Village Manager is authorized to cause the purchase of trees and other vegetation in an amount of \$360,000.00 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 Fiscal Year 2026.

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

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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By: Mayor

Passed:

Published:

**Attest:**

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By: Village Clerk

Table 1 – Suburban Tree Consortium 5 Year Orders – For Downers Grove Only.

<b>Spring 2026:</b>	3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2.5 inch Heartland Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 3, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 5, 2 inch London Plane Tree; 5, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 5, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 2, 2 inch Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress; 5, 2 inch Sterling Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bald Cypress; 20, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Emerald City Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Dawn Redwood; 5, 2 inch Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple; 5, 2 inch Dakota Pinnacle Birch; 5, 2 inch River Birch; 10, 2 inch Worpleston Sweetgum; 5, 1.5 inch White Shield Osage orange; 3, 2 inch K.B. Crystal Oak; 5, 2 inch Cobblestone Oak; 1 White Pine 9'; 5, 2 inch Spaeth's Alder; 5, 2 inch American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch American Beech; 5, 2 inch White Oak
<b>Fall 2026:</b>	3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2 inch Northern Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 5, 2 inch Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bur Oak; 10, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 10, 2 inch Red Oak; 10, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 5, 2 inch Autumn Fantasy Freeman Maple; 5, 2 inch Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry; 5, 2 inch Purple Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Pagoda Dogwood; 5, 2 inch Little Cherry Twist; 5, 2 inch Prairie Gold Aspen; 5, 2 inch Crescendo Sugar Maple
<b>Spring 2027:</b>	3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2.5 inch Heartland Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 3, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 5, 2 inch London Plane Tree; 5, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 5, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 2, 2 inch Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress; 5, 2 inch Sterling Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bald Cypress; 20, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Emerald City Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Dawn Redwood; 5, 2 inch Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple; 5, 2 inch Dakota Pinnacle Birch; 5, 2 inch River Birch; 10, 2 inch Worpleston Sweetgum; 5 1.5 inch White shield Osage Orange; 3, 2 inch

	<p>K.B. Crystal Oak; 5, 2 inch Cobblestone Oak; 1, 9 foot White Pine; 5, 2 inch Spaeth's alder; 5, 2 inch American hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch American Beech; 5, 2 inch White Oak; 5, 2 inch midnight Express Redbud; 5, 2 inch Autumn Splendor Horse Chestnut; 5, 2 inch Afterburner Back Tupelo; 5, 2 inch Heritage Oak; 5, 2 inch Dwarf Korean Lilac; 5, 2 inch Fire King American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch Hardy Pecan; 10, 2 inch Shagbark Hickory; 5, 2 inch Sassafras</p>
<p><b>Fall 2027:</b></p>	<p>3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2 inch Northern Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 5, 2 inch Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bur Oak; 10, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 10, 2 inch Red Oak; 10, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 5, 2 inch Autumn Fantasy Freeman Maple; 5, 2 inch Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry; 5, 2 inch Purple Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Pagoda Dogwood; 5, 2 inch Little Cherry Twist; 5, 2 inch Prairie Gold Aspen; 5, 2 inch Crescendo Sugar Maple</p>
<p><b>Spring 2028:</b></p>	<p>3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2.5 inch Heartland Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 3, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 5, 2 inch London Plane Tree; 5, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 5, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 2, 2 inch Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress; 5, 2 inch Sterling Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bald Cypress; 20, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Emerald City Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Dawn Redwood; 5, 2 inch Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple; 5, 2 inch Dakota Pinnacle Birch; 5, 2 inch River Birch; 10, 2 inch Worpleston Sweetgum; 5 1.5 inch White shield Osage Orange; 3, 2 inch K.B. Crystal Oak; 5, 2 inch Cobblestone Oak; 1, 9 foot White Pine; 5, 2 inch Spaeth's Alder; 5, 2 inch American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch American Beech; 5, 2 inch White Oak; 5, 2 inch Midnight Express Redbud; 5, 2 inch Autumn Splendor Horse Chestnut; 5, 2 inch Afterburner Back Tupelo; 5, 2 inch Heritage Oak; 5, 2 inch Dwarf</p>

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<b>Spring 2029:</b>	3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2.5 inch Heartland Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 3, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 5, 2 inch London Plane Tree; 5, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 5, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 2, 2 inch Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress; 5, 2 inch Sterling Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bald Cypress; 20, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Emerald City Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Dawn Redwood; 5, 2 inch Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple; 5, 2 inch Dakota Pinnacle Birch; 5, 2 inch River Birch; 10, 2 inch Worpleston Sweetgum; 5 1.5 inch White Shield Osage Orange; 3, 2 inch K.B. Crystal Oak; 5, 2 inch Cobblestone Oak; 1, 9 foot White pine; 5, 2 inch Spaeth's Alder; 5, 2 inch American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch American Beech; 5, 2 inch White Oak; 5, 2 inch Midnight Express Redbud; 5, 2 inch Autumn Splendor Horse Chestnut; 5, 2 inch Afterburner Back Tupelo; 5, 2 inch Heritage Oak; 5, 2 inch Dwarf Korean Lilac; 5, 2 inch Fire King American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch Hardy Pecan; 10, 2 inch Shagbark Hickory; 5, 2 inch Sassafras
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<p><b>Spring 2030:</b></p>	<p>3, 2 inch State Street Maple; 5, 2.5 inch Heartland Catalpa; 5, 2 inch Hackberry; 3, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 5, 2 inch London Plane Tree; 5, 2 inch Shingle Oak; 5, 2 inch Chinkapin Oak; 2, 2 inch Shawnee Brave Bald Cypress; 5, 2 inch Sterling Silver Linden; 5, 2 inch Triumph Elm; 10, 2 inch Bald Cypress; 20, 2 inch Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Emerald City Tulip Tree; 10, 2 inch Dawn Redwood; 5, 2 inch Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple; 5, 2 inch Dakota Pinnacle Birch; 5, 2 inch River Birch; 10, 2 inch Worpleston Sweetgum; 5, 1.5 inch White Shield Osage Orange; 3, 2 inch K.B. Crystal Oak; 5, 2 inch Cobblestone Oak; 1 9 foot White Pine; 5, 2 inch Spaeth's Alder; 5, 2 inch American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch American Beech; 5, 2 inch White Oak; 5, 2 inch Midnight Express Redbud; 5, 2 inch Autumn Splendor Horse Chestnut; 5, 2 inch After Burner Back Tupelo; 5, 2 inch Heritage Oak; 5, 2 inch Dwarf Korean Lilac; 5, 2 inch Fire King American Hophornbeam; 5, 2 inch Hardy Pecan; 10, 2 inch Shagbark Hickory; 5, 2 inch Sassafras</p>
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All 49 STC members collectively purchase over 10,000 trees annually

Alsip, Arlington Heights, Barrington, Batavia, Bedford Park, Berwyn, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Chicago Heights, Clarendon Hills, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Elgin, Elmhurst, Elmwood Park, Evanston, Forest Park, Geneva, Glen Ellyn, Glenview, Hickory Hills, Hillside, Hinsdale, Kenilworth, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lincolnwood, Lisle, Lombard, Maywood, Mount Prospect, Mundelein, Niles, Northbrook, Northlake, North Riverside, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Plainfield, Plano, Riverside, Sugar Grove, Tinley Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Wheeling, Willowbrook, Winfield