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To: Brett Hebert

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Re: 2021 Urban Forestry Grant

Brett, this memo is in regards to an Urban Forestry Grant through the Wisconsin DNR.

Background:
The Tree Commission has discussed utilizing discretionary funds from an account controlled by the committee to pursue a project that would benefit City of Stoughton residents. After much discussion on how best to serve the residents of Stoughton, the committee decided on a project to provide free trees to residents who have been impacted by the loss of ash trees on private property due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). To help recoup the dollars that are spent by to purchase tree, the committee decided to pursue an Urban Forestry Grant through the DNR.

Forty (40) bare root trees will be purchased from McKay Nursery for this project. An average cost of seventy dollars ($70) per tree was used based on current pricing from the nursery. Staff time and volunteer time will cover the majority of the City's input into the project.

Total Cost of the project of $4,144.60 with half of that cost being reimbursed back to the city by the DNR upon completion. The city's share of the project is $2,072.30 with $1,344.60 of that cost being covered by staff and volunteer time. Therefore, the city portion of the project is $727.70. This cost will be borne by the Tree Commission Budget, which currently has in excess of $4,800 in that account.

The Tree Commission would like to utilize the newly installed gravel bed at Public Works in order to grow the trees root systems while suitable homes are secured for the trees. The Committee will do the outreach portion of the project to secure suitable sites.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Kemppainen, C.A.
City Forester