

February 25, 2009

Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Milwaukee
City Hall
200 E. Wells Street, Room 205
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Dear Honorable Members of the Common Council:

Attached please find four resolutions for introduction relating to the application, acceptance and expenditure of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009 funding. The four urban forestry projects include:

- *Strengthening Diversity in Urban Forestry Service Delivery* – Train up to 40 low-income Milwaukee residents for green jobs in the urban forestry profession. The City of Milwaukee will train participants through a six-month training program to prepare participants for the urban forestry profession. Upon successful completion of the training program, participants will be employed by private industry urban forestry partners.
- *Improving the City of Milwaukee's Green Infrastructure* – Increase tree canopy to maximize the ecological benefits of the city's urban forest. The City will plant approximately 6,000 trees on public right-of-way including streets, boulevards and green spaces. New seasonal labor will be hired to plant trees and perform boulevard improvements to be supervised by city staff.
- *Emerald Ash Borer Mitigation* – Perform pesticide injections (contracted) in advance of an Emerald Ash Borer infestation to protect the City's 36,000 ash street trees. The City's ash street trees represent a capital asset of \$46M in structural value and over \$250,000 in functional value annually.

- *Remote Sensed Hyperspectral Species Mapping for Host Assessment and Rapid Early Detection of Forest Pests* – GIS Map ten tree species/cultivars at risk to serious forest pests/diseases in the City of Milwaukee. Expands existing GIS map of ash trees in Milwaukee.

Please direct questions to Kimberly Kujoth, Environmental Policy Analyst at x5453. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Preston D. Cole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'P' and a long, sweeping underline.

PRESTON D. COLE
Environmental Services Superintendent