

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works Operations Division – Forestry Section

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Category of Request

New Grant

Grant Continuation

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Change in Previously Approved Grant

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Project/Program Title: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative- Replacing Ash Trees In Milwaukee's Combined Sewer Districts to Maintain and Improved Stormwater Interception

Grantor Agency: USDA Forest Service

Grant Application Date: 11-14-2022

Anticipated Award Date: 04-21-2023

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):
GLRI Reduce Runoff from Degraded Sites through Green Infrastructure- Replacing Ash Trees within Milwaukee's Combined Sewer Districts to Maintain and Improved Stormwater Interception. The project will remove 450 poor-to-fair quality ash street trees and replace with alternative tree species that will assist with intercepting stormwater runoff. This grant allows the City to target ash street tree removals to minimize the loss of street tree canopy benefits and allows diversification of replacement tree canopy. Replanting is critical to maintaining a healthy, functional tree canopy that provides long-term ecosystem benefits.
2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:
Replacing Ash Trees within Milwaukee's Combined Sewer Districts to Maintain and Improved Stormwater Interception supports the goal of increased tree canopy through urban forest preservation and restoration. Critical to tree canopy preservation and restoration is improving the diversity of the street tree population and limiting loss of existing tree canopy. Removal of poor-to-fair condition ash street trees and replacement with alternative tree species achieves greater diversity and provides for long term development of mature canopy aiding in rainfall/stormwater interception. The City will continue to treat the existing ~27,000 ash street trees.
3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):
The grant will fund \$105,126 with the City providing \$118,926 in-kind match for ash street tree removals and stump grinding. The grant will fund planting of 450 ash street tree replacements. The Forestry Division continues to work toward greater diversification of street trees to mitigate the impact stormwater of water quality. A greater diversification of street tree species will improve resiliency to pest and disease threats and will maximize the stormwater interception benefits trees provide.
4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):
5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:
4-21-2023 to 4/21/2025
6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:
7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.