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To the Honorable Common Council

Dear Council Members:

The attached resolution authorizes the Department of Public Works, Operation Division- Forestry Section to apply for, accept and fund an Urban Forestry Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Grant funds will provide the Forestry Section with the opportunity to develop a strategic program to inventory existing street trees in box-out plantings in our downtown area, to analyze the condition and cost of these plantings and then to create a new management strategy for these downtown street trees and future street trees that will promote healthy, long-term growth.

The total cost of the program is \$54,285, of which \$29,285 (54%) will be provided as in-kind match by the City and \$25,000 (46%) will be provided by the grantor.

Your favorable consideration is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

PRESTON D. COLE
Environmental Services Superintendent

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Attachment