

GRANT ANALYSIS FORM

OPERATING & CAPITAL GRANT PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

Department/Division: Department of Public Works – Operations Division, Forestry

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Category of Request

New Grant

Grant Continuation

Change in Previously Approved Grant

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Project/Program Title: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to Emerald Ash Borer

Grantor Agency: USDA Forest Service

Grant Application Date: _____

Anticipated Award Date: _____

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):

Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to EAB will assist homeowners mitigate the risk of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) through a demonstration of targeted financial assistance for ash tree chemical injections or ash tree removals and replacements. The goal of the project is to lead residents to take appropriate action to either treat or remove and replace ash trees in advance of disease. These actions will reduce risk associated with EAB killed trees and save millions of dollars in ecological services that directly benefit the health and quality of Lake Michigan and Milwaukee's waterways in reduced stormwater runoff and nonpoint pollution.

2. Relationship to City-Wide Strategic Goals and Departmental Objectives:

Restoring Milwaukee's Tree Canopy on Residential Property in Response to EAB supports the goal of urban forest preservation and restoration through increased tree canopy. Milwaukee's current tree canopy coverage is 21.6% and is comprised of trees on both public and private property. Based on the experience of Dutch Elm disease where the loss of tree canopy has yet to be fully replaced, the greatest threat of lost tree canopy from EAB is on private property. Overall, the City's goal is to increase tree canopy coverage to 40% and planting trees on private property to replace ash trees will prevent further tree canopy loss. In addition, the targeted financial assistance will aid residents who would otherwise have to incur the full cost of ash tree removals as they become infested with EAB.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):

NA

4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):

NA

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:

Targeted completion October 31, 2012.

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

NA

7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.
Attached

