

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	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Grant <input type="checkbox"/> Grant Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Change in Previously Approved Grant	Previous Council File No. _____ Previous Council File No. _____

Project/Program Title: Great Lakes Restoration Initiative: Beyond Ash Mitigation to a Sustainable Urban Forest

Grantor Agency: USDA Forest Service

Grant Application Date: _____ Anticipated Award Date: _____

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):
Beyond Ash Mitigation to a Sustainable Urban Forest will further restore Milwaukee’s street tree canopy at risk of EAB to deliver Great Lakes protection. The project will remove 300 poor quality ash street trees and/or ash street trees located in conflict with utility infrastructure and replace with alternative tree species that will treat stormwater runoff. An above-ground container tree growing system will be established at the Municipal Nursery located in Franklin, WI. *Beyond Ash Mitigation* 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:
Beyond Ash Mitigation 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 condition ash street trees and/or ash street trees located in conflict with utility infrastructure and replacing with alternative tree species achieves greater diversity and directs resources to preservation of high quality ash tree canopy. The City will continue to treat ash street trees.

3. Need for Grant Funds and Impact on Other Departmental Operations (Applies only to Programs):
 The grant will fund \$100,000 with the City providing \$128,615 match for ash street tree removals and stump grinding. The City will perform ash street tree removals as in-kind match and contract stump grinding as part of the annual capital stump removal account. The grant will fund planting of ash street tree replacements and establishment of an approximate 11,000 ft² above-ground container tree growing system at the Municipal Nursery.

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

5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:
 January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2020

6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:

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