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Subject: Council file 231341- Urban Forestry Grant

Good afternoon,

I'm writing to express ECO's support for [Council file 231341](#) related to acceptance of funding for the Urban Forestry grant. My staff and I have some appointments tomorrow that we can't move, and so I'm not sure if we will be present at the table when this file is considered.

ECO played a large role in developing the grant application, and we are now handing the baton to DPW Forestry for the most part for grant administration and program delivery. The grant budget includes a new position in ECO to support green job development. This is important because this project and almost all recent grant applications have a workforce component in support of racial and economic equity. ECO will continue with Forestry, OEI and Employ Milwaukee on those issues. We believe the substitute resolution being developed by LRB will add the necessary position authority for both DPW and ECO and more clearly show the funding amounts to be shared with MPS, Milwaukee County, and MMSD as subrecipient agreements.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions of ECO's role going forward.



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