

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 to Fight Climate Change

Grantor Agency: USDA Forest Service

Grant Application Date: _____

Anticipated Award Date: _____

1. Description of Grant Project/Program (Include Target Locations and Populations):
Replacing Ash Trees to Fight Climate Change will further restore Milwaukee's street tree canopy at risk of EAB to deliver Great Lakes protection. The project will remove 450 poor-to-fair quality ash street trees and replace with alternative tree species that will treat stormwater runoff. *Replacing Ash Trees to Fight Climate Change* 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 to Fight Climate Change 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 directs resources to preservation of high quality ash tree canopy. The City will continue to treat the existing ~28,000 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 \$50,000 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 of climate change. A greater diversification of street tree species will improve resiliency to pest and disease threats and protect the benefits trees provide.
4. Results Measurement/Progress Report (Applies only to Programs):
5. Grant Period, Timetable and Program Phase-Out Plan:
January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022
6. Provide a list of Subgrantees:
7. If Possible, complete Grant Budget Form and attach to back.