



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

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Agenda Item D January 8, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval to submit an application for an Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant, for a maximum grant award of \$20,000 (City's grant share is \$32,000 to be funded from the tree fund).

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: *Chay*

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$52,000
AMOUNT BUDGETED	Pending Approval
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$32,000
LINE ITEM NUMBER	Pending Approval

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Department of Natural Resources and the USDA Forest Service recently announced that applications are available for their Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant program. The purpose of this program is to provide financial and technical assistance to communities in Michigan that have been impacted by the loss of ash trees due to the Emerald Ash Borer. Tree planting projects such as street tree plantings are eligible to apply for tree planting funds of up to \$20,000.

If successfully awarded, these funds will be utilized to help defray the cost of replanting street and park trees that have been removed due the Emerald Ash Borer on public property throughout the city. The maximum reimbursement funded by the grant is not to exceed \$125 per tree and will allow the City to plant 160 trees ($\$20,000 / \$125 \text{ per tree} = 160 \text{ trees}$). Since the cost for a 2 1/2 caliper shade tree is approximately \$325, we will be required to supplement the grant monies with an additional \$32,000 ($\$200/\text{tree} \times 160 \text{ trees} = \$32,000$) from the tree fund. These trees will be planted as part of the 2007 tree-planting program and will be used to replace 160 ash trees that were removed at Lakeshore Park, Power Park, Brookfarm Park, West Park Drive, and Nine Mile Road.

In-kind contributions such as in-house labor costs and the tree replacement monies allocated by City Council will be identified in the application. This information will help build our case for receiving grant monies. The Department was successful in receiving this grant when it was offered last year.

The deadline for submitting the application is January 17, 2007. Grants will be awarded to the highest rated proposals, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources, and USDA Forest Service. Following the rating, we will be notified of our status within a couple months of the application deadline. If awarded, the trees will be planted during the 2007 planting season.


The Forestry Division will be preparing the application for submission to the Department of Natural Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to submit an application for an Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant, for a maximum grant award of \$20,000 (City's grant share is \$32,000 to be funded from the tree fund).

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Memo

To: Randy Auler, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Forestry
From: Steve Printz, City Forester 
Date: 01/03/2007
Re: Emerald Ash Borer Tree Planting Grant

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Contact: Kerry Gray 517-241-1833
Agency: Natural Resources

Release Date: December 13, 2006
Last Update: December 13, 2006

Tree Replacement Grant Applications Available

December 13, 2006

The Department of Natural Resources today announced that Michigan communities and nonprofit organizations have until Jan. 17, 2007, to submit applications for tree planting and community forestry management activities related to the emerald ash borer (EAB). This grant program is funded through the USDA Forest Service State and Private Forestry Program.

"The DNR understands the significant impact the emerald ash borer has had on Michigan communities and the financial strain they are placed under when trying to prepare, manage and restore their communities," said Lynne Boyd, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management chief. "These grants will assist communities in reviving their area's natural beauty and better managing the resource."

Local units of government, nonprofit organizations, tribes and schools are eligible to apply. Projects that will be considered for funding under this program are tree planting, urban forestry management plans, hazard tree management plans, EAB preparedness/response plans and tree inventories. Preference for tree planting grants will be given to communities and nonprofit organizations that are within the contiguous EAB quarantined counties designated by the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Visit www.michigan.gov/eab for the latest EAB quarantined counties.

All grants require matching funds of at least 50 percent, in either cash contributions or in-kind services, not including federal or state monies. Up to \$150,000 will be available to eligible projects and individual grants up to \$20,000 will be awarded on a competitive basis. Projects must be completed by Aug. 31, 2007.

The EAB is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees. It was unknown to North America until its discovery in Michigan in 2002. Since then, the pest has killed approximately 15 million ash trees in southeastern Michigan.

For more information or to obtain a grant application, contact Kerry Gray, DNR EAB restoration coordinator, at (517) 241-1833, or visit the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrucf.

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