

CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

Agenda Item G 8/25/08

SUBJECT: Approval to submit a Community Forestry Grant application, for a maximum grant award of \$20,000 (City's grant share is \$20,000 to be funded from the tree fund) to inventory major road and park trees.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation, and Forestry

CITY MANAGER APPROVALE!

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$40,000 (\$20,000 funded from the Tree Fund) with \$20,000 reimbursed by grant
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$0
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$20,000
LINE ITEM NUMBER	209.000.000-939.260

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has announced that grants are available for Community Forestry Programs to assist communities in managing their urban forests.

This year, approximately \$120,000 will be awarded statewide for approved projects. Funding will be focused on management and planning projects such as community tree inventories and management plans. The City of Novi is eligible to apply for funds up to \$20,000 and requires an equal match on the part of the City. The project cost is approximately \$40,000 (\$20,000 MDNR grant/\$20,000 city share cost funded from the Tree Fund) which will include an inventory of park and major road trees by certified arborists using GPS (Global Positioning System) technology.

In 2006, Davey Resource Group (DRG) was hired to perform a subdivision street tree inventory for the City of Novi which was partially funded through a \$20,000 grant from the MDNR. The purpose of the project was to develop a comprehensive urban forest management program which included an inventory and management plan.

The inventory of residential street trees has enabled the Forestry Division to efficiently utilize resources, has increased customer service, and has reduced the number of hazardous trees (see attached work order for tree removal). To date, with the use of the software to create work orders, staff have been actively performing various aspects of the maintenance work identified in the plan, such as tree removal (176 trees), stump removal (40), tree pruning (nearly 2,500), tree planting (approximately 2,800 since the fall 2006 tree planting), and the implementation of the of the yearly tree maintenance operations plan. Staff updates the database during the fall, winter, and spring months.

One of the recommendations made by DRG in the management plan was to inventory parks and major roads (i.e. Novi Rd, Meadowbrook Rd., 9 Mile Rd.) in the spring/summer of 2009. The Department estimates that there are between 12,000 – 15,000 trees in these areas that need to be inventoried and since this grant is available, staff recommend pursuing it to complete the project.

The deadline for submitting the application is August 29, 2008. Grants will be awarded to the highest rated proposals, as determined by the Department of Natural Resources. Following the rating, the Department will be notified of the application status within a few months after the application deadline. If awarded, bids for this project will be obtained through the through the City's bid process and the project will be performed in the spring/summer of 2009. The deadline for completing the project is September 1, 2009.

Parks, Recreation, and Forestry Department staff will be preparing the application for submission to the Department of Natural Resources.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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