



CITY of NOVI CITY COUNCIL

**Agenda Item H
December 21, 2009**

SUBJECT: Approval to apply for a DTE Energy Tree Planting Grant, for a maximum grant award of \$3,000 (City's grant share is \$3,000 to be funded from the Tree Fund).

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Services – Field Operations Division 

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL  

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$3,000 with \$3,000 reimbursed by grant
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$150,000
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
LINE ITEM NUMBER	209-000.00-939.260 (Tree Fund Account)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

DTE Energy, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources, recently announced that applications are available for its tree planting grant program. The purpose of this program is to increase the number of properly planted trees in municipalities. Tree planting projects such as park, right-of-way, and nature study areas on public lands are eligible for tree planting grants of up to \$3,000. This grant requires an equal cost contribution or local match by the City of Novi.

This grant will provide funds for approximately twenty four (24) additional trees in the 2010 tree planting program. Since the City of Novi is actively engaged in a spring and fall tree planting program, we will be spending the required amount of "match monies" to qualify for this grant.

These funds will be used to help defray the cost of planting street and public park trees that have been removed by the Field Operations Division due to disease, insect and storm damage. Funding will also supplement planting material at Lakeshore Park as part of the City's annual Arbor Day celebration.

In 2006, the Department was successful in receiving this grant. Upon approval, staff will prepare and submit the grant application.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to apply for a DTE Energy Tree Planting Grant, for a maximum grant award of \$3,000 (City's grant share is \$3,000 to be funded from the Tree Fund).

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Mayor Landry				
Mayor Pro Tem Gatt				
Council Member Crawford				
Council Member Fischer				

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Council Member Mutch				
Council Member Staudt				

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Agency: Natural Resources

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DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grants Now Available

Dec. 10, 2009

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the DTE Energy Foundation today announced that applications are available for the 2010 tree planting grant program. This grant program is funded by the DTE Energy Foundation and administered by the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

The purpose of this program is to increase the number and variety of properly planted and maintained trees in Michigan communities. Trees improve the environment and quality of life. Planting trees also helps to reduce carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Through photosynthesis, trees convert carbon dioxide and water (using sunlight), into glucose (sugar) and oxygen.

The DTE Energy Foundation's continued financial support for this program, along with DTE Energy's voluntary participation in the U.S. Department of Energy's Global Climate Challenge Program, reflects an ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship and community assistance. The USDA Forest Service has commended the DTE Energy Foundation and the DNR for the creative partnership and leadership of their tree planting efforts.

Eligible applicants include local units of government, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and schools, who: 1) are located within the service territory of DTE Energy's utility subsidiaries Detroit Edison and MichCon and 2) have not received a grant during the previous year DTE Energy Foundation grant cycle. Eligible projects include tree planting activities on public lands such as parks, right-of-ways, nature study areas, and school grounds plantings.

Matching grants of up to \$3,000 each are awarded on a competitive basis. All grants require a dollar-for-dollar match, which can be made up of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal or state funds.

Grant applications must be received by Jan. 15, 2010, at the address below. Projects must be completed by Dec. 31, 2010.

For more information, and a grant application, visit the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrucf or contact Kevin Sayers, DNR Urban Forestry coordinator, at (517) 241-4632, e-mail: sayersk@michigan.gov.

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