

MEMO 26-09

TO: Susan Como, City Manager  
 FROM: James Kowalski, Director of Public Services *JK*  
 DATE: June 9, 2026  
 SUBJECT: Recommendation – Tree Removal Contract for 2026/2027

**RECEIVED**

**JUN 10 2026**

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS  
 CLERK'S DEPARTMENT**

An "Invitation to Bid" for the removal of large city trees was posted on the Michigan Intergovernmental Trade Network (MITN) website on April 30, 2026. The information was also advertised in the Grosse Pointe News. The following bids were received at the bid opening on May 26, 2026.

COMPANY	12" to 19"	20" to 27"	28" to 35"	36" to 43"	Over 44"	Charge For Emergency Call-Out	Total tree removal Pricing
M.D.L. Tree Service	\$550.00	\$950.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,800.00	\$150.00 per man hour	\$8,050.00
Tree Man Services	\$580.00	\$991.00	\$991.00	\$2,230.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,292.00
Arbor Pro Tree Services, Inc.	\$510.00	\$880.00	\$1,180.00	\$2,110.00	\$3,740.00	\$95.00 per man hour	\$8,515.00
Owen Tree Service, Inc.	\$300.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,700.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$550.00 per hour	\$12,750.00
Amezola Tree Service	\$1,450.00	\$1,850.00	\$2,650.00	\$3,450.00	\$4,450.00	\$1,800.00 per man hour	\$15,650.00
Tree Services of Troy	\$1,300.00	\$1,800.00	\$3,300.00	\$4,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$225 per hour	\$16,325.00
Metro Detroit Tree & Firewood	\$1,800.00	\$2,800.00	\$3,900.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$23,800.00

M.D.L. Tree Service submitted the low bid in the amount of \$8,050.00. M.D.L. Tree Service has done work in communities near Grosse Pointe Woods and their work is satisfactory.

I recommend the City enter into a contract for city street tree removals from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, with M. D. L. Tree Service, 33560 Giftos, Clinton Township, MI 48035. This is a budgeted item included in the 2026/2027 budget in the amount of \$65,000.00 in account 101-523-818.000. Attached is a copy of the proposed contract approved by the city attorney and used in prior years that will be effective from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, as well as a current certificate of insurance.

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Recommend approval of the above stated and do not believe any benefit will accrue to the City by seeking further competitive bids. Approved for Council consideration.

*Susan Como*

Susan Como, City Manager

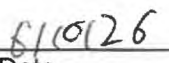
*6/10/26*

Date

Fund Certification:

Account numbers and amounts have been verified as presented.

  
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Steven Schmidt, Treasurer/Comptroller

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## TREE REMOVAL CONTRACT

**THIS AGREEMENT** is entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026, by and between the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, a Municipal Corporation, Wayne County, Michigan, (“City”), and M. D. L. Tree Service, 33560 Giftos, Clinton Township, MI 48035 (“Contractor”).

**WHEREAS**, the City advertised for bids for the removal of trees on City property within the City of Grosse Pointe Woods, and prepared certain instructions, specifications and contract documents to bidders, and

**WHEREAS**, the Contractor made a bid in accordance with the advertisement and contract documents, and the bid has been accepted by the City on \_\_\_\_\_, and

### **THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Award of Contract: M. D. L. Tree Service is hereby awarded a non-exclusive contract to perform removal of city street trees.
2. Term of Contract: This contract will cover the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 and continue through June 30, 2027.
3. Rates: M. D. L. Tree Service will remove city street trees as instructed by the City at the agreed sums of \$550.00 for 12” to 19” diameter trees, \$950.00 for 20” to 27” diameter trees, \$1,500.00 for 28” to 35” diameter trees, \$2,100.00 for 36” to 43” diameter trees, and \$2,800.00 for over 44” diameter trees.
4. Termination: Notwithstanding the term of this contract, this agreement may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice to the other party for any reason.
5. Insurance: M. D. L. Tree Service will keep in full force and effect insurance coverage in accordance with the bid specifications dated April 30, 2026 and shall add the City as an additional insured on its commercial general liability insurance. M. D. L. Tree Service shall furnish proof of such insurance to the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.
6. Compliance with City Ordinances: M. D. L. Tree Service shall be required to comply with all city ordinances and pertinent state laws during the terms of this Agreement including, but not limited to, hours of operation.
7. City Indemnification: M. D. L. Tree Service agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the City from any actions, suits, debts, judgments, damages and/or claims arising out of M. D. L. Tree Service ‘s performance of this Agreement.

8. Incorporation of Bid Documents: The original bid documents dated April 30, 2026, including the notice to bidders, specifications, insurance coverage, and the bid sheet are incorporated into this Agreement by reference. In the event of any inconsistencies between the bid documents and this Agreement, the Agreement controls.

Witnessed by:

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI**  
A Municipal Corporation

\_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Susan Como, City Manager

**M. D. L. Tree Service**  
Contractor

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BY: \_\_\_\_\_

City Tree Removal

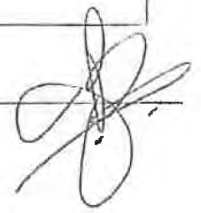
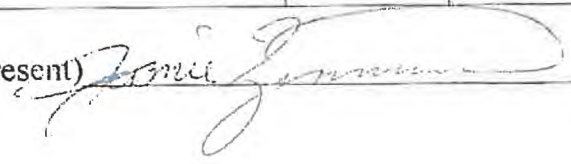
May 26, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Not required

COMPANY	SIGNED	BID BOND	BID AMOUNT
Metro Detroit Tree + Firewood	✓		23,800.00
MDL	✓		8,050.00
Arbor Pro	✓		8,420.00
Amazola Tree Svc	✓		13,850.00
Owen Tree Svc.	✓		12,750.00
Tree Service of Troy	✓		16,100.00
Tree Man Services LLC	✓		8,292.00

Signed: (All Present)



Company Name	Full Bid	Emergency	Bid minus emergency	Bid including emergency	Comments
Amezola Tree Service	\$12,850.00	\$1800 per man hour plus \$250 if crane needed		\$15,650.00	didn't include \$1,800 in full bid total
Arbor Pro	\$8,420.00	\$95 per man hour		\$8,515.00	didn't include \$95 in full bid total
MDL Tree Service	\$8,050.00	\$150 per man hour	\$7,900.00		used \$150 in full bid total
Metro Detroit Tree & Firwood	\$23,800.00	\$1,000	\$22,800.00		doesn't say if this is an hourly rate
Owen Tree Service Inc	\$12,750.00	\$550 per man hour	\$12,200.00		
Tree Man Services	\$8,292.00	\$1,000	\$7,292.00		doesn't say if this is an hourly rate
Tree Service of Troy	\$16,100.00	\$225 per man hour		\$16,325.00	didn't include \$225 in full bid total



**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS**  
20025 Mack Plaza Drive  
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236

April 30, 2026

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Bid sheets should be submitted in a sealed, opaque envelope bearing the following notation:

CITY CLERK  
CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS  
20025 MACK PLAZA  
GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MI 48236-2397

**CLEARLY MARKED**

**CITY TREE REMOVAL**

**BIDS WILL BE OPENED**

**TUESDAY, May 26, 2026**  
**AT 10:00 AM**

The bidder by execution of the proposal thereby declares that the bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation making any other bid, or who otherwise would make a bid, and agrees to furnish all bid items in strict accordance with all Federal Regulatory Measures.

All bids must be submitted on the city's bid sheet.

Submission of a bid will be construed as a conclusive presumption that the bidder is thoroughly familiar with the bid sheet and specifications, and that he understands and agrees to abide by each and all of the stipulations and requirements contained therein.

Additional copies of the specifications and bid sheets may be obtained from the City Clerk.

The City of Grosse Pointe Woods reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in the bidding process or minor deviations from the specifications in a proposal and to accept any bid that deems itself in the best interest of the city.

## SPECIFICATIONS

1. Contractor must have city tree license.
2. Contractor must provide insurance coverage as follows:
  - Body Injury Liability                      \$1,000,000.00
  - Property Damage Liability                \$1,000,000.00
  - Workmen's Compensation                 Statute
3. Any and all damages caused by removal of city tree will be the responsibility of the contractor who is awarded the bid.
4. Contractor must have necessary equipment and materials to satisfactorily remove trees in the shortest possible time. Equipment required must include the following:
  - Tree Boom, minimum 50'
  - Chippers
  - Chipper Trucks
  - Stump Machine
  - Semi-trailer (to remove logs)
  - Loader
  - Different size chain saws
  - Clean up equipment (brooms, shovels, blowers, etc.)
  - Crane required
5. All wood must be disposed of outside city limits.
6. Each group of trees must be removed **WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) CALENDAR DAYS** after receiving notice from the city's Department of Public Works. This will be strictly enforced by the City of Grosse Pointe Woods.
7. All trees removed from city property must be cut to ground level (no more than 3" high).
8. Contractor must clean up all debris caused from removal of trees.
9. Should the contractor fail to perform the work to the satisfaction of the city or fail to comply with any of the provisions of this agreement, the city may terminate this agreement upon twenty-four (24) hour written notice to the contractor.
10. **Size of trees to be bid on is determined by measuring them 4' from the ground level.**
11. **Contractor receiving bid will be under contract with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.**

12. Contractor receiving bid and who is under contract with the City of Grosse Pointe Woods must be able to respond to emergencies (wind damage, tornados, storms, etc.) within a period of 2-4 hours depending on severity of storm damage to be determined by the Director of Public Services.
13. Any questions regarding the specifications and/or bid may be directed to James Kowalski at the Department of Public Works (313) 343-2460.

## BIDDER'S REFERENCE PAGE

(Submit with Bid)

The Contractor shall submit verifiable references for municipal work and be familiar with all aspects of safe tree removal operations. Each reference shall be for work actually performed by the Bidder (sub-contractor references are not applicable).

**ALL REFERENCES WILL BE TREATED AS THE CONTRACTOR'S CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS INFORMATION.** Previous work for the Owner may be used as a reference. Complete each item for all 3 references.

Owner/Agency: City of Saint Clair Shores  
Address: 19700 Pleasant Drive  
Address:  
City, State, Zip S.C.S. MI 48080  
Contact: Geoff Brown  
Phone: 586-291-5257

Owner/Agency: Becker Landscaping  
Address: 15251 E. 12 Mile Road  
Address: Rosville, MI 48066  
City, State, Zip  
Contact: Karl Becker  
Phone: 877-774-0090

Owner/Agency: Landscape Services  
Address: 22932 Rasch Drive  
Address:  
City, State, Zip Clinton Twp. MI 48035  
Contact: Paul Dopke  
Phone: 586-741-5296

## CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS IS A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT AND AS SUCH IS EXEMPT FROM THE PAYMENT OF ALL STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES APPLYING ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED WORK, THEREFORE, THE ABOVE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE THIS AMOUNT.

The bidder by execution of the proposal thereby declares that the bid is made without collusion with any other person, firm or corporation making any other bid, or who otherwise would make a bid, and agrees to furnish all bid items in strict accordance with all Federal Regulatory Measures.

All bids must be submitted on the city's bid sheet.

Submission of a bid will be construed as a conclusive presumption that the bidder is thoroughly familiar with the bid sheet and specifications, and that he understands and agrees to abide by each and all of the stipulations and requirements contained therein.

BIDDERS ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT ALL AVAILABLE DATA AND DESCRIPTIVE LITERATURE COVERING THE PROPOSED SERVICES TO BE FURNISHED.

THE UNDERSIGNED, by execution of this bid, certified that he is the Owner of the firm named as bidder in the bid; and that he signs the bid on behalf of the firm; and that he is authorized to execute the same in behalf of said firm.

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF BIDDER:**

COMPANY NAME M. D. L. Tree Service

ADDRESS 33560 Giffords

CITY Clinton Township STATE MI ZIP 48035

SUBMITTED BY Richard Myerch Owner  
(NAME) (TITLE)

SIGNATURE [Signature]

TELEPHONE 586-506-4687 FAX \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 5-22-26 cell mike.mdltree@gmail.com

**THIS PAGE MUST BE RETURNED WITH BID SHEET**

**CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS**

**BID SHEET**

**CITY TREE REMOVAL**

THE UNDERSIGNED DECLARES THAT A CAREFUL EXAMINATION HAS BEEN MADE OF THE SPECIFICATIONS INCLUDED IN THIS BID PACKAGE AND UNDERSTANDS ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF SAME. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNDERSIGNED WILL CONTRACT TO DELIVER WITHIN THE SPECIFIED TIME AND DATE, AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY'S PURCHASE ORDER, ANY SERVICES AS CONTAINED IN THIS BID AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SPECIFICATIONS; TO-WIT:

**PER TREE COST FOR REMOVAL OF CITY TREES ON CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS PROPERTY**

12" to 19" diameter	\$ <u>550.<sup>00</sup></u>
20" to 27" diameter	\$ <u>950.<sup>00</sup></u>
28" to 35" diameter	\$ <u>1500.<sup>00</sup></u>
36" to 43" diameter	\$ <u>2100.<sup>00</sup></u>
Over 44" diameter	\$ <u>2800.<sup>00</sup></u>
Charge Per Emergency Call-Out	\$ <u>150 per man / hour</u>
<b>Total Bid</b>	\$ <u>8,050</u>

**COMPANY NAME** MDL Tree Service

**CONTACT PERSON** Rick Mlynarek

**TELEPHONE** 586-506-4687 **FAX** \_\_\_\_\_



# CERTIFICATE OF LIABILITY INSURANCE

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)  
06/09/2026

THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED AS A MATTER OF INFORMATION ONLY AND CONFERS NO RIGHTS UPON THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT AFFIRMATIVELY OR NEGATIVELY AMEND, EXTEND OR ALTER THE COVERAGE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES BELOW. THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE ISSUING INSURER(S), AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OR PRODUCER, AND THE CERTIFICATE HOLDER.

IMPORTANT: If the certificate holder is an ADDITIONAL INSURED, the policy(ies) must have ADDITIONAL INSURED provisions or be endorsed. If SUBROGATION IS WAIVED, subject to the terms and conditions of the policy, certain policies may require an endorsement. A statement on this certificate does not confer rights to the certificate holder in lieu of such endorsement(s).

<b>PRODUCER</b> RSC Insurance Brokerage Inc/Ralph C Wilson Agency 26026 Telegraph Road Suite 100 Southfield MI 48033		<b>CONTACT NAME:</b> Lauren Francis <b>PHONE (A/C, No, Ext):</b> (248) 355-1414 <b>FAX (A/C, No):</b> (248) 304-0877 <b>E-MAIL ADDRESS:</b>	
<b>INSURED</b> MDL Tree Service, Inc 3356D Giftos Clinton Twp MI 48035		<b>INSURER(S) AFFORDING COVERAGE</b> <b>INSURER A:</b> Scottsdale Insurance Company A NAIC # 41297 <b>INSURER B:</b> Motorists Commercial Mutual Insurance Company A 13331 <b>INSURER C:</b> Travelers - Assigned Risk A <b>INSURER D:</b> <b>INSURER E:</b> <b>INSURER F:</b>	

COVERAGES      CERTIFICATE NUMBER: 25-26      REVISION NUMBER:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE POLICIES OF INSURANCE LISTED BELOW HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE INSURED NAMED ABOVE FOR THE POLICY PERIOD INDICATED. NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY BE ISSUED OR MAY PERTAIN, THE INSURANCE AFFORDED BY THE POLICIES DESCRIBED HEREIN IS SUBJECT TO ALL THE TERMS, EXCLUSIONS AND CONDITIONS OF SUCH POLICIES. LIMITS SHOWN MAY HAVE BEEN REDUCED BY PAID CLAIMS.

INSR LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	ADDL INSD	SUBR VWD	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFF (MM/DD/YYYY)	POLICY EXP (MM/DD/YYYY)	LIMITS
A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUR GENL AGGREGATE LIMIT APPLIES PER: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLICY <input type="checkbox"/> PRO-JECT <input type="checkbox"/> LOC OTHER:			CPS8103198	11/17/2025	11/17/2026	EACH OCCURRENCE \$ 1,000,000 ✓ DAMAGE TO RENTED PREMISES (Ea occurrence) \$ 300,000 MED EXP (Any one person) \$ 5,000 PERSONAL & ADV INJURY \$ 1,000,000 GENERAL AGGREGATE \$ 2,000,000 PRODUCTS - COMP/OP AGG \$ 2,000,000 Errors & Omissions \$ 25,000
B	<b>AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO <input type="checkbox"/> OWNED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS <input type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> NON-OWNED AUTOS ONLY			5000004025	12/20/2025	12/20/2026	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT (Ea accident) \$ 1,000,000 ✓ BODILY INJURY (Per person) \$ BODILY INJURY (Per accident) \$ PROPERTY DAMAGE (Per accident) \$
	UMBRELLA LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> OCCUR EXCESS LIAB <input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS-MADE DED <input type="checkbox"/> RETENTION \$						EACH OCCURRENCE \$ AGGREGATE \$
C	<b>WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY</b> ANY PROPRIETOR/PARTNER/EXECUTIVE OFFICER/MEMBER EXCLUDED? (Mandatory In NH) If yes, describe under DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS below	Y/N	N/A	6KUBA416843425	08/21/2025	08/21/2026	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PER STATUTE <input type="checkbox"/> OTH-ER E.L. EACH ACCIDENT \$ 100,000 ✓ E.L. DISEASE - EA EMPLOYEE \$ 100,000 E.L. DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT \$ 500,000

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS / LOCATIONS / VEHICLES (ACORD 101, Additional Remarks Schedule, may be attached if more space is required)  
The City of Grosse Pointe Woods, all employees, elected and appointed officials, boards and commissions and volunteers are added as Additional Insured (General Liability) with respect to work/services performed/products supplied by Named Insured as per written contract/agreement. ✓

<b>CERTIFICATE HOLDER</b> The City of Grosse Pointe Woods 20025 Mach Plaza Grosse Pointe Woods MI 48236	<b>CANCELLATION</b> SHOULD ANY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED POLICIES BE CANCELLED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION DATE THEREOF, NOTICE WILL BE DELIVERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY PROVISIONS. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE 
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