

VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD



BOARD AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE OF MEETING: August 26, 2025

To: Village President and Board of Trustees

Through: Napoleon Haney, Village Manager

From: Joshua Burman, Director of Public Works

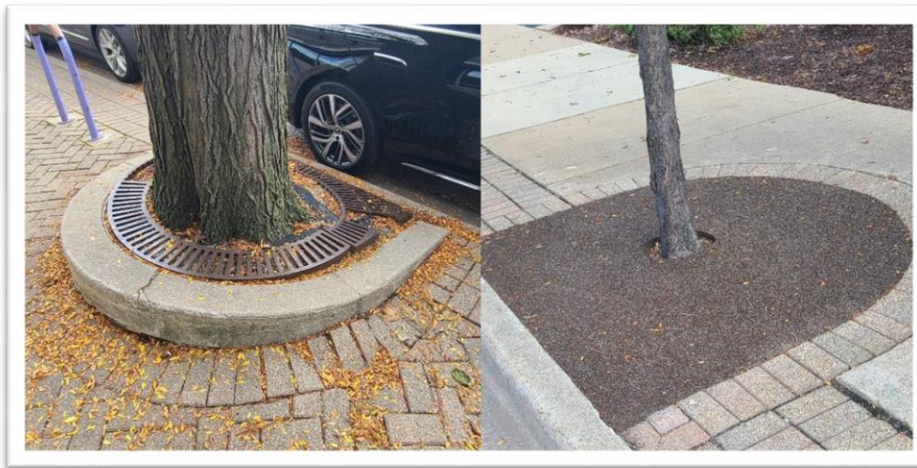
Topic: Contract for Tree Grate Replacements

PURPOSE

Staff recommends that the Village Board waive competitive bidding and award a contract to C&T Lawn Care, Inc. of Lynwood, IL in the amount of \$48,350 for the conversion of 45 tree rings and the installation of porous pave material along Dixie Highway and a portion of Martin Avenue.

PROCESS

The existing tree rings have deteriorated over time, creating uneven surfaces and potential trip hazards for pedestrians. Converting the tree rings to porous pave eliminates these hazards, provides a durable and low-maintenance solution, and enhances stormwater infiltration within the Central Business District. This project aligns with the Village's ongoing efforts to improve pedestrian safety, support streetscape enhancements, and incorporate sustainable infrastructure improvements.



At the October 8, 2024 Village Board meeting, C&T Lawn Care was selected to replace 66 tree grates and concrete rings within the Central Business District. The contractor successfully completed the work in an efficient and effective manner. Awarding this project directly to C&T Lawn Care will allow the Village to maintain continuity of workmanship, ensure proper installation of the porous material, and meet established project timelines.

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Upon Board approval, Public Works will coordinate with C&T Lawn Care to begin the conversion work in fall 2025, with completion anticipated within the current construction season.

OUTCOME

This project will eliminate trip hazards, improve pedestrian safety, and create a permanent porous surface that enhances stormwater infiltration and prevents hazards associated with traditional metal grates or concrete rings. Completing this project will provide consistent streetscape improvements, reinforce the Village's commitment to public safety, and advance long-term goals for sustainable infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

- **Funding Source:** 2024 General Obligation Bond Proceeds
- **Budgeted Amount:** \$75,000
- **Cost:** \$48,350

LEGAL REVIEW

None

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION

Waive competitive bidding due to utilizing a vendor currently under contract; and, award a contract to C&T Lawn Care, Inc. of Lynwood, IL in the amount of \$48,350 for the conversion of 45 tree rings and the installation of porous pave along Dixie Highway and a portion of Martin Avenue.

ATTACHMENT(S)

- Proposal to Convert and Update 45 Tree Rings
- Proposal for Porous Pave
- Map of Project Area