



# MEMO - BPW 2d

## Engineering Department

To: Board of Public Works  
From: John Neumeier – DPW/City Engineer  
Date: 9/14/2023  
Re: 2024 Urban Forestry Grant Application

### Background

Regular urban forestry grants support projects that improve a community's capacity to manage its trees. Cities, villages, towns, counties, tribes and 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations in or conducting their project in Wisconsin may apply for a regular urban forestry grant. The project sponsor must initially fund 100% of project costs with cash, in-kind contributions and/or donations. Upon completion, the project sponsor requests reimbursement for 50% of eligible costs. Projects must relate to community tree management, maintenance or education within Wisconsin cities, villages or other areas of concentrated development.

City staff would like to apply for up to \$25,000 in a 2024 DNR Urban Forestry Grant to be matched with City funds for the removal of ash trees and reforestation of the same areas. Work areas would mostly include City parks. A resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to apply for and administer a 2024 Urban Forestry Grant on behalf of the City is on the Common Council agenda for tomorrow night.

**Recommended Action:** Recommend to Common Council the approval of a resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works/City Engineer to apply for and administer a 2024 Urban Forestry Grant on behalf of the City.