



CITY OF MARSHALL AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting Date:	Tuesday, December 14, 2021
Category:	NEW BUSINESS
Type:	INFO/ACTION
Subject:	Acceptance of MN DNR Preparing for EAB Grant for the Parks Department
Background Information:	<p>As Emerald Ash Borer continues to get closer to Marshall and it's potentially devastating change to the landscape of Marshall, the city needs to be prepared for the potential costs associated with removing Ash Trees as well as continue to plant new trees to allow them time to grow before EAB get to Marshall, helping us diversify our trees species and populations.</p> <p>Because of the know costs, time, and high population of Ash trees we currently have, Parks Superintendent, Preston Stensrud applied for and has been awarded a Preparing for EAB Grant by the MN DNR pending Council approval. This grant will provide \$93,390 in funding to be used for removing Ash trees in our parks and replacing each Ash tree with 2 new trees. Additionally, this grant requires a 25% match via cash match (\$15,090) and/or in-kind match (\$8,960) bringing the total project to \$117,440.00 and the City's contribution to \$24,050. The project deadline for completion is June 30, 2023.</p> <p>All expenses for the project will need to be paid by the city and then reimbursed by the MN DNR.</p> <p>Parks Superintendent Stensrud will be on hand to provide additional data, project scope, and answer any questions regarding the grant.</p>
Fiscal Impact:	\$15,090 for the cash match plus incidentals as needed to be paid out of Parks Department Budget.
Alternative/ Variations:	N/A
Recommendations:	Authorize Staff to Accept the Preparing for EAB Grant from the MN DNR on behalf of the City of Marshall