



## CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL AUGUST 25, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of approval to award a unit price contract for tree and landscape plantings to Crimboli Nursery, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder. The contract term is one year with three optional one-year extensions.

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Department of Public Works, Field Operations Division

**KEY HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Plantings and replacements as-needed due to Tree Fund budget reductions
- Activities will be centered around maintenance as opposed to significant planting
- The City of Novi plants trees and shrubs along public streets and around park and City facility properties semiannually
- Urban trees improve the air quality, intercept stormwater to reduce the load on City infrastructure and prevent flooding, increase property values, and cool the air, which cuts energy usage.
- Staff heavily prioritize the planting of species native to Michigan

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The City of Novi plants trees and shrubs along public streets and around parks and municipal sites semiannually, during spring and fall planting seasons. Urban trees improve the air quality by sequestering carbon and filtering pollutants, intercept stormwater to reduce the load on City infrastructure and prevent flooding, increase property values, and cool the air, which cuts energy usage. Staff heavily prioritize the planting of species native to Michigan, as those species are best adapted to the local climate, diseases, and pests, and provide the greatest benefits to local wildlife—including pollinator species.

Four bids were received and opened on August 8, 2025, following a public bid solicitation period. Crimboli Nursery, Inc.'s bid is recommended as being in the best interest of the City, as it is responsive (i.e., Crimboli Nursery, Inc. has complied with all requirements of the bidding instructions), and is the lowest price. Crimboli Nursery, Inc. satisfactorily performed planting services for the City of Novi from fall 2020 to spring 2025 and has worked on similar projects for the Cities of Dearborn, Royal Oak, and several other municipalities in the past. The bid tabulation is enclosed.

The fall plantings typically take place in October and November, while spring plantings take place between mid-April and June. Actual planting dates for each season are heavily dependent on tree availability and weather. As part of a budget reduction in the tree fund, staff recommended this planting cycle be restricted to tree replacements only; therefore, funds from tree maintenance lines will be used as needed. Reallocation of funds from tree maintenance lines to planting accounts lines will occur when the quantity is determined.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval to award a unit price contract for tree and landscape plantings to Crimboli Nursery, Inc., the lowest qualified bidder. The contract term is one year with three optional one-year extensions.