



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 14, 2023

SUBJECT: Approval to award services to Davey Tree to complete an urban tree canopy assessment and update the tree management plan, in the amount of \$42,000.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Department of Public Works, Field Operations Division

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	\$ 42,000.00
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ 42,000.00
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 0
LINE ITEM NUMBER	213-000.00-816.083

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

A multi-year plan is key to a successful urban forestry asset management program. The City previously had a five-year plan compiled by Davey Tree in February 2018. Urban forestry best practices include updates to the plan every five years with new data and maintenance progress.

The update includes an urban tree canopy assessment which was not included in 2018 study. The assessment will utilize aerial imagery and GIS technology to evaluate the current extent of tree canopy coverage across Novi, analyze the cumulative ecosystem benefits of the urban forest, and examine the change in canopy coverage over time. This will help ensure equitable distribution of trees across the city and guide future planting efforts. This information will also be incorporated into the updated management plan. The program proposal is attached reference.

The management plan update will follow up on the Davey Tree plan compiled in early 2018. That five-year plan provided recommendations for the City's maintenance activities and budgeting for proactive neighborhood pruning maintenance. The plan also helps guide reactive work such as tree removals, stump grinding, and other miscellaneous activities.

Davey Tree is a sole source provider of comprehensive urban tree canopy assessments and management plan services.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to award services to Davey Tree to complete an urban tree canopy assessment and update the tree management plan, in the amount of \$42,000.