



AGENDA ITEM MEMORANDUM

DATE: 9/8/2025

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Tim Bull – City Forester

SUBJECT: Resolution 90-25-26 – A resolution designating the City Forester as the City's Authorized Representative for the purpose for the purpose of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) Urban Forestry Grants for calendar year 2026 and directing him to submit an Urban Forestry Grant Application.

ISSUE

Should the Public Works Committee recommend signing the presented resolution? The resolution assigns the City Forester as the authorized representative and directs him to submit an Urban Forestry Grant application to the WI DNR for the 2026 calendar year for \$25,000, which requires a \$25,000 match from the City.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval to sign the resolution allowing the City Forester to apply for the Urban Forestry Grant and if awarded, execute the grant upon approval by the City Attorney and City Administrator.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources provides this grant opportunity annually with a grant application deadline of October 1st. All funds awarded must be matched by City funds or in-kind labor. Grant projects can include many forestry related tasks including: the cost of tree management plans, tree inventories, brush residue projects, the development of tree management ordinances, tree disease evaluations, public education concerning trees in urban areas, and other tree projects. Each year the DNR has preferred urban forestry goals and the odds of getting awarded a grant correlate with how well the grant meets DNR goals for that year.

FUNDING IMPACT

It is anticipated there will be sufficient funds in the 2026 Forestry Division budget to cover the \$25,000 match requirement.

IF APPROVED, NEXT STEPS:

Upon approval, obtain signatures and send signed resolution to the City Forester before the grant application deadline of October 1, 2025.

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