

MEMO

TO: Finance Committee
FROM: Kristine Butteris, Director of Parks, Recreation, & Forestry
DATE: July 24, 2024
RE: Urban Forestry Catastrophic Storm Grant Resolution

Finance Committee Members,

This DNR grant is for tree repair, removal or replacement within urban areas following a catastrophic storm event for which the governor has declared a state of emergency under s. 323.10, Wis. Stats. A catastrophic storm means damage to urban forests caused by snow, ice, hail, wind or tornado. Catastrophic storms do not include insect infestation or disease, forest fire, drought or water saturation due to flooding.

The Parks section along with the Streets division were called out the evening of June 22nd to clean up from the tornado that touched down outside of Watertown that evening as well as chipping, tree removal, stump grinding and cleanup along with tree replacement.

This grants range is from \$4,000 to \$50,000 and there is no local share. We are asking for the total requested amount of \$12,800.

We are asking for approval of this resolution to apply for this grant.