



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: June 18, 2024

Agenda Item: Resolution to authorize Parks Director to apply for Inflation Reduction Act Forestry Grant through WI DNR.

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what when, where, why)

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Forestry has grant funds available to support projects for people that live within disadvantaged communities in Wisconsin. Portions of Whitewater qualify as having residents living in disadvantaged communities. Our project for the grant would be to conduct a tree inventory of street trees as well as purchase equipment to inventory trees on public property. This inventory will provide GIS location, identify species, size, health issues, etc.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A this is a non-matching grant we will be asking for \$38,000

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation is to allow Parks Director authorization to submit application, sign any agreements, submit reports, and grant reimbursement requests and sign and submit any other required documentation.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

1. Authorizing resolution for inflation reduction act forestry grant