



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date

April 10, 2006

Agenda Item No. 44

Roll Call No. ~~06-~~

Communication No. 06-200

Submitted by: William G. Stowe, Assistant City
Manager/Public Works/Engineering

AGENDA HEADING:

Memorandum of Understanding for Revitalize a Neighborhood Forestry Program.

SYNOPSIS:

On November 17, 2003, by Roll Call No. 03-2598, the City Council voted to approve a project entitled "Revitalizing Neighborhood Forestry in Des Moines" to be funded in part by the U.S. Forest Service - Inner City Forestry Grant. Use of the grant involves a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources that is now being presented for approval.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$35,000

Funding Source: U.S. Forest Service - Inner City Forestry Grant

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

This Memorandum of Understanding represents an opportunity to revitalize the urban forest. The Revitalizing project will be part of a comprehensive approach that involves the joint efforts of the City, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources - Forestry Bureau. This project as planned will include the Capitol East, King-Irving and Woodland Heights Neighborhoods, as previously approved in 2003. The program will include a community tree assessment, neighborhood forestry meetings, public and private tree inventory, and tree plantings utilizing volunteers. The City of Des Moines Forestry Division will perform in-kind services within the right-of-way on existing street trees.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 17, 2003

Roll Call Number: 03-2598

Action: The City Council approved support of urban reforestation of Des Moines through the project "Revitalizing Neighborhood Forestry in Des Moines." Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2. Absent: Hensley and McPherson

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date:

Roll Call Number:

Action:

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE