


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

 CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	24-431	Meeting:	October 21, 2024
	Agenda Item:	35	Roll Call:	24-1456
	Submitted by:	Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving the purchase and planting of 600 landscape trees from MB Lawn Care at a total project cost of \$199,200.

SYNOPSIS:

Planting 600 trees throughout public space to replace areas of canopy that were lost to emerald ash borer, 2020 derecho, and age-related mortality.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$199,200

Funding Source: Emerald Ash Borer Response Plan - C051PW99/MS012

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- These funds will be used to replant trees where the canopy in Des Moines has been lost from emerald ash borer, the August 2020 derecho, and age-related mortality. Tree planting locations have been identified from the city's tree inventory software, Tree Keeper 8; additionally, tree planting service requests from constituents.
- The Public Works Forestry Division has received over 600 tree planting requests since 2019, these funds will be used to fulfill these requests.
- Helping to meet Des Moines' tree canopy goals per the 2020 Urban Forestry Master Plan and Iowa's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) goal of an overall three percent (3%) canopy increase by the year 2045.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 23, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0973](#)

Action: [Family](#) Tree Care (Rick Hanson, President) and Kinnucan Tree Experts (Robert Kinnucan, President) (primary suppliers) and Wright Outdoor Solutions (Scott Packard, CEO) and TruGreen (Jim Boswell, President) (secondary suppliers) for an annual contract with two (2) additional one (1)-year renewal options to furnish Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Services for use by the Public Works Department, estimated annual cost \$880,000. (Nineteen bids mailed, six received). ([Council Communication No. 14-304](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 5-2.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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