

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 25, 2008 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Resolution to Participate in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Authorize Tree Supply and Planting Services for FY08	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Interim Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to continue the Village's participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to authorize tree supply and planting services in the amount of \$189,400 for 2008.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

A Beautiful Village is one of the eight principles identified in the Downers Grove Vision 2022 statement. Among other things, this principle means *Tree Canopied Streets* and *Well Maintained Streetscapes, Green Spaces and Landscape*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY08 General Fund budget provides \$189,400 for tree supply and planting services in two line items. This includes \$75,000 budgeted for the annual parkway tree planting program plus an additional \$114,400 for ash tree replacements (part of the \$250,000 for ash tree removals and replacements identified in the budget).

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the April 1, 2008, consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has 36 municipal members. The STC provides members with a consistent supply of quality trees of the species and varieties requested for the municipal parkways in an efficient and cost effective manner by maintaining contracts with several northern Illinois nurseries. Members have two options for selecting tree supply: 1) Members can place tree orders up to five years in advance at fixed prices, ensuring that the variety of trees they desire are available for a given year; or 2) members can purchase trees in the current year at fixed prices, allowing for annual adjustment depending on need and availability. For each of the next five years, members have advance ordered over 1,500 trees. With each planting season, members add to their orders depending on their planting requirements.

The FY08 budget provides for tree planting during both spring and fall of 2008. One hundred twenty trees are scheduled to be planted this spring and 400 are scheduled for this fall. Previous to 2008, Downers Grove had annually planted an average of 305 trees. Some examples of tree purchases during the last year by surrounding communities are:

Community	Trees Purchased
Hinsdale	85
Lisle	135
Lombard	316
Westmont	124

The STC requires that municipalities present a resolution annually. Included in the resolution to continue with the STC is a list of trees that Forestry staff has advance-ordered for Downers Grove. The order includes trees that are more difficult to obtain, as well as those species that are typically requested by residents. The advance-ordering process has allowed staff to secure and obtain interesting trees such as miyabe maple and various new hybrid elms that are more resistant to Dutch elm disease. The advance order is a conservative quantity to ensure flexibility and the ability to add trees with each planting season subject to need. As the number of ash tree removals increase during the next year, staff will add to the advance order to ensure replacements. For over ten years, Forestry staff has been working with an increasing number of residents to ensure that their tree preferences are honored when practical.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CONTINUE
PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM AND
TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY 2008**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has heretofore joined the cooperative known as the Suburban Tree Consortium and has, on August 17, 2004, previously adopted Resolution No. 04-51 entitled "A Resolution Expressing Intent to Continue to Participate in the Suburban Tree Consortium", and

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize purchases from the tree consortium for FY 2008 and to amend the policy as established in Resolution No. 04-51 as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, in DuPage County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Village does hereby express its intent to remain a member of the Suburban Tree Consortium and to procure parkway trees through the Consortium, subject to sufficient annual budgeting therefore for the five-year period. A summary of the anticipated 5-year order is attached.

SECTION 2. The Village Manager is authorized to cause the purchase of trees and other vegetation in an amount of \$189,400.00 in addition to net proceeds of the money collected as fines for damaged trees as recommended by the Village Forester for FY 2008.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions, in conflict with this resolution are hereby rescinded.

SECTION 4. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Suburban Tree Consortium Secretariat at the West Central Municipal Conference Office.

Mayor

Passed:

Attest: _____
Village Clerk

Suburban Tree Consortium 5 year orders

For Downers Grove only

- Spring 2008 5 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 2" Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Frontier Elm,
5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac
- Fall 2008 15 2" Sugar Maple, 10 2" Honeylocust, 10 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple,
5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2009 15 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 2" Swamp White Oak, 10 2" Bur Oak, 10 2" English Oak, 10 2" Red Oak,
10 2" Silver Linden, 10 2" Homestead Elm, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden,
5 2" Frontier Elm, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa,
5 2" Hackberry, 15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac
- Fall 2009 15 2" Sugar Maple, 10 2" Honeylocust, 10 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple,
5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2010 15 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 Swamp White Oak, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,
10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm
- Fall 2010 15 2" Sugar Maple, 10 2" Honeylocust, 10 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple,
5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2011 15 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 Swamp White Oak, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,
10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm
- Fall 2011 5 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Honeylocust, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree,
5 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 5 2" Hackberry
- Spring 2012 5 2" Sugar Maple, 2 2" River Birch, 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Red Crabapples,
10 Swamp White Oak, 5 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple,
10 2" Freeman Maple, 2 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry,
15 2" Pear, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 3 2" Triumph Elm

All 36 STC members collectively order over 1,500 trees annually

Arlington Heights, Batavia, Berwyn, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Clarendon Hills, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Elburn, Elmhurst, Evanston, Geneva, Glendale Heights, Glen Ellyn, Glenview, Harwood Heights, Hickory Hills, Hinsdale, Justice, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lincolnwood, Lisle, Lombard, Maywood, New Lenox, Northlake, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Park Ridge, Plainfield, Riverside, Sugar Grove, Western Springs, Westmont, Wheeling