

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP**  
**AUGUST 22, 2006 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium for Tree Supply and Planting Services	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	David H. Barber, P.E. Director of Public Works

**SYNOPSIS**

A resolution has been prepared to express intent to continue participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and to authorize tree supply and planting services in the amount of \$35,000 for FY 2006.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The Five Year Plan and Goals for 2006-2011 identified *Top Quality Infrastructure and Facilities*. A supporting objective of this goal is *Improved Neighborhood Infrastructure*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The adopted FY 2006 General Fund budget provides \$35,000 for the purchase of tree supply and planting services for the fall of 2006. Staff plans to plant 134 trees on Village parkways this fall.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the September 5, 2006 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has 33 municipal members, of which Downers Grove has been active since 1987. 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.

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 and funding availability. 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 2006/2007**

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 2006/2007 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 \$35,000.00 in addition to net proceeds of the money collected as fines for damaged trees as recommended by the Village Forester for FY 2006/2007.

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.

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Mayor

Passed:

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Village Clerk

## Suburban Tree Consortium 5 year orders - For Downers Grove only

Fall 2006	5 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Honeylocust, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 5 2" Hackberry
Spring 2007	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 2007	5 2" Sugar Maple, 5 2" Honeylocust, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 10 2" Littleleaf Linden, 5 2" Miyabe Maple, 10 2" Freeman Maple, 5 2" Hackberry
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	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 2009	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
Fall 2009	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 2010	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
Fall 2010	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 2011	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 33 STC members collectively order over 1,500 trees annually**

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