

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 11, 2007 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Bid: Parkway Tree Pruning Services	Resolution Ordinance ✓ Motion Discussion Only	Robin A. Weaver Director of Public Works

SYNOPSIS

A motion is requested to award a contract for 2008 Parkway Tree Pruning Services to Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. of West Chicago, Illinois, in the amount of \$154,914.80.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

A Beautiful Village is one of the eight principles identified in the Downers Grove Vision 2021 statement. Among other things, this principle means *Tree Canopied Streets* and *Well Maintained Streetscapes, Green Spaces and Landscapes*.

FISCAL IMPACT

The FY08 General Fund Budget provides \$162,000 for parkway tree pruning services.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the December 18, 2007 consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

The contract for parkway tree pruning was competitively bid for FY08. Areas scheduled for pruning in 2008 are shown on the attached map. The Village received five bids which are summarized on the attached bid tabulation. The lowest responsive and responsible bidder is Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. of West Chicago, Illinois. Its references are all positive and its previous pruning contracts for the Village were successfully completed. Staff is satisfied that Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc. meets the Village's specifications and that its pruning work will be done as required.

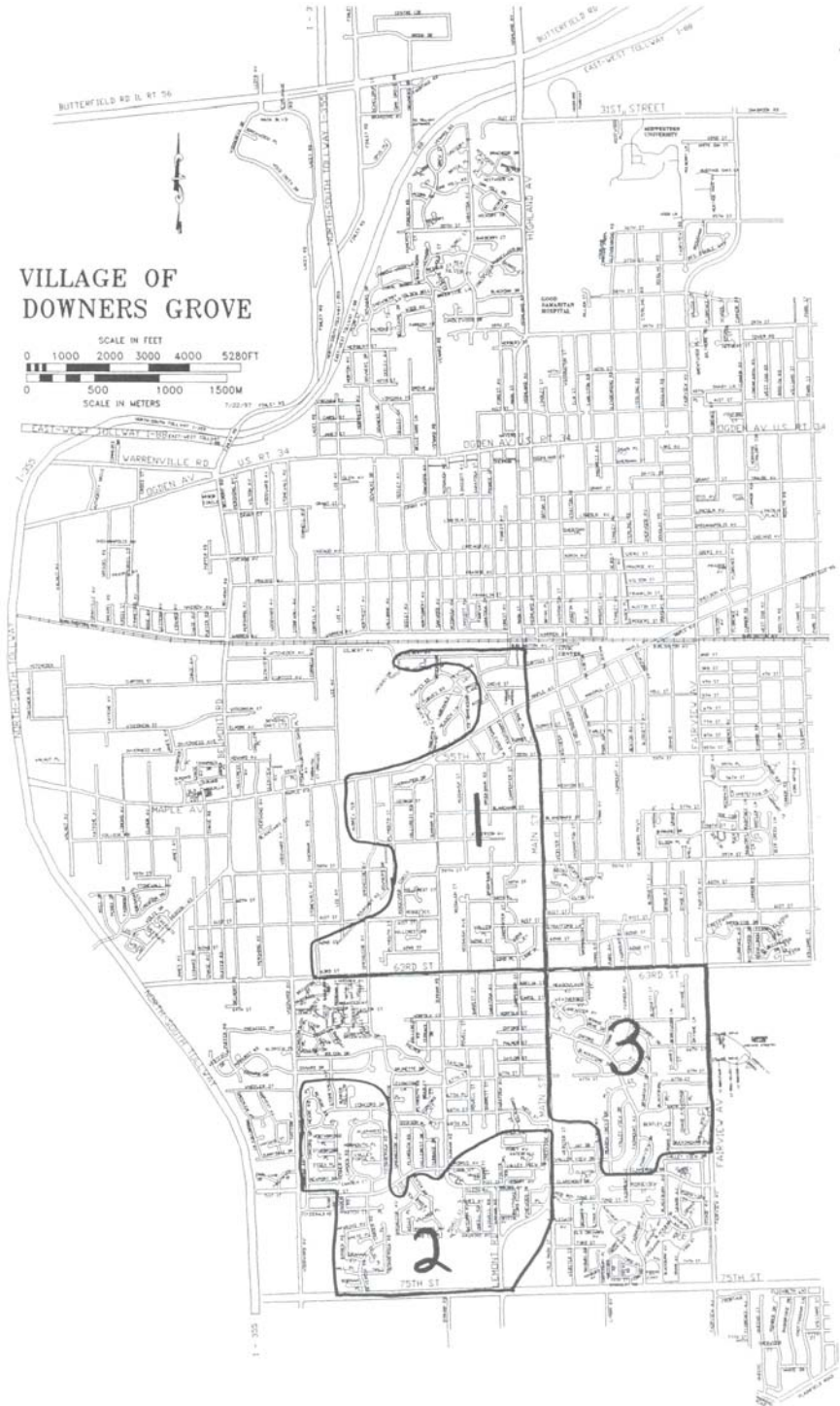
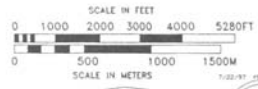
The purpose of parkway tree pruning is to improve tree structure, enhance tree vigor, increase aesthetic appeal, provide adequate clearance, and maintain safe conditions in the right-of-way. All trees will be thoroughly pruned with the exception of ash trees. Staff determined that ash trees need some pruning because there are so many with branch clearance issues, but not as thorough pruning because of the potential threat of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle infestations in the next three years. The contract specifies that ash trees are to be pruned for clearance and for the removal of broken branches and deadwood over a 4-inch diameter. For these reasons, contractors were asked to bid the price for ash trees separately from other species.

The optimum tree pruning cycle is five years where each parkway tree is pruned once in five years. The Village Council has supported a five year pruning cycle by increasing the pruning budget for FY07 as a step toward shortening the current eight year pruning cycle to five years. FY08 will be the second year of a five year cycle with a contract for the pruning of 3,924 trees. For reference, the FY07 pruning contract completed 3,782 trees at a cost of \$142,921.78. Over the next four years, as a five year pruning cycle is implemented, healthy trees will be maintained and resident requests for pruning and broken branches will decrease.

ATTACHMENTS

Pruning Map
 Bid Tabulation
 Contract Form

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Bid Tabulation - Parkway Tree Pruning - Opened Friday November 2, 2007

		<u>Kramer Tree Specialists, Inc.</u>		<u>The Davey Tree Expert Company</u>		<u>Family Landscaping & Tree Care, Inc.</u>		<u>Autumn Tree Care Experts, Inc.</u>		<u>Winkler's Tree & Landscaping, Inc.</u>	
<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Tree #</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extension</u>	<u>Unit Price</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Section 1											
6-24" all except ash	821	\$40.00	\$32,840.00	\$45.00	\$36,945.00	\$44.00	\$36,124.00	\$140.00	\$114,940.00	\$68.57	\$56,295.97
6-24" ash only	177	\$33.00	\$5,841.00	\$25.00	\$4,425.00	\$37.00	\$6,549.00	\$140.00	\$24,780.00	\$47.91	\$8,480.07
24-36" all except ash	81	\$70.00	\$5,670.00	\$60.00	\$4,860.00	\$80.00	\$6,480.00	\$140.00	\$11,340.00	\$68.57	\$5,554.17
24-36" ash only	5	\$60.00	\$300.00	\$33.00	\$165.00	\$61.00	\$305.00	\$140.00	\$700.00	\$47.91	\$239.55
>36" all except ash	6	\$110.00	\$660.00	\$90.00	\$540.00	\$105.00	\$630.00	\$140.00	\$840.00	\$68.57	\$411.42
>36" ash only	0	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$47.91	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$45,311.00		\$46,935.00		\$50,088.00		\$152,600.00		\$70,981.18
Section 2											
<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Tree #</u>										
6-24" all except ash	1174	\$29.40	\$34,515.60	\$40.00	\$46,960.00	\$35.00	\$41,090.00	\$10.00	\$11,740.00	\$55.38	\$65,016.12
6-24" ash only	448	\$29.40	\$13,171.20	\$25.00	\$11,200.00	\$39.00	\$17,472.00	\$10.00	\$4,480.00	\$47.91	\$21,463.68
24-36" all except ash	0	\$77.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$55.38	\$0.00
24-36" ash only	0	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$47.91	\$0.00
>36" all except ash	0	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$55.38	\$0.00
>36" ash only	0	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$47.91	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$47,686.80		\$58,160.00		\$58,562.00		\$16,220.00		\$86,479.80
Section 3											
<u>Diameter</u>	<u>Tree #</u>										
6-24" all except ash	936	\$48.00	\$44,928.00	\$45.00	\$42,120.00	\$51.00	\$47,736.00	\$10.00	\$9,360.00	\$55.38	\$51,835.68
6-24" ash only	123	\$43.00	\$5,289.00	\$25.00	\$3,075.00	\$45.00	\$5,535.00	\$10.00	\$1,230.00	\$47.91	\$5,892.93
24-36" all except ash	150	\$76.00	\$11,400.00	\$58.00	\$8,700.00	\$80.00	\$12,000.00	\$10.00	\$1,500.00	\$55.38	\$8,307.00
24-36" ash only	0	\$76.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$47.91	\$0.00
>36" all except ash	3	\$100.00	\$300.00	\$90.00	\$270.00	\$105.00	\$315.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$55.38	\$166.14
>36" ash only	0	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$280.00	\$0.00	\$47.91	\$0.00
TOTAL			\$61,917.00		\$54,165.00		\$65,586.00		\$12,120.00		\$66,201.75
GRAND TOTAL	3,924 trees		\$154,914.80		\$159,260.00		\$174,236.00		\$180,940.00		\$223,662.73

IV. BID/CONTRACT FORM

*****THIS BID WHEN ACCEPTED AND SIGNED BY AN AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY OF THE VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE SHALL BECOME A CONTRACT BINDING UPON BOTH PARTIES.**

Entire Block Must Be Completed When A Submitted Bid Is To Be Considered For Award

BIDDER:

Kramer Tree Specialists Inc.
Company Name

Date: 10/25/07

701 Church Street
Street Address of Company

kramertree@aol.com
Email Address

West Chicago, IL 60185
City, State, Zip

Joe Kramer
Contact Name (Print)

630-293-5444
Business Phone

630-293-5444
24-Hour Telephone

630-293-7667
Fax

Joseph Kramer
Signature of Officer, Partner or
Sole Proprietor

Joseph Kramer President
Print Name & Title

ATTEST: If a Corporation

Javice Kramer
Signature of Corporation Secretary

VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE:

Authorized Signature

ATTEST:

Title

Signature of Village Clerk

Date

Date

In compliance with the specifications, the above-signed offers and agrees, if this Bid is accepted within 90 calendar days from the date of opening, to furnish any or all of the services upon which prices are quoted, at the price set opposite each item, delivered at the designated point within the time specified above.