

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE**  
**Report for the Village Council Meeting**  
**2/7/2023**

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| <b>SUBJECT:</b>  | <b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>                 |
| Participation in the Suburban Tree Consortium and Tree Supply and Planting Services for FY2023 | Andy Sikich<br>Public Works Director |

**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 \$152,600.00 for FY 2023.

**STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

The goals for 2021 to 2023 include *Steward of Financial, Environmental and Neighborhood Sustainability* and *Exceptional Municipal Services*.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The FY 2023 Budget includes a total of \$152,600.00 for tree supply and planting services;

- \$76,600 in the General Fund and;
- \$76,000 in the Capital Projects Fund

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval on the February 7, 2023 consent agenda.

**BACKGROUND**

The Village obtains tree supply and planting services through the Suburban Tree Consortium (STC), which currently has 48 municipal members. The Village has been active in this group since 1987. The STC provides members with a consistent supply of quality trees for the municipal parkways in an efficient and cost effective manner with several northern Illinois nurseries. Collectively, STC members annually purchase over 10,000 trees.

An estimated 400 new and replacement parkway trees are planned to be planted in 2023. The actual number of parkway trees planted each year is determined by the number of tree removals, construction, resident requests for additional parkway trees, and parkway locations that have been identified needing new trees. The majority of plantings will replace parkway trees that were lost due to storms, disease, decline or death, as well as replacing ash trees that were removed due to Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). For all plantings, staff works with residents to identify locations for new trees and honors resident requests for specific tree species when practical.

The Village has systematically been improving and maintaining the urban forest since the 1970's and has been a member of Tree City USA for the past 38 years.

A full report on the Village's tree planting program can be found in the Urban Forestry [manual](#). Chapter 4 shows the history of tree planting through 2022.

The STC requires that municipalities present a resolution annually. Included in the resolution is a list of trees that staff has ordered in advance for the Village. The order includes trees that are more difficult to obtain, as well as those species that are typically requested by residents. This process allows staff to obtain interesting trees such as miyabe maple, chinkapin oak 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.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING INTENT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATION IN THE SUBURBAN TREE CONSORTIUM AND TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PURCHASES FOR FY 2023**

WHEREAS, the Village of Downers Grove has heretofore joined the cooperative known as the Suburban Tree Consortium which was created to jointly purchase parkway trees on behalf of a number of municipalities in an effort to realize cost savings and insure reasonable supply and a variety of suitable parkway trees, and;

WHEREAS, the Village Council has determined that it is necessary and desirable to authorize purchases from the tree consortium for FY 2023.

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 \$152,600.00 in addition to net proceeds of the money collected as fines for damaged trees and fees for parkway trees in new subdivisions as recommended by the Village Forester for FY 2023.

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**

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| Spring 2023 | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Swamp White Oak, , 5 2" Bur Oak, 5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 3 2" Tuliptree, 5 2" Planetree, 5 2" Shingle Oak, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 2 2" Baldcypress, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm |
| Fall 2023   | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm  |
| Spring 2024 | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Swamp White Oak, , 5 2" Bur Oak, 5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 3 2" Tuliptree, 5 2" Planetree, 5 2" Shingle Oak, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 2 2" Baldcypress, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm |
| Fall 2024   | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm  |
| Spring 2025 | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Swamp White Oak, , 5 2" Bur Oak, 5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 3 2" Tuliptree, 5 2" Planetree, 5 2" Shingle Oak, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 2 2" Baldcypress, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm |
| Fall 2025   | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm  |
| Spring 2026 | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Swamp White Oak, , 5 2" Bur Oak, 5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 3 2" Tuliptree, 5 2" Planetree, 5 2" Shingle Oak, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 2 2" Baldcypress, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm |
| Fall 2026   | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Kentucky Coffeetree, 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm  |
| Spring 2027 | 5 2" Ginkgo, 5 2" Swamp White Oak, , 5 2" Bur Oak, 5 2" Red Oak , 5 2" Tree Lilac, 5 2" American Elm, 3 2" Miyabe Maple, 5 2" Catalpa, 5 2" Hackberry, 3 2" Tuliptree, 5 2" Planetree, 5 2" Shingle Oak, 5 2" Chinkapin Oak, 2 2" Baldcypress, 5 2" Silver Linden, 5 2" Triumph Elm |

**All 48 STC members collectively purchase over 10,000 trees annually**

Alsip, Arlington Heights, Batavia, Bedford Park, Berwyn, Brookfield, Burr Ridge, Chicago Heights, Clarendon Hills, Deerfield, Des Plaines, Downers Grove, Elgin, Elmhurst, Elmwood Park, Evanston, Forest Park, Geneva, Glen Ellyn, Glenview, Hickory Hills, Hillside, Hinsdale, Kenilworth, LaGrange, LaGrange Park, Lincolnwood, Lisle, Lombard, Maywood, Mount Prospect, Mundelein, Niles, Northbrook, Northlake, North Riverside, Oak Lawn, Oak Park, Park Ridge, Plainfield, Plano, Riverside, Sugar Grove, Tinley Park, Western Springs, Westmont, Wheeling, Winfield