Mayor John Dickert & the Common Council City Hall 730 Washington Avenue Racine, WI 53403

## Ladies & Gentlemen:

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Department would like to meet with the Finance & Personnel Committee to request permission to apply & accept \$25,000.00 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to assist with ash management/treatments as well as to contract with an arboricultural trainer to provide advanced chainsaw and aerial truck tree removal & rigging training to the City Forestry crew.

This grant will require a \$25,000.00 match. Funding for the City match will be available through the 2015 CIP, Emerald Ash Borer Tree Treatment. Grant Control #2014-034.

Appropriate staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully requested,

Tom Molbeck Director