



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:

March 3, 2026 – Common Council
March 9, 2026- Finance & Personnel
March 17, 2026-Common Council

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Services Director, requesting permission for the Purchasing Manager to sole source the purchase of tree-age pesticide and plugs for 2026 emerald ash borer tree injections, from **Grand Arbor Supply**, supplier since 2012.

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)

PREPARED BY: Matt Kopenick, Director of PRCS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, Director be directed to waive formal bidding and the Purchasing Manager be directed to purchase tree-age pesticide and plugs for 2026 emerald ash borer tree injections, from Grand Arbor Supply, supplier since 2012.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

- We need 96 quarts of tree-age pesticide and 70 packs of plugs for 2026 emerald ash borer tree injections.
- The supplier has been Grand Arbor Supply since 2012. Last purchased in spring 2025. Costs vary from year-to-year depending on quantities required.
- Product costs are set by the manufacturer. It will cost the same regardless of where we purchase. We have an established relationship with this company and they have a local office that provides fast support when needed.
- Product costs are set by the manufacturer. This company has a local office that we have worked with since 2012.
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BUDGETARY IMPACT: This is a one-time purchase quote in the amount of \$45,051.50, from Grand Arbor Supply. Funds are available in account #6048401-57110.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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