



City of Racine, Wisconsin
Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM

AGENDA DATE:

November 18, 2025 – Common Council

November 24, 2025 – Finance & Personnel

December 2, 2025 – Common Council

SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, requesting permission to award two contracts for ash tree removal, one to Acer Tree Service and Landscape LLC and the other to Stefka Tree & Landscape LLC. This work is a component of the DNR/IRA Urban Forestry grant (Grant Control # 00560) that was awarded to the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department in 2024.

DEPARTMENT: Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)

PREPARED BY: Tom Molbeck, Director of PRCS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

PRCS is requesting permission to award two ash tree removal contracts, one to Acer Tree Service in the amount of \$91,961.08, and one to Stefka Tree and Landscape in the amount of \$22,115.00.

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

Common Council approved the acceptance of the DNR/IRA Urban Forestry grant (item 0735-24) on September 3, 2024.

The grant project consists of multiple components, one of which is to remove and replace ash trees. These trees are currently injected with pesticide every three years to kill the emerald ash borer. A total of 94 trees will be removed as part of these contracts. A total of 188 replacement trees will be planted in fall 2026; however, the tree planting component is not part of this request.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

There is no City budgetary impact. The awards will be funded by the DNR/IRA Urban Forestry through Grant 00560. PRCS is requesting permission to award two ash tree removal contracts, one to Acer Tree Service and Landscape LLC in the amount of \$91,961.08, and one to Stefka Tree & Landscape LLC in the amount of \$22,115.00. Account 6048401-52200-50046

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That permission to award the two contracts for Acer Tree Service and Landscape LLC and Stefka Tree & Landscape LLC, for ash tree removal, be approved. (Grant Control # 00560)