

# City of Racine, Wisconsin Agenda BRIEFING MEMORADUM

### **AGENDA DATE:**

### SUBJECT:

Communication sponsored by Alder Land, on behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Director, requesting permission to accept the DNR/IRA Urban Forestry grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Inflation Reduction Act funding) to support the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Forestry Division (Grant Control #00560).

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS)

PREPARED BY: Tom Molbeck, Director of PRCS

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

That the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department be granted permission to accept the DNR/IRA Urban Forestry grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Inflation Reduction Act) to support the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Forestry Division (Grant Control #00560).

#### **BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

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What: Remove 200 ash trees/stumps. Where: Eligible parks/public properties.

When: 100 trees in spring/summer 2025 & 100 tress in spring/summer 2026.

How: Hire one or more contractors

Why: despite removing/replacing several thousand ash trees over 10+ years, we are still treating 1,300 trees with pesticide.

Project Scope Details:

Education, information, outreach

Site preparation

Proactive maintenance

Tree planting & establishment

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

Grant total of \$453,450.00 over a three year period, with no city match required.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

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