



## City of Racine, Wisconsin

### AGENDA BRIEFING MEMORADUM

**AGENDA DATE:**

October 18, 2018

**SUBJECT:**

FY 2018 CDBG Contract for Park Department – Parks

**PREPARED BY:**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Department of City Development - Division of Housing and Community Development requests that the Community Development Committee recommend approval of a contract with the Parks Department – Stump grinding.

**BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:**

The 2018 Annual Action Plan process has set aside \$35,000 for slum/blight remediation activities. These activities are typically undertaken each year to eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay on a spot basis. No applications for this activity were received during the 2018 CDBG funding round.

Often, slum/blight remediation activities include the demolition and clearance of vacant and blighted structures, but the clearance of hazard trees that pose a threat to public health and safety and their remnant stumps would be an eligible activity. Stump grinding would also be an eligible activity under the low-/moderate-income area benefit category, as the activities would take place only in eligible Census block groups.

Stump removal activities were previously undertaken in 2017 through a contract for \$25,000. The proposed stump removal activities are expected to be completed primarily in Forestry Zones 2 and 4, which correspond to the Greater Uptown NRSA and areas to the west of it, as well as areas in the north of the City.

**BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

The proposed contract would use \$20,000 of the \$35,000 set-aside for City-wide slum/blight remediation activities.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Housing and Community Development Division staff recommend approval of an inter-departmental contract with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services for \$20,000 related to stump grinding in eligible areas.