



**MEMORANDUM**

To: Mayor and Members of the Common Council

From: Vince Maas, Superintendent of Parks, Forestry and Cemetery

Date: September 17, 2009

RE: Resolution for 2010 Urban Forestry Grant

Attached is a resolution for the request for financial assistance to obtain an Urban Forestry Grant in 2010 from the State of Wisconsin – Department of Natural Resources.

This grant would be used to updated the city's tree inventory, develop an urban forestry management plan which would include the City of Menasha's response and action steps to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Consultant lead public information activities and hiring a student intern to assist in the process are also planned.

We estimate the city's share of this grant to not exceed \$6,000 in 2010. This grant is an important first step in preparing the city for the inevitable arrival of the EAB.

RESOLUTION R-24-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – URBAN FORESTRY GRANT EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT PLAN AND TREE INVENTORY.

Introduced by Mayor Merkes

WHEREAS, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha desires to take a proactive approach in preparing for the arrival of EAB; and,

WHEREAS, a tree inventory and EAB Management Plan will give the city the information it needs to effectively deal with the EAB; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha hereby requests financial assistance under s. 20.370, Wis. Stats., Chapter NR 47, Wis. Admin. Code, for the purpose of funding urban and community forestry projects or urban forestry catastrophic storm projects specified in s. 20.370(5)(bw) and (1)(mv), Wis. Stats.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Menasha authorizes the Superintendent of Parks, Forestry and Cemeteries to act on the City's behalf to:

- Submit a grant application to the Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance under s. 20.370, Wis. Stats., Chapter NR 47, Wis. Admin. Code;
- Sign necessary documents; and
- Submit a final report.

Passed and approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2009.

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Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk