

# Memorandum

To: Mayor Merkes and Common Council

Date: September 15, 2010

From: Vince Maas, Superintendent of Parks

Subject: 2011 Urban Forestry Grant

As you may recall in 2010 the Parks Department received an urban forestry grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to develop an Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan and tree inventory/condition evaluation of the city's trees. We have completed the inventory/condition evaluation portion of that program and are working on the EAB management plan. Later this fall, we are planning a presentation to the council summarizing the results of the work completed through this year's grant.

The Parks Department will again be applying for another urban forestry grant in 2011. This time our focus will be on the implementing our EAB Management Plan. The scope of our grant proposal will be to start pre-emptive removals of some ash trees and other species that are in very poor condition. In addition, this grant would go towards re-planting a diverse number of species based on our existing inventory.

This is a 50/50 matching grant. The deadline for the application is October 1. Normal Forestry operating budget funds will be used. Our 2011 budget request will not increase based on this grant. The city's share of the grant is estimated to be around \$9,000.

We appreciate your past support of the city's urban forest, including our status as a Tree City, USA. Your positive consideration of our current request would be appreciated.

RESOLUTION R-20-10

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING APPLICATION OF A 2011 WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – URBAN FORESTRY GRANT FOR  
EMERALD ASH BORER IMPLEMENTATION PLAN AND TREE PLANTING

Introduced by Mayor Merkes

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

WHEREAS, EAB preparedness remains a top funding priority for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; and,

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

WHEREAS, City of Menasha preparedness planning for EAB includes implementation of pre-emptive removal of Ash trees, replanting a diversity of species in our urban forest, and proper trimming of existing mature trees.

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

Passed and approved this                      day of September, 2010

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Donald Merkes, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Deborah A. Galeazzi, City Clerk