

RESOLUTION NO. 20-30

SUBMITTAL AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGULAR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT FOR TREE PLANTING, EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN THE HAWTHORNE HILLS COUNTY PARK PROJECT AREA

WHEREAS, the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of funding urban and community forestry projects specified in s. 23.097(1g) and (1r), Wis. Stats.; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve the local ecology, aesthetics and native vegetation in the Hawthorne Hills County Park Project Area in the Towns of Saukville and Fredonia and Village of Fredonia, which includes Hawthorne Hills County Park and Golf Course, the Milwaukee River Mesic Woods, Waubedonia County Park and Tendick Nature County Park by removing ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer, planting native trees, and conducting education and outreach efforts to Ozaukee County residents to encourage native tree planting on private property; and

WHEREAS, this funding will support employment of conservation corps (e.g., AmeriCorps NCCC, Milwaukee Community Service Corps, Great Lakes Community Conservation Corps, Wisconsin Youth Conservation Corps) for assistance and will support education, training and outreach to adjacent neighbors, neighboring communities and conservation corps members; and

WHEREAS, this project will continue the Department's goal to maintain the high quality County Parks System reflective of the local ecology by preserving, protecting and restoring the natural resources inclusive of the native plant communities, particularly through tree planting activities; and

WHEREAS, this effort will assist in taking steps to manage the County Parks for Emerald Ash Borer and provide related ecological education to adjacent landowners through volunteer workdays; and

WHEREAS, continuation of the Department's management of forestry resources will benefit Ozaukee County residents, visitors and local ecosystems, as well as restore habitat for fish and wildlife, provide for stormwater management, and enhance natural resources and recreational opportunities for County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the required matching funds (50% local match) would be provided by an ATC Community Tree Planting grant, in-kind County staff time, supplies, and equipment (e.g. GC Enterprise Fund), and volunteer time; and

WHEREAS, this grant is for the 2021 calendar year and is consistent with the *Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Ozaukee County: 2035* and *Park and Open Space Plan for Ozaukee County*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Ozaukee County Board of Supervisors that the Ozaukee County Planning and Parks Department attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application, requests a grant agreement

to carry out the project, has budgeted a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactory complete the project, and authorizes and empowers the Director of the Planning and Parks Department to act on its behalf to sign and submit a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant application, sign a grant agreement between Ozaukee County and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, submit interim and/or final reports to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to satisfy the grant agreement, submit grant reimbursement requests to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and sign and submit other required documentation and take necessary actions to initiate, direct, and complete the approved project within the provided funding timeline.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ozaukee County will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement, may perform force account work, and will maintain complete and accurate project accounting according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources project agreement for these funds.

Dated at Port Washington, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of September 2020.

SUMMARY: Acceptance of a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Regular Urban Forestry Grant for Tree Planting, Emerald Ash Borer Management and Education/Outreach Activities in the Hawthorne Hills County Park Project Area.

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: **APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**

MOVER: B. Jobs, Vice-Chairperson

SECONDER: N. Minkel-Dumit, Supervisor District 26

AYES: Korinek, Jobs, Holyoke, Minkel-Dumit, Ross

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VOTE RESULTS: Passed By Majority Vote

YES: **24** NO: **0** ABSTAIN: **0** ABSENT: **2**

Winker	YES
Haas	YES
Jobs	YES
Schlenvogt	YES
Clark	YES
Nelson	YES
Becker	YES
Larson	YES
Grabow	YES
Melotik	YES
Wolf	YES
Richart	YES
Korinek	Second YES

Herro	EXCUSED
Geracie	YES
Duecker	YES
Irish	YES
Wirth	YES
Ross	YES
Marchese	YES
Strom	EXCUSED
Holyoke	YES
Henrichs	YES
Braverman	YES
Read	YES
Minkel-Dumit	Motion YES