

RESOLUTION NO. 21-25

APPLICATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF A WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES REGULAR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT FOR NATIVE TREE PLANTING AND INVENTORY, EMERALD ASH BORER MANAGEMENT AND EDUCATION/OUTREACH ACTIVITIES IN THE OZAUKEE COUNTY COASTAL PARKS 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 Ozaukee County Coastal Parks Project Area in the Town of Grafton and Cities of Port Washington and Mequon, which includes Virmond County Park, Lion's Den Gorge Nature Preserve, and Clay Bluffs Cedar Gorge Nature Preserve by removing ash trees impacted by Emerald Ash Borer, planting and inventorying native trees, and conducting education and outreach efforts to Ozaukee County residents to encourage native tree planting and 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 in-kind County staff time and equipment, volunteer time and supplies and contractual items as funded under other grant funds; and

WHEREAS, this grant is for the 2022 calendar year and is consistent with the adopted *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 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 1st day of September 2021.

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

VOTE REQUIRED: Majority

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: N. Minkel-Dumit, Supervisor District 26

SECONDER: B. Ross, Supervisor District 19

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

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 **Passed By Majority Vote**

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

Rishel		EXCUSED
Geracie		YES
Duecker		YES
Irish	M	YES
Wirth		YES
Ross	S	YES
Godden		YES
Strom		YES
Holyoke		YES
Henrichs		YES
Braverman		YES
Read		YES
Minkel-Dumit		EXCUSED