



Department Source: Community Development - BSD

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 18, 2024

Re: Acceptance of an Award from Missouri Department of Conservation - Community Forestry Cost Share Agreement

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute an Agreement with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) for a Community Forestry Cost Share Project.

Discussion

The City Arborist and the City of Columbia Tree Board applied for, and received, a grant from MDC in the amount of \$10,011. The City's local match is \$910 in in-kind contributions of staff time plus \$240 of donated labor by the Tree Board (\$1,150 total).

With this grant, the Tree Board, partnered with the Ridgeway Neighborhood Association, plans to conduct a tree planting project. This project is intended to make improvements to an existing tree preservation area on City-owned property near the intersection of Garth Ave. and Sexton Rd. This area was chosen specifically in anticipation of the loss of greenspace associated with the Kinney Point development to occur to the northeast of the property. The site occurs in an area identified as "Tier 1" by MDC and qualifies for 90% cost share.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The City will be reimbursed up to \$10,011 from MDC. The local match is \$1,150 in the form of City Arborist labor and donated labor on behalf of the Tree Board.
Long-Term Impact: None.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

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| N/A | N/A |

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager or their designee to execute an Agreement with MDC for a Community Forestry Cost Share Project.