

Department of Parks & Recreation

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TO: Parks & Recreation Committee

FROM: Dean R. Gazza, Director of Parks & Recreation Department

DATE: 06/10/2024

RE: Action Item: Request Adoption of Resolution #2024-02 for the Wisconsin DNR

IRA Urban Forestry Grant.

This request is to approve the adoption of resolution #2024-02 for the Wisconsin DNR IRA Urban Forestry Grant. We would like to apply for this grant in order to replace dead ash trees, increase the tree canopy, and incorporate food forests within the grant boundaries. The grant boundaries include all the disadvantaged census blocks within the Appleton City limits.

We are asking for a total of 2,470 trees to be planted within the grant boundaries. The total grant amount that we are requesting is \$395,000. This is a zero-match grant, and the City will have no financial obligation if the grant was awarded. The administration and oversight of the grant will be a joint effort between Parks & Recreation and Forestry Departments.

Please feel free to contact me at 832-5572 with any questions, or by email at dean.gazza@appleton.org.

2024 WI DNR IRA Urban Forestry Grant

WHEREAS, the applicant, City of Appleton, is interested in obtaining a grant from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of funding urban and community forestry projects specified in Ch. NR 47, Wis. Adm. Code;

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application; and

WHEREAS, the applicant requests a grant agreement to carry out the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the applicant, City of Appleton, will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the applicant will budget a sum sufficient to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department, its official or employee, to act on its behalf to:

- 1. Sign and submit the grant application
- 2. Sign a grant agreement between applicant and the DNR
- 3. Submit interim and/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement
- 4. Submit grant reimbursement request to the DNR
- 5. Sign and submit other required documentation

Adopted this 19th day of June, 2024.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City of Appleton Common Council at a legal meeting on the day of June 19, 2024.

	Director of Parks and Recreation	6/19/2024
Authorized Signature	Title	Date Certified