

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: May 18, 2026
SUBJECT: Accept quote from Wilson's Nursery for fall tree planting
ITEM NUMBER: 8.1
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To accept the quote from Wilson's Nursery in the amount of \$25,345 for fall tree planting

INTRODUCTION

Staff requested quotes for trees and planting services for a fall tree planting as part of a grant funded project and is recommending the city council accept the low quote.

DISCUSSION

Staff received grant funding for trees, planting, and maintenance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, Urban and Community Forestry Program in partnership with American Forests. The funding is designated for use in five census block groups within the city.

Staff have been working with property owners within the approved areas and identified locations for a fall tree planting project. The locations include Lake Place Homes on Kent, a boulevard adjacent to a stormwater pond, industrial properties, and the last portion of the 2025 ash replacement plantings. All properties recently had or are in the process of removing large numbers of ash trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB) and this project assists with the planting of a diverse mix of species.

Contractors submitted quotes for trees and planting services for approximately 60 trees. Quotes received were Wilson's Nursery - \$25,345; Davey Resource Group - \$25,999; and Hoffman and McNamara - \$27,204. Wilson's Nursery submitted the low quote for the project. The city will be billed for the trees and planting and reimbursed by grant funding for the majority of the plantings. The grant will also fund watering for next year to help ensure tree survival. Wilson's Nursery has completed other planting projects in the city in recent years.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council accept the quote from Wilson's Nursery in the amount of \$25,345 for trees and planting services in fall 2026.

ATTACHMENTS