

Memorandum

TO: City Council
FROM: Krista Billerbeck , Natural resources manager
DATE: May 4, 2026
SUBJECT: Accept quote from Wilson's Nursery for spring tree planting
ITEM NUMBER: 8.e
SECTION: CONSENT AGENDA

REQUESTED MOTION

To accept the quote from Wilson's Nursery in the amount of \$29,723 for spring tree planting

INTRODUCTION

Staff requested quotes for trees and planting services for spring 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 three locations for a spring tree planting project. The locations include the west side of Rice Creek Parkway, Shoreview Hills Apartments, and Shepherd of the Hills Church. The apartment and church properties recently removed numerous ash trees infested with emerald ash borer (EAB) and this project assists with the planting after removals with a diverse mix of species.

Contractors submitted quotes for trees and planting services for approximately 75 trees. Quotes received were Wilson's Nursery - \$29,723; Hoffman and McNamara - \$32,183; Davey Resource Group - \$34,509; and Tree Trust Landscape Services - \$39,789. 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. The grant will also fund watering for the first two years to help ensure tree survival. Wilson's Nursery has completed other planting projects in the city over the past two years.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the city council accept the quote from Wilson's Nursery in the amount of \$29,723 for trees and planting services in spring 2026

ATTACHMENTS