



## Resolution 2015-137

Resolution Authorizing Approval of Contracts for the Purchase of Trees as Requested  
Per O.P. #8060 at an Estimated Total Expenditure of \$900,000

Whereas, The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board's Forestry Department is the steward of the public urban forest in Minneapolis;

Whereas, The MPRB's Comprehensive Plan 2007 – 2020 Vision Theme 1 includes the goal of "Healthy boulevard trees connect all city residents to their park system";

Whereas, The MPRB's Comprehensive Plan 2007 – 2020 Vision Theme 1 includes the goal of "People and the environment benefit from the expansion and protection of natural resources";

Whereas, Tree planting is a vital component of the MPRB's urban forestry program because new trees are needed to sustain the canopy cover that is in jeopardy from Dutch Elm Disease, Emerald Ash Borer and construction activities;

Whereas, The invasive exotic insect called Emerald Ash Borer was discovered within the City of Minneapolis in February 2010 and will eventually destroy one fifth of the City's tree canopy cover;

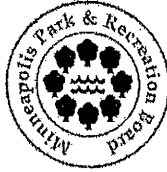
Whereas, The Forestry Department plans to plant approximately 8500 new trees in 2015 which is more than were condemned during 2014;

Whereas, The Forestry Department has partnered with the University of Minnesota on research efforts to reforest public properties with a variety of tree species; and

Whereas, The City of Minneapolis has been designated one of the 10 best cities for urban forests by American Forests, a national conservation organization;

RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners approve contracts for the purchase of trees as requested per O.P. #8060 at an estimated total expenditure of \$900,000; and

RESOLVED, That the President and Secretary of the Board are authorized to take all necessary administrative actions to implement this resolution.



TO: Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board

FROM: Justin Long, Assistant Superintendent for Environmental Steward

DATE: March 4, 2015

SUBJECT: Resolution Authorizing Approval of Contracts for the Purchase of Trees as Requested  
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## BACKGROUND

The Minneapolis urban forest is comprised of a many different tree types. This diversity resulted after the arrival of Dutch Elm Disease (DED) in the 1960s. In the early 1980s, a master planting plan was developed. It assigned tree types to each street. This planting pattern established species diversity throughout the city on a block by block basis.

With the discovery of Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) in Minneapolis in 2010, Forestry staff has been speaking to neighborhood organizations to help them understand the level of destruction that EAB will cause. During these presentations, most residents have expressed two concerns. They are interested in seeing tree diversity increased on city streets and they are interested in seeing more trees planted. In response to tree losses and concerns over diversity, the Forestry Department planted an average of over 5900 new trees annually from 2010 through 2014. During the previous 20 years from 1990 through 2009, an average of 3400 trees were planted annually.

As the population of EAB increases over time the MPRB will be dealing with a corresponding increase in infested ash trees that will need to be removed. In preparation for replacing 40,000 public ash trees over eight years the MPRB initiated its Ash Canopy Replacement Plan in 2013. This plan began by condemning 5000 ash trees in 2014 so that they may be replaced in 2015. These ash replacements will be funded via the Tree Preservation & Reforestation Levy that was passed as part of the 2015 budget. The Forestry Department plans to plant an additional 3500 trees in 2015 to replace elms and other trees that were removed. This will bring the total trees to be planted in 2015 to approximately 8500 which are more than were removed the previous year.

Because the availability of trees changes from year to year, nurseries that supply trees to the MPRB may be as far away as Buffalo, NY or as close as Hennepin County. The demand for specific trees often requires years of lead time to produce the quantities that are required. Soliciting bids from numerous nurseries helps overcome availability differences. The continued refinement of tree purchase bid specifications has enabled the Forestry Department to acquire quality trees at the best possible price.

City Purchasing reports that O.P. 8060 had seventeen acknowledged bidders. Of these companies, fifteen will be providing a portion of the approximately 7500 trees that will be



purchased for this spring. The following companies are recommended as being able to furnish trees in 2015 for planting on public streets, parks and parkways for the MPRB:

1. Bachman's Inc.
2. Bob Sweedberg Nursery, Inc.
3. Charles J. Fiore, Inc.
4. Chestnut Ridge Nursery
5. Cross Nursery, Inc.
6. Gerten Greenhouses, Inc.
7. Grove Nursery
8. Hardwood Creek Nursery
9. Hoffman & McNamara Company
10. Kankakee Nursery Company
11. Klaus Nurseries
12. Margolis Company
13. McKay Nursery Company
14. Schichtel's Nursery, Inc.
15. Wilson's Nursery, Inc.

Each of these companies will be providing more than one species of tree. The trees are provided with one of the following three root types: bare root, balled & burlapped and container grown. Delivery typically begins in early to mid-April depending on weather conditions.

#### **PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIONS**

March 19, 2014      Board Resolution No. 2014-145 authorizing approval of O.P. No. 7906 for the purchase of trees at an estimated total expenditure of \$714,000.00

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the contracts for the purchase of trees as requested per O.P. No. 8060 at an estimated total expenditure of \$900,000.00.

This action is supported by the following vision and goal statements in the MPRB 2007-2020 Comprehensive Plan:

<b>Vision Theme</b>	Urban Forests, Natural Areas and Waters that endure and captivate.
<b>Goal</b>	Healthy boulevard trees connect all city residents to their park system";
<b>Goal</b>	People and the environment benefit from the expansion and protection of natural resources

**ATTACHMENTS:**

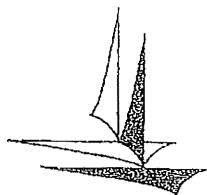
- Warnberg - Tree Purchase 2015 (PDF)

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Review:

Justin Long Completed 02/22/2015 1:15 PM

Jayne Miller Completed 02/22/2015 3:20 PM

Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Pending 03/04/2015 5:00 PM



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February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Ms. Jayne Miller, Superintendent  
Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board  
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Minneapolis MN 55411

**RE: Official Publication No. 8060 – Bids for Trees for Spring Planting**

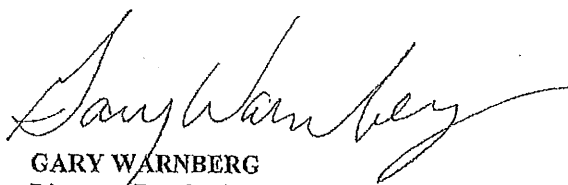
Dear Ms. Miller:

Attached is a tabulation of bids received on Official Publication No. 8060 Trees for Spring Planting.

We wish to recommend your Board authorize acceptance of the low bids as indicated below for a total estimated annual expenditure of \$900,000.00 for furnishing trees in 2015 for planting on public streets and parkways for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, all in accordance with our specifications, as follows:

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Bachman's, Inc.                | 9. Hoffman & McNamara Company |
| 2. Bob Sweedberg Nursery, Inc.    | 10. Kankakee Nursery Company  |
| 3. Charles J. Fiore Company, Inc. | 11. Klaus Nurseries           |
| 4. Chestnut Ridge Nursery         | 12. Margolis Company          |
| 5. Cross Nurseries, Inc.          | 13. McKay Nursery Company     |
| 6. Gerten Greenhouse, Inc.        | 14. Schichtel's Nursery, Inc. |
| 7. Grove Nursery                  | 15. Wilson's Nursery, Inc.    |
| 8. Hardwood Creek Nursery         |                               |

Terms are net 30 days.. F.O.B.: Destination

  
**GARY WARNBERG**  
Director, Purchasing

GW/PF:po  
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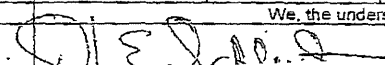
cc: R. Mirelez  
J. Goodrich

Attachment: Warnberg - Tree Purchase 2015 (2015-137 : Tree Purchase Contracts Per O.P. #8060)

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Official Publication No. 18060	
Bids for Trees for 2015 Spring Planting	
Purchasing Buyer: David Schlueter	
Department: Park and Recreation Board	
Department Contact: Roxanna Mirelez	
Bids Due: 10 AM, Local Time, January 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2015	
Vendors	
1 Charles J. Fiore Co., Inc.	
2 Chestnut Ridge Nursery, Inc.	
3 Bachmans, Inc.	
4 Gertens Greenhouse	
5 Law's Nursery, Inc.	
6 Klaus Nurseries	
7 Cross Nurseries, Inc.	
8 John Deere Landscapes	
9 Grove Nursery	
10 McKay Nursery	
11 Bob Swedberg Nurseries, Inc.	
12 Margolis Company	
13 Wilson's Nursery, Inc.	
14 Hardwood Creek Nursery, Inc.	
15 Kankakee Nursery	
16 Schichtel's Nursery, Inc.	
17 Hoffman & McNamara Co.	
We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the above bids were publicly opened and read aloud:	
	

Rep. McNamara's office is #365. Rep. Persell's office is #359. Mr. Reese's office is located outside #387, which is 146' away from Rep. McNamara's office, with no direct line of sight.

