

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-08-058R

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING URBAN AND COMMUNITY
FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENTS**

(2017)

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana ("City") is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City's home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, trees provide many benefits to the City, including energy conservation through shade, wildlife habitat, decreased stormwater runoff, cleaner air, and increased property values; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, the City proudly became the first Illinois community to receive the prestigious Tree City USA designation; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, the City also has received the Tree City Growth Award, an honor recognizing the City's commitment to tree care beyond the basic requirements of the Tree City USA designation; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to sustaining a healthy urban forestry program to manage the trees growing in our community; and

WHEREAS, as part of such commitment, the City removes unsafe, declining, diseased, or insect-infested trees and replaces them with new and vigorous trees at suitable locations; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the emerald ash borer has caused the loss of millions of ash trees in North America; and

WHEREAS, the emerald ash borer has inundated the City, resulting in subsequent tree removals and an accumulated five-year backlog of stump grinding and tree planting; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service has offered a \$15,000 matching grant to the City through The Morton Arboretum in accordance with the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program grant recipient and tree maintenance agreements attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the grant provided by such agreements will enhance and strengthen the City's urban forestry program by allowing the City to purchase and plant new trees and perform other activities to recuperate from the emerald ash borer; and

WHEREAS, funds are available to effectuate the purposes of such agreements; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due consideration, finds that the approval of such agreements in the best interests of the residents of the City and is desirable for the welfare of the City's government and affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

A Grant Recipient Assurances and Requirements Agreement and a Tree Maintenance Agreement between the City of Urbana, Illinois, and The Morton Arboretum, in substantially the form of the copies of said Agreements attached hereto and hereby incorporated by reference, be and the same are hereby authorized and approved.

Section 2.

The Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to attest to said execution of said Agreements as so authorized and approved for and on behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

Section 3.


From and after the execution and delivery of such Agreements, the Public Works Director, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary on behalf of the City of Urbana to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 5th day of September, 2017.

AYES: Ammons, Brown, Hazen, Jakobsson, Miller, Roberts, Wu

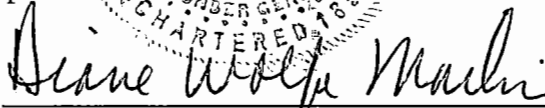
NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:



Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 6th day of September, 2017.



Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor