

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Dan Howard, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Emerald Ash Borer DNR Grant

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, January 17, 2023

BACKGROUND

An Emerald Ash Borer infestation was identified in Cannon Falls by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture in early 2022. Since then, Public Works staff has identified and removed some ash trees that had been infected with EAB. The Minnesota DNR is offering grant money to help with the cost of dealing with the EAB infestation. With the assistance of Laura Qualey, Public Works would like to apply for a \$40,000 grant to assist with the cost of removal and replanting. The grant requires a 25% match by the City, which can be in-kind donations.

REQUESTED COUNCIL ACTION

I respectfully request motion and approval to move forward with the DNR grant application as recommended by the Park Board.