

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM

GRANTEE: RAMSEY COUNTY		GRANT NO. SG-25CT-15
GRANT PROJECT: Pierce Butler Route Tree Canopy Improvement Project See Grant Project Summary attached hereto as Attachment A and Attachment B		
TOTAL GRANT AMOUNT: \$ 171,050	STATE FISCAL YEAR: 2025	
STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025: \$ 171,050		
APPROPRIATION: Minnesota Laws 2024, Regular Session, Chapter 116, Article 1, Section 5		
EFFECTIVE DATE: June 25, 2025		
GRANT PROJECT ACTIVITY PERIOD: May 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027		
COUNCIL AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: Erin Brueggemann, Grants Administrator (erin.brueggemann@metc.state.mn.us)		
COUNCIL ACTION: June 25, 2025	BUSINESS ITEM: 2025-150	
EXPIRATION DATE: June 30, 2027		

GRANT AGREEMENT

THIS GRANT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into on the Effective Date by and between the Metropolitan Council (“Council”) and the city, township, county, or Regional Park Implementing Agency identified above as the “Grantee.”

RECITALS

1. The Minnesota Legislature, by [Minnesota Laws 2024, Regular Session, Chapter 116, Article 1, Section 5](#) appropriated funds for State Fiscal Year 2025 from the State General Fund (“Appropriation”) to the Council for community tree planting grants.
2. Minn. Stat. § 473.355 authorizes the Council to make grants to eligible cities, counties, townships, and implementing agencies wholly or partly within the metropolitan area for the purpose of removing and planting shade trees on public land to provide environmental benefits; replacing trees lost to forest pests, disease, or storms; and establishing a more diverse community forest better able to withstand disease and forest pests..
3. The Grantee sought funding from the Council for its Grant Project from the appropriation. The Grant Project Summary is attached hereto as **Attachment A, Attachment B and Attachment C**.

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4. The Council authorized the granting of a portion of the Appropriation to the Grantee for the completion of the Grant Project pursuant to the Business Item referenced on Page 1.
5. The Grantee represents that it is duly qualified and agrees to perform all services described in this Agreement to the satisfaction of the Council during the Grant Project Activity Period.

NOW THEREFORE, in reliance on the above statements and in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained in this Agreement, the Grantee and the Council agree as follows:

1. **Definition of Terms.**

The terms defined in this section have the meanings given them in this section unless otherwise provided or indicated by the context.

Council Action. “Council Action” means the action or decision of the governing body of the Metropolitan Council, on the meeting date identified at Page 1 of this Agreement, by which the Grantee was awarded State General Funds.

Effective Date. “Effective Date” means the date this Agreement is fully executed by both parties. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §16B98, Subd. 7, no payments can be made to the Grantee until this Agreement is fully executed.

Eligible Costs. “Eligible Costs” means and is limited to the Use of Funds described in Attachment A.

Grant Project Activity Period. “Grant Project Activity Period” is identified on Page 1 of this Agreement.

Grant Project Summary. “Grant Project Summary” and “Grant Project Activities” refer to the summary of Council-approved activities, deliverables, locations, and budget as identified and described in **Attachment A, Attachment B and Attachment C.**

Reimbursement. “Reimbursement” means the Grantee will expend its own funds and provide to the Council acceptable documentation that the expenditure has been made before seeking payment under this agreement for the expenditure.

Site Monitoring. “Site Monitoring” means the Council’s review of the Grant Project and records pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16B.98.

Small Disadvantaged Businesses. “Small Disadvantaged Businesses” means small Minnesota-based businesses that are certified as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), Targeted Group Businesses (TGBs), and/or Veteran-Owned Businesses.

2. **Survival of Terms.**

The following clauses survive the expiration or cancellation of this grant contract agreement: 11. Liability; 12. Audits; 13. Government Data Practices; 15. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue; 18.2 Publicity; and 18.3 Endorsement.

3. **Grantee’s Duties or Grant Project.**

The Grantee will perform the Grant Project listed on Page 1 during the Grant Project Activity Period identified on Page 1.

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4. Time.

The Grantee must comply with all the time requirements described in this Agreement. In the performance of this Agreement, time is of the essence.

5. Eligible Costs.

5.1 Eligible Costs. Eligible costs are those costs directly incurred by the Grantee for Grant Project activities and budget outlined in **Attachment A** taking place during the Grant Project Activity Period that are *solely related* to and necessary for the completion of the Grant Project. This Agreement must be implemented according to Minn. Stat. § 16B.98 and must account for all expenditures.

5.2 Ineligible Costs. The Grantee shall not be reimbursed for in-eligible costs. Any cost not defined as an eligible cost or not included in the Grant Project or approved in writing by the Council is a non-eligible cost. Grant funds may not be used for costs of Project activities that occurred prior to the start of the grant project activity period.

6. Grant Amount, Payment, and Use.

6.1 Grant Amount. The Council will reimburse the Grantee for eligible costs during the Grant Project Activity Period up to the Grant Amount identified on Page 1. This amount is granted for the purpose of performing the Grant Project. In no event will the Council's obligation under this agreement exceed the total grant amount. The Council shall bear no responsibility for any cost overruns that may be incurred by the Grantee in the performance of the Grant Project. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this agreement, the payment of State General Fund grant proceeds shall be made by the Council within the time frames specified in this agreement only if the Council has adequate State General Funds on hand at the time that payment is due.

6.2 Reimbursement Requests and Documentation. The Council will disburse grant funds in response to payment requests submitted by the Grantee through the Council's online grant management system and reviewed and approved by the Council's Authorized Representative. Payment requests shall be made using payment request forms, the form and content of which will be determined by the Council. Payment requests and other reporting forms will be provided to the Grantee by the Council. The Council will disburse grant funds on a reimbursement or a "cost incurred" basis. Payment requests must include the specific Grant Project activities conducted or completed during the authorized time-period. Payment requests must include documentation supporting expenses including consultant/contractor invoices showing the time-period covered by the invoice; proof or verification of payment of the invoice, and other supporting documents as the Council deems appropriate. The Council will make the final determination whether the expenditures are eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement, and verify the total amount requested from the Council. The Council shall disburse grant funds for all grant-eligible expenditures within thirty-five (35) days of the receipt of satisfactory documentation from the Grantee.

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6.3 Conditions of Payment. All services provided by the Grantee under this Agreement must be performed to the Council's satisfaction, as determined at the sole discretion of the Council's Authorized Representative and in accordance with all applicable federal, Council, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations. The Council will reimburse up to 90 percent of the awarded grant funds. The remaining 10 percent may be withheld before a final payment is issued until the Grantee: (a) completes the project or grant deliverables; and (b) submits a final request for payment and the Final Report as required under Section 8.2. If the required deliverables are not submitted within the term and closeout period specified in Section 8.2, the Council shall have no obligation to disburse the withheld 10 percent. In such cases, the withheld funds shall revert to the Council's Community Tree Planting Account for redistribution through future funding cycles or as otherwise permitted by law.

6.4 Repayment of Unauthorized Use of Grant Funds. Upon a finding by the Council or the state that Grantee has made an unauthorized or undocumented use of grant funds, and upon a demand for repayment issued by the Council, the Grantee agrees to promptly repay such amounts to the Council. Additionally, if the Grantee is in breach of the requirements of this Agreement, including Minn. Stat. § 16B.98 and MMB's Guidance, the Council may, in its sole discretion, withhold future grants to the Grantee until the breach is cured.

6.5 Contracting and Bidding Requirements. Grantee is expected to follow the contracting and bidding requirements of Minn. Stat. §471.345 and §§177.41 through 177.44 (prevailing wage), if applicable. Grantee may not contract with vendors that are either suspended or debarred in Minnesota:
<https://mn.gov/admin/osp/government/suspended-debarred/index2.jsp>

6.8 Maximum Use of Other Funds. If the Grantee at any time receives funding or reimbursement from another source for amounts charged by the Grantee against this grant, such funds charged against this grant shall be immediately refunded to the Council upon discovery of the duplicate funding or reimbursement.

7. Accounting, Record-keeping, and Site Monitoring.

7.1 Accounting and Record-Keeping. The Grantee agrees to establish and maintain a separate account for the Grant Project and to maintain accurate and complete books, records, documents, and other evidence pertaining to the costs and expenses of implementing this Agreement to the extent and in such detail that will accurately reflect the total cost of the Grant Project. The Grantee shall use generally accepted accounting principles. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, all records shall be retained for at least six (6) years after the issuance of the final certificate of acceptance by the Council, or such shorter period as may be specified in writing by the Council at the expiration of the Grant Project Activity Period.

7.2 Site Monitoring. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 16B.98, subd. 6, the Council shall monitor Grant Project activities and records.

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8. Reporting and Grant Closeout.

8.1 Semi-Annual Reporting. Grantee must submit cash flow and semi-annual progress reports to the Council by July 31 and January 31 of each year while the grant agreement is active. In the cash flow report, the Grantee shall describe the current project spending and projected spending for the periods defined in the report template. The progress report shall include the location and description of any tree removal, site prep, tree planting and/or tree care/maintenance activities taken during the reporting period. The Grantee shall provide sufficient documentation for information the Council reasonably requests.

8.2 Final Report and Closeout. Prior to the final reimbursement, the Grantee shall submit to the Council a final project report that provides the completed project results as detailed in the deliverables in **Attachment A**. The Grantee must submit the closeout requirements in a format determined by the Council providing the total Grant Project receipts and expenditures, summarizing all Grant Project activities, and containing a certification by the Grantee's authorized financial representative (e.g.: CFO, Financial Director) that all grant funds were expended in accordance with this Agreement. The Grantee has 120 calendar days after the Expiration Date to provide documentation and information necessary to close out this Agreement and receive disbursements for eligible grant-funded Project activities as prescribed in Section 5. If the Grantee fails to provide necessary documentation and information during this 120-day closeout period, the Grantee may not be eligible to receive any unpaid grant funds and the Council may not disburse any unpaid grant funds to the Grantee. This 120-day closeout period does not extend any Grantee reporting deadlines established in this Agreement or authorize the Grantee to expend or commit any grant funds after the Expiration Date. **ALL GRANT FUNDS NOT EXPENDED BY THE GRANTEE AND REQUESTED FOR REIMBURSEMENT PRIOR TO THE END OF THE TERM SHALL REVERT TO THE COUNCIL.**

9. Changes in Grant Project and Amendments.

9.1 Changes in Grant Project Activities and Location(s). Project Activities funded by the Appropriation must be substantially consistent in scope, location, and budget with the approved project as described in **Attachments A and B**. Significant changes to the Grant Project in either scope or location shall require an amendment. Failure to inform the Council of any significant changes to the Grant Project or significant changes to grant-funded components of the Grant Project and any use of grant funds for ineligible or unauthorized purposes, will jeopardize the Grantee's eligibility for future funding.

9.2 Budget Variance. The Grantee may reallocate up to twenty percent (20%) of the Grant Amount among the grant-funded activities, provided: (a) the grant funds may be used only for Project activities for which the Council awarded the grant funds; (b) the reallocation does not significantly change the Project deliverables; and (c) the Grantee receives written permission from Council staff prior to reallocating any grant funds. Council staff may administratively approve budget reallocation requests that exceed twenty percent (20%) of the Grant Amount only if the reallocation does not significantly change

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the Project deliverables. Notwithstanding the aggregate or net effect of any variances, the Council's obligation to provide grant funds under this Agreement shall not exceed the Grant Amount identified at Page 1 of this Agreement.

9.3 Amendments. The terms of this Agreement may be changed by mutual agreement of the parties if the changes are consistent in both scope and budget with the approved Project Activities as described in **Attachments A and Attachment B**. Any changes to Project deliverables, scope, budget or locations that Council staff determine are significant changes from what is identified and described in **Attachments A and B** of this agreement will require an amendment approval by the Council's Community Development Committee. Changes shall be effective only upon execution of written amendment(s) signed by authorized representatives of the Council and the Grantee. Grant funds for the changed Project will not be disbursed prior to execution of an amendment.

9.4 Loss of Grant Funds. Any grant funds that are not expended prior to the Expiration Date identified at Page 1 of this Agreement shall revert to the Council for distribution through future application and funding cycles or as otherwise permitted by law. For the purposes of this Agreement, grant funds are "expended" prior to the Expiration Date if the Grantee pays or is obligated to pay for expenses of eligible grant-funded Project activities that occurred prior to the Expiration Date and the eligible expenses were incurred prior to the Expiration Date.

10. Assignment, Waiver, and Agreement Complete.

10.1 Assignment. The Grantee may neither assign nor transfer any rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior consent of the Council and a fully executed Assignment Agreement.

10.2 Waiver. If the Council fails to enforce any provision of this Agreement, that failure does not waive the provision or its right to enforce it.

10.3 Agreement Complete. This Agreement contains all negotiations and agreements between the Council and the Grantee. No other understanding regarding this Agreement, whether written or oral, may be used to bind either party.

11. Liability.

The Grantee must indemnify, save, and hold the Council, its agents, and employees harmless from any claims or causes of action, including attorney's fees incurred by the Council, arising from the performance of this Agreement by the Grantee or the Grantee's agents or employees. This clause will not be construed to bar any legal remedies the Grantee may have for the Council's failure to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement.

12. Audits.

Under Minn. Stat. § 16C.05, subd. 5, the Grantee's books, records, documents, and accounting procedures and practices relevant to this Agreement are subject to examination

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by the Council and/or the State Auditor or Legislative Auditor, as appropriate, for a minimum of six (6) years from the end of this Agreement.

13. Government Data Practices.

The Grantee and Council must comply with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act, Minn. Stat. chapter 13, as it applies to all data provided by the Council under this Agreement, and as it applies to all data created, collected, received, stored, used, maintained, or disseminated by the Grantee under this Agreement. The civil remedies of Minn. Stat. § 13.08 apply to the release of the data referred to in this clause by either the Grantee or the Council. If the Grantee receives a request to release the data referred to in this Clause, the Grantee must immediately notify the Council.

14. Workers Compensation.

The Grantee certifies that it is in compliance with [Minn. Stat. §176.181](#), Subd. 2, pertaining to workers' compensation insurance coverage. The Grantee's employees and agents will not be considered Council employees. Any claims that may arise under the Minnesota Workers' Compensation Act on behalf of these employees and any claims made by any third party as a consequence of any act or omission on the part of these employees are in no way the Council's obligation or responsibility.

15. Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue.

Minnesota law, without regard to its choice-of-law provisions, governs this Agreement. Venue for all legal proceedings out of this Agreement, or its breach, must be in the appropriate state or federal court with competent jurisdiction in Ramsey County, Minnesota.

16. Termination.

The Council may cancel this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, upon 30 days' written notice to the Grantee. Upon termination, the Grantee will be entitled to payment, determined on a pro rata basis, for services satisfactorily performed.

17. Use of Small Disadvantaged Businesses.

The Council maintains a list of Small Disadvantaged Businesses that the Grantee and its contractors are encouraged to use. This list and technical assistance are available through the Council's Office of Equal Opportunity at <http://mcub.metc.state.mn.us>. The Grantee and its contractors are also encouraged to use Small Disadvantaged Businesses that are certified through other government programs. The Council expects the Grantee and Grantee's contractors to make reasonable efforts to solicit and include Small Disadvantaged Businesses in economic activities that arise from the Grantee's use of grant funds.

18. Miscellaneous.

18.1 Minnesota Conservation Corps. The Grantee shall give consideration to contracting with the Minnesota Conservation Corps for contract restoration, maintenance, and other activities.

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18.2 Publicity. Any publicity regarding the Grant must identify the Council as the sponsoring agency and must not be released without prior written approval from the Council's Authorized Representative. For the purposes of this provision, publicity includes notices, informational pamphlets, press releases, research, reports, signs, and similar public notices prepared by or for the Grantee individually or jointly with others, or any subcontractors, with respect to the program, publications, or services provided resulting from this grant contract. All projects primarily funded by state grant appropriations must publicly credit the State of Minnesota, including on the grantee's website when practicable.

18.3 Endorsement. The Grantee must not claim that the Council endorses its products or services.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on or as of the Effective Date.

RAMSEY COUNTY

By: _____

Rafael Ortega, Chair
Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

By: _____

LisaBeth Barajas, Executive Director
Community Development Division

Date: _____

Approved as to form:

By: Scott Schwahn

Scott Schwahn
Senior Assistant Ramsey County Attorney

Date: 09/07/2025

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ATTACHMENTS

The following **ATTACHMENTS A, B, and C** (comprised of this page and the succeeding pages) contain a summary of the Project identified in the application for Community Tree Planting Grant funding submitted in response to the Council's notice of funding availability for the Fiscal Year identified at Page 1 of this Agreement. The summary reflects the proposed Project for which the Grantee was awarded grant funds by the Council Action, and may reflect changes in Project funding sources, changes in funding amounts, or minor changes in the proposed Project that occurred subsequent to application submission. The application is incorporated into this Agreement by reference and is made a part of this Agreement as follows.

ATTACHMENT A outlines the grant project deliverables, budget, and eligible expenses.

ATTACHMENT B provides an overview of the locations where tree planting and removal will take place in reference to the program priorities.

ATTACHMENT C is the Grantee's Three-Year Maintenance Plan, submitted as part of the Grantee's application for funding. In pursuit of the project's deliverables, all trees planted with grant funds are expected to be maintained as outlined in this Three-Year Maintenance Plan included as Exhibit C. For any trees that do not survive through the end of the grant period, Grantees are expected to put in a good faith effort to replace these utilizing any warranty the Grantee has or at the expense of the Grantee.

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ATTACHMENT A

Community Tree Planting Grant Project Summary

Grant # SG-25CT-15
Funding Type: State General Fund
Grantee: Ramsey County
Project Name: Pierce Butler Route Tree Canopy Improvement Project
Project Location(s) See Project Map in ATTACHMENT B
City: Saint Paul
County: Ramsey
Council District: 14 – Council Member Toni Carter

Project Description	
County staff, in collaboration with community partners, propose to enhance tree canopy and achieve goals set forth in Frogtown Green's concept plan, the County's Climate Equity Action Plan, and the City of Saint Paul's Climate Action & Resilience Plan.	

Deliverables	
Trees Removed	
44	Number of Ash trees or stumps removed
6	Other diseased/hazard trees or stumps removed
Trees Planted in Census Block Groups...	
	... only experiencing extreme heat
	... only experiencing high community vulnerability levels (SDI>70 th percentile)
150	... facing both issues above
	... experiencing neither of these issues
150	TOTAL TREES PLANTED (sum of categories above)

Use of Funds	
\$26,250	Materials: Trees
\$8,850	Materials: Planting Supplies
	Equipment
	Internal Labor
\$135,950	External Labor
\$171,050	TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT
<p>Grant will reimburse the above costs associated with the removal of ash and hazard trees and planting of climate-adapted tree species on public land. Any labor expenses must be directly for site preparation, planting, removing, and maintaining trees that are funded by this grant.</p> <p>Tree Species eligibility: Grant funds will not fund the purchase of trees that are over-represented in your community. Any genera that comprise 10% or more of the community forest make-up will not be funded. Numbers derived from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources 2010 Rapid Assessment will be used unless/until an updated inventory is provided. For your community this means grant funds cannot be spent on purchasing: Picea (Spruce, 15.8%), Acer (Maple, 20.9%), and Fraxinus (Ash, 12.0%)</p>	

PARKS AND TRAILS FUND GRANT PROGRAM

ATTACHMENT B

Community Tree Planting Summary of Project Location(s)

Tree removal and planting will occur in the census block groups identified below (as highlighted in bold color).

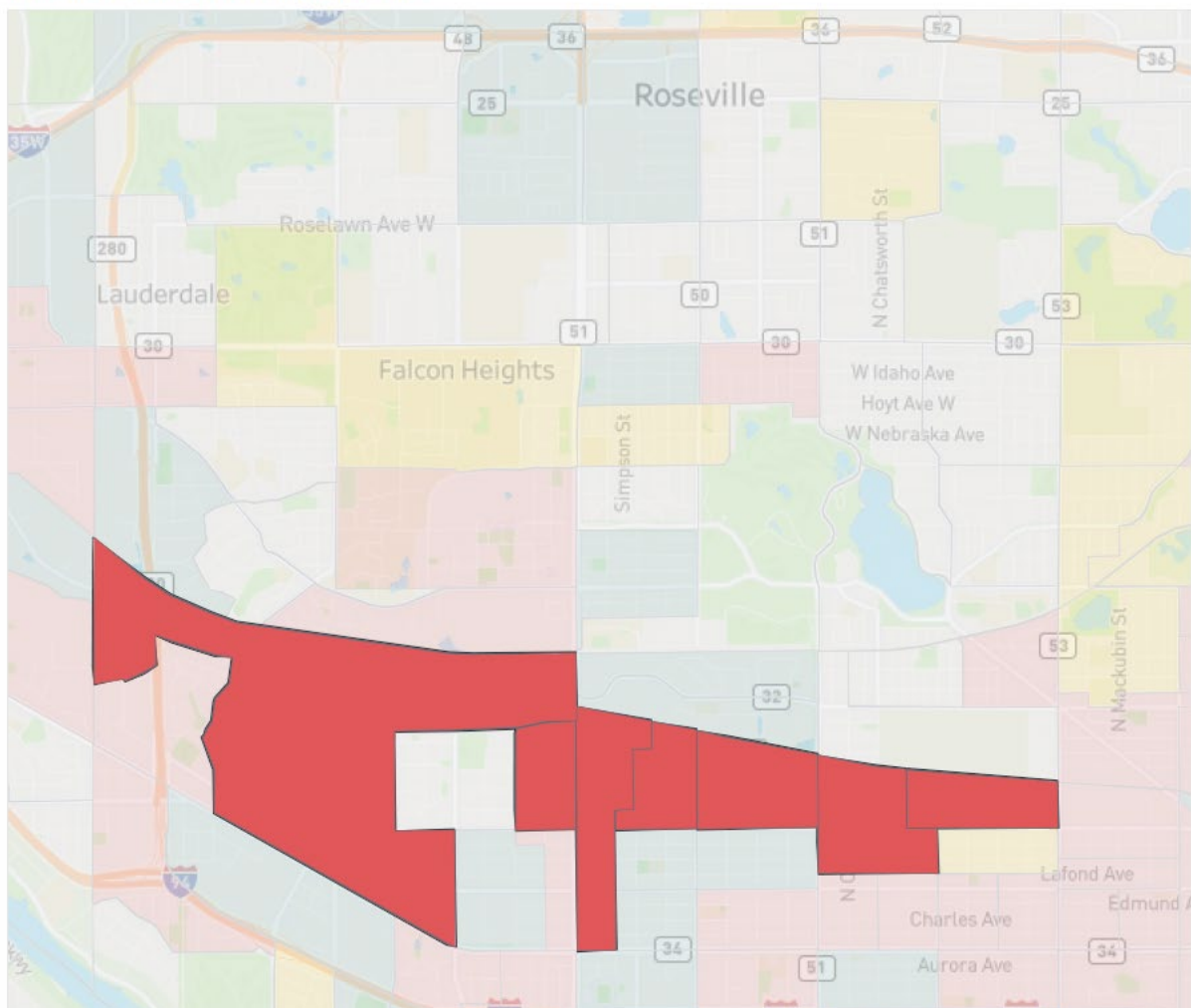
SCORING FACTORS

- Both scoring factors elevated
- Elevated Supplemental Demographic Index (SDI)
- Elevated Land Surface Temperature (LST)
- Neither scoring factor elevated

ZOOM TO CITY OR TOWNSHIP

All

Use the dropdown menu above to zoom to a city or township's census block groups (some adjacent block groups may be included). Reset the map by selecting "All." Additional map controls are available in the top left corner of the map (hover to view).



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ATTACHMENT C

2025 COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING GRANTS

3-YEAR MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR NEWLY PLANTED TREES

This grant funds maintenance throughout the eligible grant activity period, through June 30, 2027. Newly planted trees require additional care and maintenance for 3-5 years after planting to ensure they are well-established and grow into healthy mature trees. Use this form to describe your commitment to tree maintenance.

Applicant: Ramsey County Public Works

Year and Season of Planting: Spring 2026

of Trees to be Planted: 150

Size (caliper for deciduous, height for conifers): 1.5-2"

Type of Stock to be Planted (Bare root, etc.): Container

Describe how the activities below will be completed.

1. Tree Maintenance Personnel and Support

- a. Describe who is responsible for maintenance and how you plan to fund maintenance work after the grant period.*

The Environmental Resources Specialist (ERS), seasonal staff, contractors, and volunteers, will oversee and perform maintenance activities of trees. The contractor who installs the trees will do establishment care for one year following installation. After the grant period staff will budget for the care and maintenance of the trees.

- b. Volunteers, homeowners, or inexperienced staff that will provide maintenance should receive basic training and literature on proper maintenance techniques. Is training needed and how will you do it?*

The ERS will provide proper planting practice instruction to volunteers and seasonal staff. Before the growing seasons the NRS will instruct and direct staff involved with the proper maintenance practices of newly planted trees. Residents will receive information about the newly planted tree in the boulevard in front of their home with care information.

- c. How will you inspect tree maintenance work periodically to make sure it is being done correctly?*

The ERS, seasonal staff or other staff directed by the ERS will routinely inspect planted trees during each growing season. Staff will look for mechanical damage, water stress, vandalism and ensure proper care. If staff suspects improper maintenance or damage while under warranty the contractor will be liable for tree replacement or remedial action. If the tree is outside the warranted period efforts will be made to correct who ever damaged the tree. If it is the homeowner, notice will be given and information will be provided to the resident. If damage was incurred by seasonal staff or volunteers or appropriate action will be taken to ensure the person is retrained in proper tree care practices.

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2. Tree Watering Process

Describe in detail how trees will be watered, the time period and frequency of watering. Trees should be watered weekly for the first 3 to 5 years when the ground is thawed, unless it has rained 1 inch in a week.

Watering will be required weekly and will be performed by a contractor for the first growing season. Watering will be done as required for the next two growing seasons depending on weekly rain fall during the growing season. The ERS will monitor drought conditions during the growing seasons to ensure watering is being done at the appropriate frequency. Trees will be watered by county staff, contractors, or volunteers. It is the intention of the county to ensure trees are watered regularly during the first three growing seasons and closely monitored.

3. Mulching Trees

Will you mulch your trees and if so, how will you maintain mulch?

The contractor will include mulch with the installation of the tree. Mulching maintenance will be addressed as need post installation.

4. Staking and Tying Trees

Explain if staking is necessary due to mowing, vandalism, or wind conditions, and describe plans for inspection and removal.

Staking will be assessed in the spring and throughout the growing season. If staking is required the installation will be directed by the ERS to ensure proper practices. Re-inspection of staked trees will be done in the fall and staking will be removed if tree appears stable. Monitoring will continue next growing season.

5. Checking Tree Health

The grantee will check trees every 6 – 12 months to identify and address problems. Describe inspection process and follow-up.

Staff will look for vigor, pest damage, mechanical damage and proper care. If tree appears stressed, the ERS or staff directed by the ERS will apply suitable methods to improve tree health. Follow-up will occur after corrective actions have taken place and will be monitored until tree has improved.

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6. Tree Protection

Young trees in busy urban areas may be easily damaged by human activity, animals, and equipment. Describe how planted trees will be protected.

For the first three growing seasons mulch and tree protectors (as needed depending on species) will be used to prevent damage to newly planted trees. Public outreach will be used to remind residents to be careful around newly planted trees. Outreach will include the county's social media pages and website information.

7. Pruning

Newly planted trees should need little pruning, if they were properly cared for in the nursery. In the first year after planting, remove only dead or broken branches. In later years, weakly attached limbs can be removed, and corrective pruning can be done if needed. Describe your pruning maintenance cycle.

An initial pruning will be performed during planting to remove dead wood. Seasonal staff, contractors, or volunteers will be utilized to help prune newly planted trees. After the initial establishment period, pruning will be done every 5-7 years as a part of our tree maintenance program.

8. Tree Warranty

Tree planting should include a warranty from the nursery for replacement (due to poor condition or mortality). The grantee should be prepared to fully replace all trees that are in poor condition or die prior to the end of the project grant agreement, unless loss was due to natural disaster. Describe your tree warranty or how trees will be replaced.

The county will contract with a qualified, licensed and insured company that will install trees with a one year warranty. If a tree dies during the grant period and while under warranty it will be replaced by the contractor. If the tree dies outside the warranty period and during the grant agreement it will be replaced with similar stock and species approved by the ERS.