

FY2019 Project Abstract

For the Period Ending June 30, 2023

PROJECT TITLE: Emerald Ash Borer Response Grants

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FUNDING SOURCE: Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

LEGAL CITATION: M.L. 2019, 1st Special Session, Chapter 4, Article 2, Sec. 2, Subd. 6(d) as extended by M.L. 2022, Chp. 94, Sec. 2, Subd. 19 (c.1) [to June 30, 2023]

APPROPRIATION AMOUNT: \$300,000

AMOUNT SPENT: \$300,000

AMOUNT REMAINING: \$0

Sound bite of Project Outcomes and Results

Minnesota's community forests will lose 2.65 million ash trees due to the impacts of the invasive pest emerald ash borer. These funds were used to administer \$300,000 in grants to local units of government for planting 2,401 ecologically appropriate trees to address ash loss on public land.

Overall Project Outcome and Results

A competitive grant process was offered through a Request for Applications. A total of 12 communities were selected for funding. The 12 communities supported through this grant included: Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Hutchinson, Maplewood, Mendota Heights, Morris, Rochester, Roseville, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Sauk Cetner, and Winona. A total of 12 communities were supported with \$300,000 for tree planting efforts to address current and anticipated canopy loss due to emerald ash borer. A total of 2,401 trees were planted.

In the first year planted, these trees provided a total of:

- \$1,032 in overall benefits,
- 153,798 gallons of stormwater intercepted,
- 21,534 pounds of carbon dioxide reduced from the atmosphere.

Over the course of 50 years, these trees will provide a total of:

- \$466,183 in overall benefits,
- 40,557,510 gallons of stormwater intercepted,
- 10,095,042 pounds of carbon dioxide reduced from the atmosphere.

Project Results Use and Dissemination

The DNR issued a News Release entitled "Minnesota communities receive nearly \$1 million in grants to fight emerald ash borer" on April 23, 2020. Recipients of funding were also shared on [Twitter on March 6](#), shortly after all grant contracts were fully executed.

Many subsequent articles were released from various news agencies across Minnesota based on the news release, including the [Star Tribune](#). Additionally, communities funded through this grant conducted outreach activities through events, news articles and social media.



Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF)

M.L. 2019 ENRTF Work Plan (Main Document)

Today's Date: September 29, 2023

Date of Work Plan Approval: June 17, 2019

Project Completion Date: June 30, 2023

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Location: Statewide

Total Project Budget: \$300,000

Amount Spent: \$300,000

Balance: \$0

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Appropriation Language:

\$300,000 the first year is from the trust fund to the commissioner of natural resources for grants to local units of government to replace ash trees removed from public lands in response to emerald ash borer with ecologically appropriate trees.

M.L. 2022 - Sec. 2. ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND; EXTENSIONS. [to June 30, 2023]

I. PROJECT STATEMENT:

Minnesota's community forests will lose 2.65 million ash trees due to the impacts of the invasive pest emerald ash borer. Planting efforts are needed to reduce environmental and financial impacts. ENRTF funds will be used to administer up to \$300,000 in grants to local units of government for planting ecologically appropriate trees to address ash loss on public land.

II. OVERALL PROJECT STATUS UPDATES: See Below

First Update March 1, 2020: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources created a grant program designed to supply \$300,000 to Minnesota units of government to support ecologically appropriate tree planting efforts to address ash loss on public land.

Development of the Request for Applications is detailed under Activity 1.

The Press Release announcing the grant program, and supporting web pages, were posted on September 13, 2019. A Pre-Application was required of applicants, due on October 4, 2019. Following an initial Grant Review Meeting in conjunction with members of the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee (MnSTAC), selected applicants were invited to submit a Final Application, due on November 15, 2019. Numerous requests for assistance were received from potential applicants, particularly from smaller communities with limited staff, often in greater Minnesota.

A Final Grant Review Meeting was held on December 3, 2019 and 12 communities were selected for funding, from the 25 that submitted applications. All applicants were notified by December 6, 2019 whether or not the project was to be funded. As of this status update, eleven of the 12 communities have fully executed grant contracts. One community is awaiting a final signature from DNR.

Amendment Request (02/28/2020)

Request to change name and contact information for Project Manager. A new Project Manager has been hired, and it is in the best interest of the project that this is reflected in the work plan.

Amendment Approved by LCCMR 3/5/2020

Second Update September 1, 2020: All 12 communities receiving grant funds through this project have fully executed grant contracts with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The first round of grant requests for reimbursement was due June 1, 2020. Many of the communities postponed grant work slated for the Spring-Summer 2020 season due to city and statewide COVID-19 restrictions and closures. Specific reasons for postponement included city offices being temporarily shuttered, project managers working strictly from home, and the inability of some tree planting crews to follow proper social distancing protocols. Communities that did complete grant work, and requested reimbursement by June 1, were the Cities of Hutchinson, Mendota Heights, Morris, Sauk Centre, and Winona.

Third Update March 1, 2021: A second round of requests for reimbursement was due December 1, 2020; DNR received requests from eight grantees. The communities requesting reimbursement by December 1 were the Cities of Hutchinson, Mendota Heights, Rochester Parks & Recreation, Roseville, Saint Louis Park, Saint Paul Forestry, Sauk Centre, and Winona. Of these communities, Rochester Parks & Recreation, Saint Louis Park, and Saint Paul Forestry completed all grant work and were fully reimbursed; their contracts are now closed out. The remaining grantees who did not request reimbursements in 2020 plan to do so in 2021.

Fourth Update September 1, 2021: A third round of requests for reimbursement was due June 1, 2021; DNR received requests from five grantees. The communities requesting reimbursement by June 1 were the Cities of Hutchinson, Maplewood, Roseville, Sauk Centre, and Winona. Of these communities, the City of Winona

completed all grant work and was fully reimbursed; their contract is now closed out. The remaining grantees who did not request reimbursement have projects in progress.

Fifth Update March 1, 2022: A fourth round of requests for reimbursement was due December 1, 2021; DNR received requests from three grantees. The communities requesting reimbursement by December 1 were the Cities of Hutchinson, Mendota Heights, and Morris. The remaining grantees who did not request reimbursement have projects in progress.

Update as of June 30, 2022:

Project extended to June 30, 2023 by LCCMR 6/30/22 as a result of M.L. 2022, Chp.94, Sec. 2, Subd. 19, legislative extension criteria being met.

Sixth Update as of September 1, 2022: A fifth round of requests for reimbursement was due June 1, 2022; DNR received requests from six grantees. The communities requesting reimbursement by June 1 were the Cities of Blaine, Maplewood, Mendota Heights, Morris, Roseville, and Sauk Centre. The remaining grantees who did not request reimbursement have projects in progress.

Seventh Update as of March 1, 2023: A sixth round of requests for reimbursement was due December 1, 2022. The City of Hutchinson completed and closeout out their grant, leaving only City of Brooklyn Park with a project in progress. Brooklyn Park was added to this program in August, 2022, after the City of West St. Paul cancelled their contract. Brooklyn Park will plant 50 trees in Spring of 2023.

Final Report as of June 30, 2023 (to be submitted before August 15, 2023): A competitive grant process was offered through a Request for Applications. A total of 12 communities were selected for funding. The 12 communities supported through this grant included: Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Hutchinson, Maplewood, Mendota Heights, Morris, Rochester, Roseville, St. Louis Park, St. Paul, Sauk Cetner, and Winona. A total of 12 communities were supported with \$300,000 for tree planting efforts to address current and anticipated canopy loss due to emerald ash borer. A total of 2,401 trees were planted.

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III. PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES:

ACTIVITY 1 Title: *Develop request for proposals, administer grants, and implement grant projects to support the planting of trees in community forests.*

Description:

A request for proposals (RFP) will be issued for a grant program to provide \$300,000 in funds to communities to plant trees to mitigate the impacts of the loss of ash from emerald ash borer. The project will work with communities of different sizes and geographic locations to have the greatest impact. Participating communities

will be selected based on demonstrated need for financial and technical assistance, local forestry needs, vulnerable populations (e.g., elderly, low income, etc.), readiness to take on a project of their proposed scope and size, and commitment to sustainable community forestry programming.

ACTIVITY 1 ENRTF BUDGET: \$300,000.00

Outcome	Completion Date
<i>1. RFP development, open application period, and review and select proposals</i>	<i>July 2019 – January 2020</i>
<i>2. Develop work plans and grant agreements; approximately 20 range from \$1,000 to \$25,000</i>	<i>February 2019 – May 2020</i>
<i>3. Grant activities are ongoing, annual work plans received and reviewed</i>	<i>May 2020-2022</i>
<i>4. Quantify value of environmental and economic benefits of community forests statewide and grant projects: energy conservation, air quality, CO₂ and stormwater mitigation</i>	<i>May 2020-2022</i>

First Update March 1, 2020: Development of the Request for Applications (RFA) included creating an accessible application form. The RFA was shared via existing professional networks, was posted on the DNR website, and was listed in the Office of State Grants’ grant databases.

A steering committee of 14 industry professionals was established to prevent conflict of interest during the selection process. The proposal evaluation and scoring tools were developed from a detailed set of project criteria and points system.

The Pre-Application remained open for three weeks, during which 25 applications were received. The steering committee chose 18 local units of government who were invited to submit a Final Application, based on: location relative to known infestations and amount of ash within the community, project overview, project impacts on priority landscapes, and project staff current or future credentials.

The Final Application period remained open for three weeks. Following the Final Application deadline, the steering committee convened and twelve communities were selected and assigned grant dollar amounts based on: project timeline, project budget explanation, project need identification, project impacts on priority populations, and proposed project communications. Work plans were developed for each community, and eleven of the 12 communities have fully executed grant contracts. One community is awaiting a final signature from DNR. Project work may now commence for those with fully executed contracts.

Communities Awarded LCCMR Grant Funds

Community	Amount Awarded
City of Blaine	\$28,364.00
City of Hutchinson	\$30,000.00
City of Maplewood	\$30,000.00
City of Mendota Heights	\$12,715.00
City of Morris	\$16,996.00
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	\$30,000.00
City of Roseville	\$30,000.00
City of Saint Louis Park	\$30,000.00
City of Saint Paul Forestry	\$30,000.00
City of Sauk Centre	\$29,500.00
City of West Saint Paul	\$25,000.00
City of Winona	\$7,425.00

Community	Amount Awarded
Total Grant Funds Awarded	\$300,000.00

Second Update September 1, 2020: All 12 communities receiving grant funds through this project have fully executed grant contracts with the DNR. Project work commenced in Spring 2020 in several of the communities receiving grant funds through this project. Many of the communities postponed grant work slated for the Spring-Summer 2020 season due to city and statewide COVID-19 restrictions and closures. Grant work updates during this reporting period are provided in the following table.

Communities Awarded LCCMR Grant Funds

Community	Community Update June 1, 2020	Amount Reimbursed from June 1, 2020 Deadline	Activities Completed Through June 1, 2020
City of Blaine	No update provided		
City of Hutchinson	Full update provided	\$5,030.00	Tree planting equipment purchased, stumps removed (with match funds)
City of Maplewood	Project delayed (COVID-19)		
City of Mendota Heights	Full update provided	\$1,451.62	Gravel bed constructed, equipment purchased, 10 trees planted
City of Morris	Full update provided	\$7,631.65	Gravel bed constructed, equipment and trees purchased, 59 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Grant work ongoing, waiting on reimbursement		Facebook Live video published
City of Roseville	Project delayed (COVID-19)		
City of Saint Louis Park	Project delayed (COVID-19)		
City of Saint Paul Forestry	Waiting on reimbursement		
City of Sauk Centre	Full update provided	\$1,999.05	Ash trees removed (with match funds), equipment purchased
City of West Saint Paul	No update provided		
City of Winona	Full update provided	\$2,424.02	65 trees planted (17 more planted as match)

Third Update March 1, 2021: Grant work updates during this reporting period are provided in the following table. Outcome 4 will be reported on in the final report.

Communities Awarded LCCMR Grant Funds

Community	Community Update December 1, 2020	Amount Reimbursed from December 1, 2020 Deadline	Activities Completed Through December 1, 2020
City of Blaine	In progress		
City of Hutchinson	Full update provided	\$9,586.94	138 trees planted, remaining sites prepped for spring planting
City of Maplewood	In progress		
City of Mendota Heights	Full update provided	\$3,692.27	43 trees planted
City of Morris	Match funds provided, in progress		150 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Project complete	\$30,000.00	232 trees planted
City of Roseville	Full update provided	\$16,200.52	152 trees planted
City of Saint Louis Park	Project complete	\$30,000.00	182 trees planted
City of Saint Paul Forestry	Project complete	\$30,000.00	99 trees planted
City of Sauk Centre	Full update provided	\$8,388.86	41 trees planted
City of West Saint Paul	In progress		
City of Winona	Full update provided	\$1,275.66	80 trees planted

Fourth Update September 1, 2021: Grant work updates during this reporting period are provided in the following table. Outcome 4 will be reported on in the final report.

Communities Awarded LCCMR Grant Funds

Community	Community Update June 1, 2021	Amount Reimbursed from June 1, 2021 Deadline	Activities Completed Through June 1, 2021
City of Blaine	In progress		
City of Hutchinson	Full update provided	\$296.70	188 trees planted
City of Maplewood	Full update provided	\$14,240.00	38 trees planted
City of Mendota Heights	In progress		43 trees planted
City of Morris	In progress		150 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Project complete		232 trees planted
City of Roseville	Full update provided	\$5,043.28	152 trees planted, gravel bed constructed, 35 trees purchased
City of Saint Louis Park	Project complete		182 trees planted

Community	Community Update June 1, 2021	Amount Reimbursed from June 1, 2021 Deadline	Activities Completed Through June 1, 2021
City of Saint Paul Forestry	Project complete		99 trees planted
City of Sauk Centre	Full update provided	\$8,772.40	92 trees planted
City of West Saint Paul	In progress		
City of Winona	Project complete	\$3,725.32	293 trees planted (52 more planted as match)

Fifth Update March 1, 2022: Grant work updates during this reporting period are provided in the following table. Outcome 4 will be reported on in the final report.

Community	Community Update December 1, 2021	Amount Reimbursed from December 1, 2021 Deadline	Activities Completed Through December 1, 2021
City of Blaine	In progress		
City of Hutchinson	Full update provided	\$5,865.68	258 trees planted
City of Maplewood	In progress		38 trees planted
City of Mendota Heights	Full update provided	\$1,927.34	70 trees planted
City of Morris	Full update provided	\$3,032.97	301 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Project complete		232 trees planted
City of Roseville	In progress		152 trees planted, gravel bed constructed, 35 trees purchased
City of Saint Louis Park	Project complete		182 trees planted
City of Saint Paul Forestry	Project complete		99 trees planted
City of Sauk Centre	In progress		92 trees planted
City of West Saint Paul	In progress		
City of Winona	Project complete		293 trees planted (52 more planted as match)

Update as of June 30, 2022:

Project extended to June 30, 2023 by LCCMR 6/30/22 as a result of M.L. 2022, Chp.94, Sec. 2, Subd. 19, legislative extension criteria being met.

Sixth Update as of September 1, 2022: Grant work updates during this reporting period are provided in the following table. Outcome 4 will be reported on in the final report.

Community	Community Update June 1, 2022	Amount Reimbursed from June 1, 2022 Deadline	Activities Completed Through June 1, 2022
City of Blaine	Project complete	\$28,364.00	271 trees planted
City of Brooklyn Park	Contract executed, project in process		
City of Hutchinson	In progress		258 trees planted
City of Maplewood	Project complete	\$15,760.00	101 trees planted
City of Mendota Heights	Project complete	\$5,643.77	146 trees planted
City of Morris	Project complete	\$6,331.38	362 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Project complete		232 trees planted
City of Roseville	Project complete	\$8,755.78	288 trees planted, gravel bed constructed
City of Saint Louis Park	Project complete		182 trees planted
City of Saint Paul Forestry	Project complete		99 trees planted
City of Sauk Centre	Project complete	\$10,339.69	122 trees planted
City of West Saint Paul	Project canceled by community		
City of Winona	Project complete		345 trees planted

Seventh Update as of March 1, 2023:

Community	Community Update December 1, 2022	Amount Reimbursed from December 1, 2022 Deadline	Activities Completed Through December 1, 2022
City of Blaine	Project complete		271 trees planted
City of Brooklyn Park	In progress		
City of Hutchinson	Project complete	\$8,661.80	338 trees planted
City of Maplewood	Project complete		101 trees planted
City of Mendota Heights	Project complete		146 trees planted
City of Morris	Project complete		362 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Project complete		232 trees planted
City of Roseville	Project complete		288 trees planted, gravel bed constructed

Community	Community Update December 1, 2022	Amount Reimbursed from December 1, 2022 Deadline	Activities Completed Through December 1, 2022
City of Saint Louis Park	Project complete		182 trees planted
City of Saint Paul Forestry	Project complete		99 trees planted
City of Sauk Centre	Project complete		122 trees planted
City of Winona	Project complete		345 trees planted

Final Report as of June 30, 2023 (to be submitted before August 15, 2023):

Community	Community Update December 1, 2022	Amount Reimbursed from June 30, 2023 Deadline	Activities Completed Through June 30, 2023
City of Blaine	Project complete		271 trees planted
City of Brooklyn Park	Project complete	\$25,000.00	54 trees planted
City of Hutchinson	Project complete		338 trees planted
City of Maplewood	Project complete		101 trees planted
City of Mendota Heights	Project complete		146 trees planted
City of Morris	Project complete		362 trees planted
City of Rochester Parks and Recreation	Project complete		232 trees planted
City of Roseville	Project complete		288 trees planted, gravel bed constructed
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IV. DISSEMINATION:

Description:

All grantee reports will be integrated into a final project report. This final report will document the impact of the program and feature outputs (# trees planted) along with outcomes (pounds carbon sequestered, stormwater gallons mitigated, etc.). The final report will be shared with the LCCMR and Minnesota’s urban forestry professional community through the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee.

This project will also be featured on the DNR website as an important community assistance program.

The Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) will be acknowledged through use of the trust fund logo or attribution language on project print and electronic media, publications, signage, and other communications per the [ENRTF Acknowledgement Guidelines](#).

First Update March 1, 2020: Given that not all grantees have fully executed contracts, no announcement of grant recipients has yet been made on the DNR website. Once all contracts are fully executed, an update will be made to the website (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/forestmgmt/managing-ash.html>).

One community thus far has requested the ENRTF logo. An email was sent to all grantees with fully executed contracts reminding them of the ENRTF acknowledgement guidelines and providing them with a logo.

Second Update September 1, 2020: Following the full execution of all grant contracts, the DNR issued a News Release entitled “Minnesota communities receive nearly \$1 million in grants to fight emerald ash borer” on April 23, 2020. The News Release combined the \$300,000 in funding received through LCCMR (this project) with \$679,000 in additional funding appropriated through Minnesota’s General Fund, also in 2019 (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/news/2020/04/23/minnesota-communities-receive-nearly-1-million-grants-fight-emerald-ash-borer>). Recipients of funding were also shared on Twitter on March 6, shortly after all grant contracts were fully executed (<https://twitter.com/mnforestry/status/1235984740215185408>).

As mentioned in the March 1, 2020 update, the DNR website has been updated to reflect the information presented in the News Release (<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/forestmgmt/managing-ash.html>). Many subsequent articles were released from various news agencies across Minnesota based on the news release, including the Star Tribune (<https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-briefs-25-minnesota-cities-will-divide-1m-to-fight-ash-borer/569951442/>), and the Hutchinson Leader (https://www.crowrivermedia.com/hutchinsonleader/news/local/grant-helps-hutchinson-plant-new-trees/article_c3e6c456-06d1-58f0-b4d5-70366329aaea.html). The City of Rochester Parks & Recreation Department, although not yet requesting reimbursement, has been actively working on grant activities. In lieu of an in-person Arbor Day celebration to teach community members about emerald ash borer, they put together a Facebook Live event, which has since been viewed by 2,700 people (<https://www.facebook.com/rochestermnparks/videos/350350629263822/>).

Third Update March 1, 2021: Articles released during this reporting period include the following:

Morris: [Article](#) in the Stevens County Times (released August 25, 2020)

Roseville: [News Release](#), was reposted by local news

Saint Louis Park: Information [provided](#) on city website following project completion

Saint Paul: Grant program mentioned in reforestation section of Emerald Ash Borer Management Program 2020 [Annual Report](#) – 2021 Recommendations.

Fourth Update September 1, 2021: Articles released during this reporting period include the following:

Maplewood: The City of Maplewood released an informational [video](#) on their Tree Management Plan, crediting their grant and showing contractor tree planting. Maplewood hosted the 2020 EAB Open House, highlighting the grant, and presenting on the following topics: ash identification, mapping EAB, EAB identification and look-alikes, and signs of infestation and tree treatments. The City held a March 2021 webinar covering these topics again in a PowerPoint presentation with a question and answer session staffed by the Carole Gernes (Natural Resources Coordinator), Lu Cortesi (Tree inspector/Public Works Office Specialist), and Mark Rehder (Contracted Forester).

Sauk Centre: Ben Clink did an interview with the local paper on June 4 with an update to residents on the city’s tree removal progress and planting plans. That article cannot be located digitally.

Winona: Multiple Facebook posts on [tree planting](#), emerald ash borer [management](#), and tree [watering](#).

Fifth Update March 1, 2022: No articles released during this reporting period were noted or found.

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Sixth Update as of September 1, 2022:

Maplewood: The City held an in-person education event at the Maplewood Nature Center, June 2022 covering topics in planting, maintenance and pruning in a PowerPoint presentation with a question and answer session staffed by the Carole Gernes (Natural Resources Coordinator).

Mendota Heights: A Natural Resources Commission was established, which will help guide policy around public tree management within City-owned property. The city is pursuing becoming a Tree City USA.

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V. ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFORMATION:

A. Personnel and Capital Expenditures

Explanation of Capital Expenditures Greater Than \$5,000:

Explanation of Use of Classified Staff:

Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Directly Funded with this ENRTF Appropriation:

Enter Total Estimated Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 0	Divide total personnel hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = = TOTAL FTE: 0
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Total Number of Full-time Equivalents (FTE) Estimated to Be Funded through Contracts with this ENRTF Appropriation:

Enter Total Estimated Contract Personnel Hours for entire duration of project: 0	Divide total contract hours by 2,080 hours in 1 yr = TOTAL FTE: 0
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VI. PROJECT PARTNERS:

A. Partners outside of project manager’s organization receiving ENRTF funding

B. Partners outside of project manager’s organization NOT receiving ENRTF funding

Name	Title	Affiliation	Role
Council members	State Urban and Community Forestry Council	Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Committee	Grant review

VII. LONG-TERM- IMPLEMENTATION AND FUNDING:

Community planted and maintained trees will provide tremendous long-term economic and environmental benefits to the state and its citizens. Funding from ENRTF will reduce the long-term impact the loss of ash will have on the state of Minnesota.

VIII. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- Project status update reports will be submitted March 1 and September 1 each year of the project
- A final report and associated products will be submitted between June 30 and August 15, 2023

IX. SEE ADDITIONAL WORK PLAN COMPONENTS:

- A. Budget Spreadsheet**
- B. Visual Component or Map**
- C. Parcel List Spreadsheet**
- D. Acquisition, Easements, and Restoration Requirements**
- E. Research Addendum**

Attachment A:

Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund

M.L. 2019 Final Budget Spreadsheet

Legal Citation: M.L. 2019, First Special Session, Art. 4, Sec. 2, Subd. 06d

Project Manager: Emma Schultz

Project Title: Emerald Ash Borer Response Grants

Organization: Department of Natural Resources

Project Budget: \$300,000.00

Project Length and Completion Date: June 30, 2023

Today's Date: September 29, 2023



ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND BUDGET	Budget	Amount Spent	Balance
BUDGET ITEM			
Professional/Technical/Service Contracts			
Grants to local units of government for planting trees in response to ash removal to approximately 20 communities.	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
COLUMN TOTAL	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -

OTHER FUNDS CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROJECT	Status (secured or pending)	Budget	Spent	Balance
Non-State:		\$ 93,310	\$ 93,310	\$ -
State:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
In kind:		\$ 238,398	\$ 238,398	\$ -

PAST AND CURRENT ENRTF APPROPRIATIONS	Amount legally obligated but not yet spent	Budget	Spent	Balance
Current appropriation:	\$ -	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ -
Past appropriations:		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -