

MARSHALLTOWN

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TO: Mayor Greer and City Council
FROM: Geoff Hubbard, Park & Recreation Director
DATE: 11/08/22
RE: City stump and ash tree removal in city parks and right-of-ways

Policy Issue: Authorization for use of Council Designated Local Option Sales Tax.

<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 1: Expand and improve development	<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 3: Continually improve the City's organization & services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Goal 2: Enhance Marshalltown's public image	<input type="checkbox"/> Goal 4: Partner with others to improve quality of life

Specific Objective/Action: Objective 2: Enhance Marshalltown's Public Image

Recommendation: Staff is recommending approval of the use of LOST funds up to \$75,000.00 to remove the remaining stumps left from the derecho and ash trees that are dead due to the Emerald Ash Borer.

Budget Impact: Council would designate \$75,000 in Local Option Sales Tax toward the contracts for stump and ash tree removals.

Description/Background: Staff has taken an inventory of how many stumps and ash trees are in the park and trail system. We have 520 stumps in the parks, 387 of which are in Riverview Park. We have 82 ash trees in parks, 37 of which are in Riverview Park. Staff feels we can definitely take care of the stumps with the current amount of money designated toward the project but may not be able to take care of all the ash trees. We would like to get bids out the week of November 7th with bids due December 6th to be reviewed by Council on December 12th, at which time Council can decide to just take care of the stumps and/or take care of the ash trees based on the bid amounts.

Attachments: none

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