

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
Legislative Summary  
2026 PURCHASE OF CITYWIDE TREE PLANTING AND TREE  
MAINTENANCE SERVICES

ORDINANCE NO: 1461-2025

**LEGISLATIVE PURPOSE:** The Departments of Parks and Recreation, Aging, Public Works, and Community Development are requesting authorization to enter one or more requirement contracts for trees, as well as for the labor and materials necessary to perform various urban forestry services. These services include, but are not limited to, maintaining and planting trees, and removing trees, stumps, and related tree waste materials. The contracts will be for a period of one year, with a one-year renewal option to be exercised at the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation. Funds will be encumbered from capital funds, general funds, and other sources appropriated for this purpose, with specific sub-fund(s) and project numbers to be provided by the Department of Finance.

**PURPOSE:** Passage of this legislation will enable the Department of Parks and Recreation to enhance the City's aesthetic appeal through the planting of new trees, preserve the natural landscape by maintaining existing trees, and promote public safety by removing hazardous trees.

**FUNDING:** The cost of the contract(s) authorized shall be paid from funds credited with any current bond proceeds received, from the sale of future bonds issued for this purpose, and from any additional funding sources deemed appropriate by the Director of Finance.

Traditionally, the Department of Community Development has allocated \$85,000 for hazardous tree removal on vacant lots and \$75,000 for the Community Tree Assistance Program for Seniors (CTAPS), in addition to \$500,000 from Capital funds and other available federal grants

#### Previously Awarded Requirement Contracts

Vendor(s)	VanCuren Services Inc.	Vendor(s)	VanCuren Services Inc.
Contract Number:	RC2025-12	Contract Number:	RC2025-13
Commodity:	Emergency Stump Removal	Commodity:	Tree removal & site restoration
Expires:	02/11/2026	Expires:	02/11/2026
Amount:	\$18,335.00	Amount:	\$1,084,500.00
Vendor(s)	VanCuren Services Inc.	Vendor(s)	Great Lakes Tree Services, Inc
Contract Number:	RC2025-14	Contract Number:	RC2025-18
Commodity:	Tree pruning	Commodity:	Tree removal & site restoration
Expires:	02/11/2026	Expires:	03/04/2026
Amount:	\$1,439,445.00	Amount:	\$124,400.00

Vendor(s)	Great Lakes Tree Inc.	Vendor(s)	ESK Landscaping
Contract Number:	RC2025-19	Contract Number:	RC2025-63
Commodity:	Stump Removal	Commodity:	Tree Planting
Expires:	03/04/2026	Expires:	07/28/2026
Amount:	\$155,000.00	Amount:	\$396,300.00