

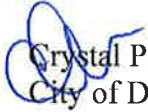


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM:  Crystal Perkins, Director, General Services Department
City of Detroit

DATE: May 10, 2024

RE: CITY OF DETROIT DEAD, DANGEROUS, AND DISEASED TREE PROGRAM

The General Services Department (GSD), with the approval of funding by the City Council, launched the Dead, Dangerous, and Diseased Tree program as an initiative to help residents clean up trees in neighborhoods across the City of Detroit. The program allows residents to report trees on their private property that they feel need to be trimmed or completely removed. Once the survey for the tree is complete, if the tree qualifies then the tree will be trimmed or removed at no cost to the resident. The program was created to assist all residents, but does prioritize Seniors, differently abled and low-income residents as much as possible.

The application process, which is now closed, required residents to go to the Department of Neighborhoods website and submit a request. The intake launched on April 24, 2023, and closed July 6, 2023. The City received a total of 7061 requests, they are broken down by district as follows.

1. District 1: 1,674
2. District 2: 1,588
3. District 3: 925
4. District 4: 1,049
5. District 5: 542
6. District 6: 334
7. District 7: 949

There have now been six (6) Supplier contracts approved by City Council to cover these services for a total amount of \$7,100,000. The Suppliers are averaging roughly 40 trees a week, and as of May 10, 2024 there have been 658 trees that have been serviced. The district breakdown is as follows:

1. District 1: 147 Removals / 30 Trims
2. District 2: 110 Removals / 27 Trims
3. District 3: 88 Removals / 27 Trims
4. District 4: 83 Removals / 22 Trims



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5. District 5: 33 Removals / 10 Trims
6. District 6: 22 Removals / 4 Trims
7. District 7: 44 Removals / 11 Trims

Of the \$7,100,000.00 in funding, there has been \$1,765,586.42 invoiced so far, and there is \$5,334,413.58 remaining in funding that has been contractually awarded. The funding is set to exhaust in December of 2024, and with the current average cost per service being \$2,669.67, it is estimated that 2,659 trees will be covered when the current funding exhausts.

There will be roughly 4,402 requests that will not be funded. To complete the remaining requests received, it will require an estimated \$11,751,887.34

Should you have additional questions, comments, and/or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

Cc: Honorable City Council
Malik Washington, Government Affairs Assistant