



City of Rochester Hills  
AGENDA SUMMARY  
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2022-0475

**TO:** Mayor and City Council Members

**FROM:** Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director, Parks & Natural Resources Department

**DATE:** November 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Support for Oakland County Moth Suppression Grant Program Application and Matching Funds

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**REQUEST:**

Parks and Natural Resources is requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application to Oakland County. The City of Rochester Hills will be seeking matching reimbursement funds from the program in a not to exceed amount of \$30,000 (maximum amount allowed per community) on a 1 to 1 matching basis for reimbursement.

A certified City Council Resolution is required to authorize the Parks & Natural Resources Director to act as agent for the City of Rochester Hills to request reimbursement of eligible Spongy Moth (formally known as Gypsy Moth) treatment activity under Oakland County's Moth Suppression Grant Program. This resolution must be in place by November 30, 2022 to request reimbursement for 2022 fall egg mass surveys and 2023 treatment.

**REASON FOR PURCHASE:**

Spongy Moth caterpillars are an invasive species that can defoliate host trees by feeding on their leaves, ultimately threatening community tree canopy, as well as being a nuisance to residents. The City has supported monitoring and treatment of the community's canopy over the past 4 years for Spongy Moth and has budgeted funds to treat these moths if necessary in 2023.

Through a partnership with Oakland County, the City of Rochester Hills looks to participate in a Spongy Moth control program in the spring of 2023. Based on fall 2022 Egg Mass Surveys that are currently in the process of being completed, City staff looks to identify any locations throughout the city that would qualify for treatment and to be included in the County program.

**PROCESS:**

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution for an appropriation of \$120,000 and launched the FY23 Invasive Spongy Moth Suppression program in partnership with MSU Extension. The City of Rochester Hills will be seeking matching reimbursement funds from the program in a not to exceed amount of \$30,000 (maximum amount allowed per community) on a 1 to 1 matching basis for reimbursement

**BUDGET:**

Funding is included in the FY 2023 Adopted Budget

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Tree Fund	232.807000	Contractual Services	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application to Oakland County and approve \$30,000 as a not to exceed match for eligible Spongy Moth control activity including 2023 aerial spraying and 2022 fall egg mass surveys under Oakland County's Moth Suppression Grant Program and further authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

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APPROVALS:	SIGNATURE	DATE
Department Review		
Department Director		
Budget Content: Chief Financial Officer		
Purchasing Process: Procurement Manager		
Mayor		
City Clerk		

Contract Reviewed by City Attorney     Yes     N/A