



City of Rochester Hills
AGENDA SUMMARY
FINANCIAL ITEMS

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Legislative File No: 2022-0125

TO: Mayor and City Council Members
FROM: Ken Elwert, CPRE, Director, Parks & Natural Resources Department
DATE: March 21, 2022
SUBJECT: Support for Oakland County Moth Suppression Grant Program Application and Matching Funds

REQUEST:

Parks and Natural Resources is requesting that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application to Oakland County with a total estimated project cost of \$12,000 with a 1 to 1 match of approximately \$6,000 by the City. Application deadline is April 1, 2022.

A certified City Council Resolution is required to authorize the City of Rochester Hills to participate in Oakland County’s new Moth Suppression Grant Program. This program allows the City to request reimbursement of eligible Spongy Moth (formerly known as Gypsy Moth) treatment activity. This resolution must be in place by April 15, 2022 to request reimbursement for treatment with a 1 to 1 match requirement.

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 3 years for Spongy Moth and has budgeted funds to treat these moths in 2022.

Through a partnership with Oakland County, the City of Rochester Hills looks to participate in a Spongy Moth control program in the spring of 2022. Based on fall 2021 Egg Mass Surveys, City staff identified multiple locations throughout the city that qualify for treatment and to be included in the County program.

PROCESS:

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution for a one-time appropriation of \$250,000 and launched the 2022 Moth Suppression program in partnership with MSU Extension. The City of Rochester Hills will be seeking matching reimbursement funds from the program in an estimated amount of \$6,000 on a 1 to 1 matching basis for reimbursement.

BUDGET:

Funding is included in the FY 2022 Adopted Budget.

Fund Name	Department Account No	Account No. Description	Budget Amount	Cost	Remaining Budget
Tree Fund	232.807000	Contractual Services	\$10,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$4,000.00

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Rochester Hills City Council approve submission of a grant application to Oakland County and approve approximately \$6,000 as a match for participation in the aerial spraying for eligible Spongy Moth control activity under Oakland County's Moth Suppression Grant Program and further authorized the Mayor to execute the agreement on behalf of the City.

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