



**Request for City Council Committee Action
Health Department**

Date: May 12, 2014

To: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

Referral to: WAYS & MEANS/BUDGET COMMITTEE

Subject: CONTRACT WITH TREE TRUST FOR LANDSCAPING
CONSULTATION AND TREE PLANTING SERVICES

Recommendation:

Council authorization to contract with Tree Trust to provide landscaping consultation and tree planting services to interested Minneapolis businesses who pay a Pollution Control Annual Bill for a total not to exceed \$75,000 from fund/department 00100-8600155.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by: _____
Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

Following a competitive RFP approved by the Permanent Review Committee, Tree Trust was selected to provide services to include landscaping consultation and tree planting services for interested Minneapolis businesses that pay a Pollution Control Annual Bill (PCAB). The urban tree canopy has been devastated by storms and pests in recent years. The greatest potential to increase the urban tree canopy is on private land. Through this contract, consultation and tree planting services will be available to interested businesses in the spring and fall of 2014 and 2015 for an estimated 300 trees. Tree Trust will provide consultation on tree selection and placement to provide energy cost-savings and will provide a selection of trees to maintain species diversity in the urban canopy.