

# Memorandum



To: Dale Berman, Village President & Board of Trustees  
Cc: Steven Bosco, Village Administrator  
From: Brian Richter, Public Works Streets Superintendent  
Date: August 14, 2019  
Re: Award of Bid for 2019 Tree Replacement Program

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This year the Village of North Aurora revised its specifications for the tree replacement program. The project specifications were amended to promote diversity among the parkway trees, identify inspection requirements, and clarify the planting procedures. There are 100 trees included in this year's tree planting program. The project was advertised on the website and in the newspaper on July 24, 2018. On August 14th, the Village received 2 bids for the annual tree replacement program.

Table 1. Bid Results

No.	Company	Bid
1	Americana Landscape Group, Inc.	\$ 33,040.00
2	Acres Group	\$ 33,950.00

Tree replacement is budgeted at \$45,000 from the General Fund. The 2019 bid was very competitive with a difference of only \$910 between the two bidders. Americana Landscape Group, Inc., located in Elgin, Illinois provided the lowest bid in the amount of \$33,040.00. This is \$11,960.00 under budget. Americana Landscape Group, Inc. is the company that the Village used last year for the tree replacement program. We have contacted them several times since June 3, 2019, in regards to replacing dead trees under warranty and we still have not heard back from them. For this reason we feel that they have not provided the Village with responsive service. We are rejecting the low bid from Americana Group.

Staff is recommending Acres Group be awarded the contract. Acres Group has planted trees for the Village three times prior to last year. They have provided us with good service and responded to our request in a timely matter. Their bid was \$910 more than Americana Landscape Group but still \$11,050 under budget. At this time staff would like to recommend that Acres Group be awarded the contract for the amount of \$33,950.00.