

# CONSENT ITEM – 8J



## MEMORANDUM

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**DATE:** March 9, 2026

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
Jessica Jagoe, City Administrator

**FROM:** Lucas J. Miller, Assistant Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** 2026 Professional Services Extension with Rainbow Tree Care

Budgeted Amount:	Actual Amount:	Funding Source:
\$25,000	\$8,000	Parks Maintenance Fund

(For tree removal, buckthorn, TLCB and EAB)

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### **Council Should Consider**

Motions to approve, table, or deny the following:

- Agreement Extension for Professional Services with Rainbow Tree Care to treat existing ash trees on City property and private property by injection.
- Agreement Extension for Professional Services with Rainbow Tree Care to treat existing oak trees on City property and private property by injection.

### **Background/Discussion**

Annually, Staff reviews contracting with Rainbow Tree Care (RTC) for Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) and Two-Lined Chestnut Borer (TLCB) mitigation services to City owned, public Ash and Oak trees. This year RTC has adjusted its pricing for 2026, so the contract sets the cost rate per inch for the City to treat by injection existing Ash and Oak trees and, also, provides Arden Hills' residents a discounted rate from RTC's standard fee to treat their Ash and Oak trees by injection, if interested. RTC is offering \$7.25 per inch for Ash (same as 2025) and \$9.14 per inch for Oak trees (an increase from 2025) for residents and \$5.15 per inch for Ash (same as 2025) and \$5.75 per inch for Oak trees (an increase from 2025) for the City. Attachment A is a copy of the signed 2026 PSA, if Council so chooses. Correlating pricing tables can be seen within the PSA.

The City performs injection treatment every other year. It was last completed in 2025 for most of the Ash and now in 2026 for the Oaks.

## **Budget Impact**

### 2026 Public Tree Treatments:

Ash Tree Injection Treatment (done every other year) - ~\$2,000

Oak Tree Injection Treatment (done every other year) - ~\$6,000

## **Attachments**

Attachment A – Professional Services Agreement with Rainbow Tree Care for 2026