City of Birmingham
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MEMORANDUM

Department of Public Services

DATE: **September 10, 2015**

TO: **Joseph A. Valentine, City Manager**

FROM: **Lauren A. Wood, Director of Public Services**

SUBJECT: **Staff Report – DNR Forestry Grant**

This week the City was informed it has been awarded a grant for tree planting in the amount of $4,000 from the DTE Energy Foundation Tree Grant Program. The subject area is on the western edge of Quarton Lake. We submitted the application in June 2015 with a project title of Quarton Lake Replenish Native Species.

During last year, the City conducted a survey of Quarton Lake Park to identify problematic invasive species in order to prepare a Habitat Restoration Management Plan which includes recommendations on invasive species management and native plant replacements. This management plan is being used for planning and budgeting purposes and has been included in the annual budget.

This grant opportunity will be our first undertaking with regard to utilizing the management plan for Quarton Lake. The 46 new trees will be planted after portions of the invasive species have been removed around Quarton Lake. This is a long-term management plan and we are in the process of bidding out the services for invasive species removal around Quarton Lake.

We anticipate the entire project cost to be about $14,532.00. The $4,000 in grant dollars will reimburse the City for a portion of the costs of the trees. The other costs include personnel and contractor costs for planting the trees. The actually planting will occur during 2016.