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To: Public Infrastructure Committee

From: Chad Scheinoha, Operations Division Manager

Re: 19-0959 Emerald Ash Borer Urban Forestry Plan Update

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) was positively identified in Manitowoc during 2017. During fall of 2017 we applied for a WDNR matching grant and were successful. The grant matches up to \$25,000.00. We devised a plan for the grant for about a \$50,000.00 project related EAB. One portion of this grant was to update our city EAB plan. The attached plan was written by Ranger Services. It has been approved by the City Forester, Tree Commission, and WDNR Forestry Representative as stated in the grant requirements.

The city's previous plan had been put in place during 2009. This was before EAB was identified in the area. It did not address specific plans to deal with the volume of infected trees that exists today. It was a proactive approach based on available budget funding to remove and replace the trees before they were infected. Much of that plan was not implemented.

Attached is a copy of the plan.

I recommend the City approve this plan update for the following reasons:

1. This plan will give us transparent direction for years to come, regarding how we deal with infected ash trees.