



## **SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

AFTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
3033 St. Croix Trail South (See Note Below)

**Monday, August 24 at 4:30 p.m.**

**Note: Due to the Covid-19 Virus and the Governor's Executive Order, the August 24, 2020 Special City Council meeting will be held remotely using the Zoom video conference application.**

### **To Join the Zoom Meeting:**

The Link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85040739506>

Meeting ID: 850 4073 9506

**To Dial In, the call-in number is +1 312 626 6799**

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – August 24, 2020 Special Council Meeting**
- 4. CITY COUNCIL BUSINESS**
  - A. Tree Replacement Plan Parameters for 1073 Indian Trail Path
  - B. Expenditures Eligible for Federal CARES Funding
- 5. ADJOURN**

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3033 St. Croix Trl, P.O. Box 219  
Afton, MN 55001

## Meeting Date August 24, 2020

### Council Action Memo

To: Mayor Palmquist and City Council Members  
From: Ron Moore, City Administrator  
Date: August 20, 2020  
Re: Tree Replacement Parameters and Specifications at 1073 Indian Trail Path

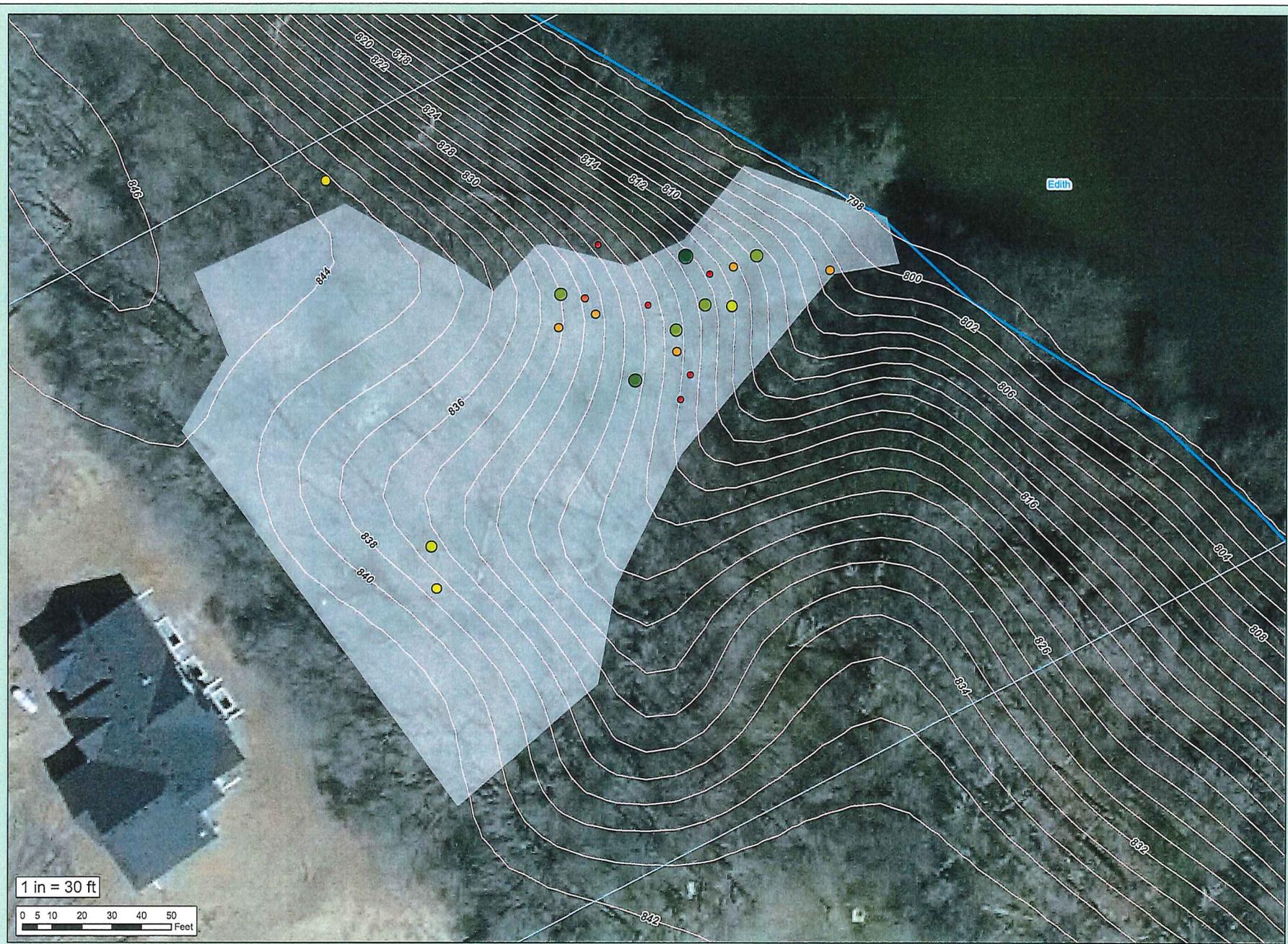
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One of the requirements related to mitigating the clearcutting of the slope to Lake Edith at 1073 Indian Trail Path is the replacement of the trees that were removed, in an effort to replace the screening, habitat, and canopy that the trees provided. This first requires a tree replacement plan, based on parameters that reflect the City's ordinance requirements and the DNR's tree replacement recommendations. Jay Riggs, of the Washington County Conservation District, has performed a tree stump inventory to determine the number and size of trees that were removed. Attached is a pdf of the tree stump survey and a spreadsheet of the stump measurements. The stump survey excludes buckthorn stumps (there were a few very large buckthorn stumps). There were fewer significant trees removed than Jay originally anticipated. He found 22 significant tree stumps with a total diameter of removed of 174 inches.

Based on the stump inventory, the City's ordinance requirements, the DNR recommendations and Jay's expertise, Jay is preparing a set of parameters and specifications that the tree replacement plan must meet. He is planning to have the parameters and specifications completed by Friday, August 21, at which time they will be provided to the Council for discussion at the Special Council meeting. (Jay will also participate in the Special Council meeting, in case the Council has questions regarding the parameters.) The parameters will then be provided to the Lake Edith residents who have requested to review them. They will then be provided to the property owner and their tree replacement contractor as the basis for the development of a tree replacement plan that will be subject to the review and approval of the Council.

#### Council Action Requested

Motion regarding the tree replacement plan parameters and specifications for the property at 1073 Indian Trail Path.



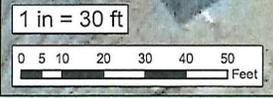
**KEY TO FEATURES**

- Diameter " (Twins Combined)**
- 14
  - 13
  - 12
  - 10
  - 9
  - 6
  - 5
  - 4
- ▭ Vegetation Removal Area
  - ▭ Parcels
  - 2 ft Contours (LiDAR)
  - ▭ Wetland
  - ▭ DNR Public Waters
  - ▭ Hydric/Wetland Soils



Morri Shoreline  
Bluff  
Afton

2019 Aerial Photo



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NAME	DATE	COMMENTS	PHOTO	Diameter
maple 6	8/17/2020	6		6
basswood twin 8 + 6	8/17/2020	14		14
maple 12	8/17/2020	12		12
ash 10	8/17/2020	10		10
opposite 12	8/17/2020	12		12
unknown 4	8/17/2020	4		4
unknown 6	8/17/2020	6		6
unknown 4	8/17/2020	4		4
unknown 6	8/17/2020	6		6
unknown twin 6 + 6	8/17/2020	12		12
ironwood 4	8/17/2020	4		4
ironwood 4	8/17/2020	4		4
unknown 4	8/17/2020	4		4
basswood 13	8/17/2020	13		13
unknown 6	8/17/2020	6		6
unknown 5	8/17/2020	5		5
unknown 12	8/17/2020	12		12
unknown 6	8/17/2020	6		6
ash 9	8/17/2020	9		9
unknown 10	8/17/2020	10		10
unknown 9	8/17/2020	9		9
ironwood 6	8/17/2020	6		6
			<b>Total:</b>	<b>174</b>

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Re: Expenditures Eligible for the Federal CARES Funding

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Cities are receiving federal CARES funding to assist with expenses the City incurs related to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The City is scheduled to receive \$227,829 of CARES funding by September 4. The funding must be used by November 15, 2020. Any funds unused will go to Washington County. Staff has been tracking operating expenses related to Covid-19 that are eligible for the CARES funding. In addition, the Council recently authorized expenditures to upgrade the Council Chambers AV system to better enable remote Council meetings. Staff has identified a number of additional items that would be beneficial for preventing the spread of Covid 19 and for improving public access to City information while the City Hall is closed. These are listed below. Some of these can also be done in the Afton Historical Museum building, which the City owns. Staff is in the process of obtaining price quotes for these items, and will provide them as soon as they are obtained.

Staff has also consulted with the City Auditor, who is very familiar with the eligibility rules for the CARES funding. He has indicated all of the items the City is considering would be eligible for the CARES funding.

### Additional Covid-19 Expenditure Items

- Touchless faucets and toilet fixtures for restrooms (which may include the cost of opening up some walls to increase the size of water lines to toilet fixtures)
- Water softeners to improve water quality (rust) to prevent problems with the operation of the auto flush mechanisms
- Ion air purification module for furnaces
- Electronic spray sanitizer for walls, tables, countertops, etc, that enables the sanitizing media to remain on the surface and continue to work for an extended period
- Upgrade of City website to make it more accessible
- Enable on-line payments

### Council Action Requested

Motion regarding the proposed uses for the federal CARES funding.