

Elizabeth Dean Fund Committee

STAFF REPORT: DECEMBER 10, 2019

PROJECT UPDATES

1. Vet's Park potential Soldier Row

Hillary will provide a plan. Once it is available, I will get quotes for installation and post-planting maintenance. Project timeline remains the same.

Project timeline:

Spring 2019	Project design (Hillary Hanzel) – COMPLETE (out for final review)
Summer 2019	EDFC Project Review & Approval - COMPLETE
Fall 2019	Send out for project quotes
Spring 2020	Plant trees – Hire a contractor

POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Note: Staff liaison cannot take on any additional project coordination for FY20. The large EDFC Vet's Park project, along with normal job responsibilities, and the large citywide Street Tree Inventory Update have maxed my time. The potential projects presented below should be considered for FY21 (Fall 2020 and Spring 2021).

1. 7th Street Median Tree Planting

This area is now included in the Fall 2019 Tree Planting Program. 30 trees are scheduled to be planted in this median strip. Species include:

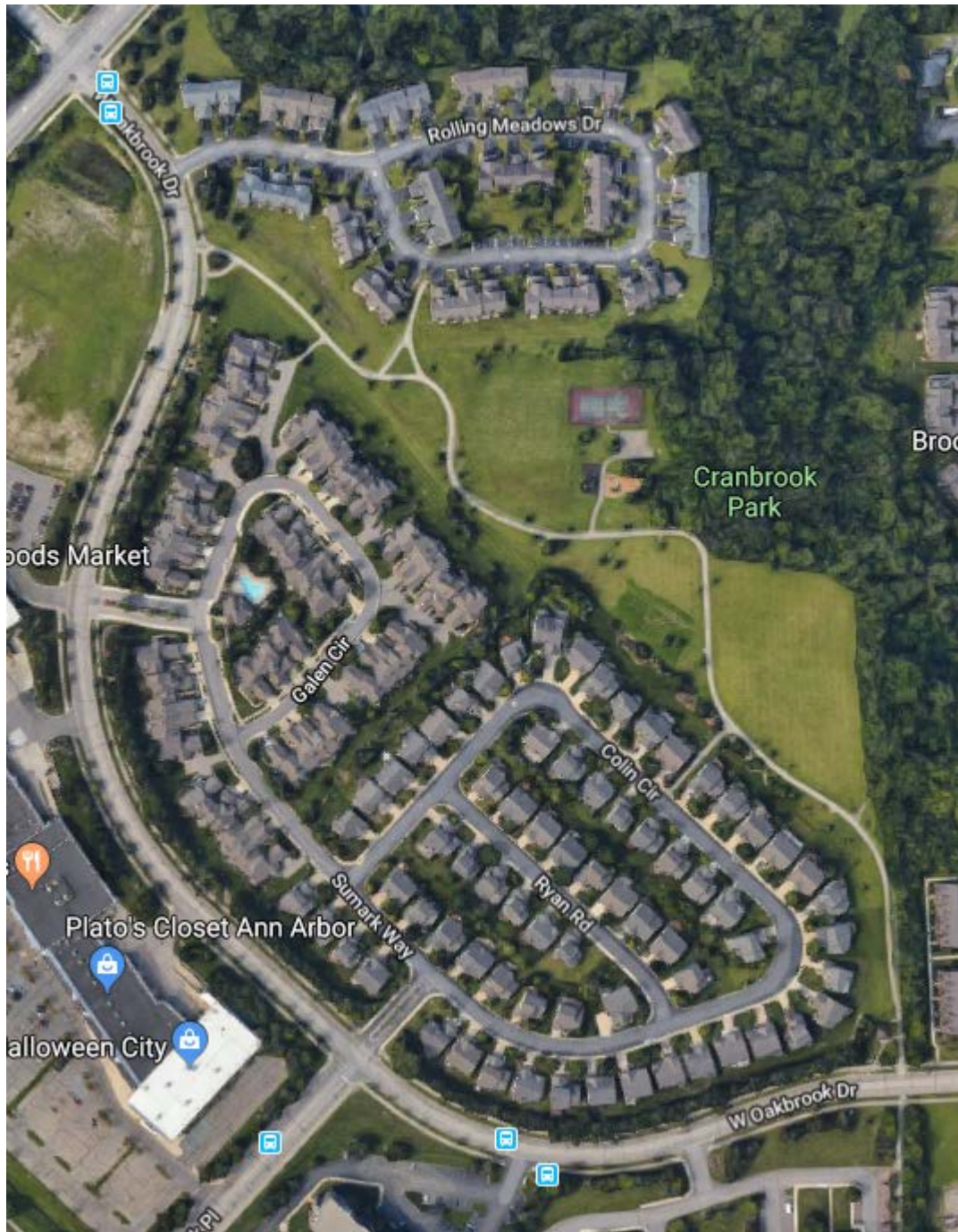
- Accolade elm
- Red oak
- Kentucky coffeetree
- Miyabei maple
- London planetree
- Yellowwood



2. Cranbrook Park Tree Planting

A resident has requested that trees be planted at Cranbrook Park along the walking path to add additional shade for pedestrians. Parks staff agree with the suggestion, and would like to have one to two trees planted in this park. Parks staff would plant the trees; and provide post-planting care.

They are asking for the cost of the trees to be covered. Hillary Hanzel would select species and placement of the trees. Estimated costs are: 2 trees at \$300.00/tree, for a **not-to-exceed cost of \$600.00**.



3. Hanover Square Park Tree Planting

Parks staff have noted that there are two empty tree pits on the Packard Street side of this park, where Packard and S. Division Streets meet and two declining pear trees located on the S. Division Street side of the park. Parks staff have requested that the EDFC either just plant the two empty tree pits, or preferably,

remove the declining pear trees and plant 4 trees that are more appropriate to the site. This is a well-traveled intersection that gets a lot of vehicular traffic.

Forestry staff would handle the removals and stump grinding as needed, financed by parks maintenance funds. Forestry staff would also plant the trees, again, financed by parks maintenance funds. The request is for the EDFC to cover the costs of the trees. Parks staff would provide post-planting tree care.

Estimated costs include:

- **Option A:** Planting 2 trees in the empty tree pits: 2 trees at approximately \$300.00/tree for a **not-to-exceed cost of \$600.00.**
- **Option B:** Removing two existing trees and planting 4 trees in the tree pits: 4 trees at approximately \$300.00/tree, for a **not-to-exceed cost of \$1,200.00.**



4. Riverside Park Tree Planting

Parks staff have requested that 5 – 10 redbud trees be planted at Riverside Park. There is a redbud grove along the river and they are beginning to age-out. Staff would like to plant succession redbud trees, and revisit the area again in 5 years to see if additional trees need to be planted at that time.

The EDFC was one of the original contributors to the installation of this grove and dedication stone/sign.



Parks staff would handle tree planting and post-planting care. The request is to cover the cost of the redbud trees. Estimated costs include:

- **Option A:** Planting 5 trees: 5 trees at approximately \$300.00/tree, for a **not-to-exceed cost of \$1,500.00.**
- **Option B:** Planting greater than 5 trees, not to exceed 10 trees: 6 to 10 trees at approximately \$300.00/tree, for a **not-to-exceed cost of \$3,000.00** (if 10 trees are selected).

BUDGET UPDATE

1. FY2020 Update

FY2020 Update:

Here is what the Committee decided during February's budget meeting:

Dean Fund Budget Allocation - FY 20		
Activity #		
6317	Post Plant Care	\$ 12,000.00
6320	Trimming	\$ 12,000.00
6325	Stump Removal	\$ 1,800.00
6327	Tree Planting	\$ 24,000.00
6329	Tree Removals	\$ 10,200.00
	Total	\$ 60,000.00

It is unknown why what was communicated to finance was altered.

If you decide you would like to have funds moved into this FY20 budget, a plan will have to be put together to bring to council for their approval.