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The Village of Bannockburn Awarded Funding to Remove Invasive Species

Bannockburn, IL March 20, 2025 — The Village of Bannockburn was awarded a \$25,000 grant to remove invasive species along Wilmot Road and plant new trees.

Funding for this project was provided by the Urban and Community Forestry Programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and USDA Forest Service Eastern Region. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. These funds are administered by The Morton Arboretum's [Chicago Region Trees Initiative \(CRTI\)](#).

The Village is committed to matching \$32,000 in personnel and staff time spent managing and working with the forester and contractor to assist in the GPS coordinating new trees, developing and approving bid documents and contracts, preparing the 2025 Tree City USA and Tree City USA Growth Award applications, planting of trees, mulch, labor and materials costs for tree maintenance, tree removal and planting.

The Village Board, residents, and staff are committed to invasive species removal, tree planting, tree care and maintenance as approved by the Urban Forest Management Plan and reviewed by the Tree Commission. The committee is a group of Architectural Review Committee members who are appointed by the Village President and approved by the Village Board to advise elected officials on tree ordinances, policies, and management.

The Village is receiving funds for invasive woody species removal in the Village right-of-way on Wilmot Road and will be replaced with trees approved per the Urban Forest Management Plan.

Invasive species, such as buckthorn, can cause widespread damage in local forests if left unmanaged. Grant funds will also be used to plant new trees to grow tree canopy in the community.

“Improving the distribution of trees and green spaces directly impacts the health and economic outcomes for communities,” said CRTI Director Zach Wirtz. “Projects like this improve quality of life and boost the urban tree canopy’s resilience to threats posed by environmental conditions, pests and diseases.”