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PRESS RELEASE

COTTAGE GROVE RECEIVES URBAN FORESTRY GRANT

SUN PRAIRIE - State Representative Gary Hebl (D-Sun Prairie) announced today that Cottage Grove will receive \$6,000 in Urban Forestry Grants.

The urban forestry grant program was established by the legislature in 1993. Grants can range from \$1,000 to \$25,000, and are matched dollar for dollar by the recipient. Grants are awarded to cities, villages, towns, counties, tribal governments or nonprofit organizations.

"This grant will enhance the beautiful community of Cottage Grove, residents and visitors alike will benefit from this grant," Hebl said.

Traditionally urban forestry has referred to tree-lined streets, but an urban forest also includes trees in home landscapes, school yards, parks, riverbanks, vacant lots, utility rights-of-way, adjacent woodlands and anywhere else trees can grow in and around a community.

The purpose of the Council is to advise the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources on the best ways to preserve, protect, expand and improve Wisconsin's urban and community forest resources.

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