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Senator Basham Announces \$7,550 Community Forest Grant to Southgate *Award will assist city with forestry projects*

SOUTHGATE, Mich.— Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that the City of Southgate will receive a \$7,550 grant from the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Urban and Community Forestry program. These funds will go towards completing the city's tree inventory and updating their current software program.

"Michigan has an amazing wealth of natural resources that play an important role in our economy and recreational activities," said Basham. "With this grant, our community can better manage our trees and improve functionality within our forestry projects, keeping our city clean and green."

The DNR Urban and Community Forestry program provides assistance for urban and community forestry projects statewide. The Community Forestry Grant (CFG) program was established with funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, to assist communities, schools and nonprofit organizations with urban forestry related activities. Under the 2008-09 grant program, 50 projects were approved and \$214,665 was awarded for various forestry projects.

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