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City of Johnston awarded a tree grant through MidAmerican Energy to help save on energy costs

Johnston, Iowa – MidAmerican Energy Company presented a \$2,000 grant to Johnston as part of the company’s “Trees Please!” energy efficiency program.

“Trees are an essential part of our community,” said John Schmitz, Parks and Recreation Director. “Over the past few summers, we have lost many trees because of storms. This grant will help add new trees to our parks and open spaces residents enjoy.”

The funding will support Johnston’s plan to continue the reforestation efforts due to tree loss associated with storms and the emerald ash borer.

Johnston is one of 55 Iowa cities and community organizations receiving “Trees Please!” grants. The program helps fund tree planting projects in common areas such as publicly owned properties, schools and community spaces.

MidAmerican selected grant recipients based on each project’s merits, community benefits, and the applicant’s ability to obtain matching funds.

Trees provide several benefits. They can help improve energy efficiency when part of an energy-efficient landscape design. Trees in winter can serve as natural windbreaks and in the summer, they can provide shade to homes and businesses. Planting trees also improves air quality, protects and nourishes the soil and beautifies communities.

For more information about the “Trees Please!” program, go to MidAmerican Energy’s “Trees, Please!” web page at MidAmericanEnergy.com/iowa-treesplease or call 800-434-4017.

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