



CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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SUBJECT: Resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$7,500 from the Urban Tree Trust Fund for the purpose of planting trees on City property and within public rights-of-way, as recommended by the Conservation Commission

Recommendation

Approve the attached resolution for funding to plant trees on City property and within public rights-of-way.

Background

In 1999, the Urban Tree Trust Fund was established for the planting of street trees along the right of way in the urban areas of the City. At the time the Trust was established, there was an active Tree Committee in Concord. The committee subsequently dissolved, and the Trust Fund has remained untouched since that time. The Tree Committee was recently resurrected as a sub-committee to the Conservation Commission in order to assist with the implementation of the Street Tree Policy adopted by Council in 2015.

Discussion

The procedures for expending funds were outlined in the resolution establishing the Trust. The Conservation Commission, with input from the Tree subcommittee, shall make recommendations for a tree planting budget, and the City Manager and City Council shall review and take action on the appropriation request from the trust for the purposes of implementing the plan.

For the 2019 planting season (May through October 2019), the Commission is recommending a budget of \$7,500 for General Services to plant street trees using best management practices to ensure the survivability of the trees. The planting locations will be determined based on neighborhood inventories, and information provided by General Services and the Planning Division.

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