

CITY OF CONCORD

In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-three

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FOR TREE PLANTING ON CITY PROPERTY AND WITHIN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY UNDER THE SUSTAINABLE TREE PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE USE OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000) FROM THE URBAN TREE TRUST FUND FOR THIS PURPOSE

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The City of Concord resolves as follows:

- WHEREAS,** in 1999, City Council approved Resolution No. 6922 establishing a trust fund for the planting of street trees along the right of way in urban areas of the City utilizing donations; and
- WHEREAS,** additional funds have been deposited into the Trust Fund since City Council approved a change to the Zoning Ordinance that allows property owners to provide in lieu payment to the Urban Tree Trust Fund for the cost of the required trees not installed; and
- WHEREAS,** the appropriation of the funds from the Trust Fund shall be by the City Council upon the recommendation of the Conservation Commission and City Manager; and
- WHEREAS,** the Street Tree Policy established in 2015 sets policy to promote planting, preserving, and the proper care and maintenance of street trees and plantings within the City limits, enhancing the attractiveness and environmental health of the City, thereby promoting the general and economic well-being of the City; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2021, with City Council approval, the Tree Subcommittee initiated a cost sharing element to the Sustainable Tree Program in order to expand access to the program for more residents in order to improve the urban canopy in the City rights of way; and
- WHEREAS,** based on recommendation from the Concord Tree Subcommittee, the Conservation Commission supports the appropriation of \$10,000 from the Urban Tree Trust Fund into a project fund to continue supporting the cost-sharing program; and
- WHEREAS,** these funds may be utilized to assist with the cost of planting trees within the City right of way under the Sustainable Tree Program for plant materials, soil enhancements, structural soils, and other best management practices to ensure the survivability of the trees; and
- WHEREAS,** use of these funds is drawn entirely from trust reserve accounts and does not directly impact the total amount to be raised in taxes; and
- WHEREAS,** this appropriation is for a purpose for which funding was not included in the Fiscal Year 2023 adopted budget, therefore Section 37 of the City Charter requires a two-thirds vote of the City Council.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Concord that:

- 1) The sum of\$10,000
be and is hereby appropriated as follows:

Grants and Donations Fund

Community Development Miscellaneous project.....\$10,000

- 2) Revenue to meet said appropriation shall be provided from the following source:

Grants and Donations Fund

Transfer in from Trust.....\$10,000

- 3) Sums as appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the City Manager.
- 4) This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.