TREES!
Overview & Tentative Schedule
Takoma Park City Council
June 19, 2019
Tonight: June 19 Work Session

- Overview of the bigger picture (Tree Ordinance, Canopy Goals, outreach)
- Review of the Tree Ordinance and survey results
- Information from the Tree Canopy Workshop
- Initial Council discussion about goals/perspectives on the Tree Ordinance, Canopy Goals, and outreach
Overview: 3 Interrelated Goals

■ Formulate Tree Canopy Goals to strengthen and expand Takoma Park’s commitment to growing its canopy and helping address climate change

■ Review Tree Ordinance policies and processes to address resident concerns and ensure alignment with canopy goals

■ Explore improved approaches for education and outreach to the community with a focus on tree retention, maintenance, and growth
Some Initial Areas of Focus: Tree Ordinance

- What can and cannot be appealed
- Definitions of hazardous and hardship
- Waivers: when, what circumstances
- Replacement trees
- Time frames
Tree Commission & Committee on the Environment

- Joint subcommittee
- Recommendations on Tree Ordinance amendments
- Ongoing Tree Canopy Goal work
- Vision statement
Tentative Schedule

■ January – May 31:
  – Online resident survey on trees
  – Tree Commission & CoE meetings

■ June 19:
  – Work Session - Overview

■ July 22:
  – Joint Meeting with the Tree Commission & CoE – Discuss Tree Ordinance recommendations & how to approach setting Tree Canopy Goals

■ September TBD:
  – Work Session - Council discussion on direction of Tree Ordinance amendments, initial Tree Canopy work
Tentative Schedule (cont)

- **September-October:**
  - Public input
  - Draft wording on Tree Ordinance amendments with City Attorney

- **October/November:**
  - Work Session: Discuss specific wording changes to Tree Ordinance
  - Public hearing/input

- **January:**
  - Voting Session: Council votes on Tree Ordinance amendments

- **Winter 2020:**
  - Receive detailed Tree Canopy Goal recommendations and discuss