



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*