



## Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 19, 2021 Agenda Item 6

### **Work Session**

Update from the Urban Forest Manager Regarding the Implementation of the Tree Canopy Resolution

### **Recommended Council Action**

Receive presentation.

### **Context with Key Issues**

The City Council passed Resolution 2020-15 in July, 2020, which identified goals, overarching principles and actions that Council directed the staff to implement in support of the City's tree canopy. Marty Frye will update the Council on actions taken to date and will discuss the development of the pilot program to increase the tree canopy and tree health in parts of the City with lesser tree cover.

### **Council Priority**

A Livable Community for All  
Environmentally Sustainable Community

### **Environmental Considerations**

Trees and the City's tree canopy play an enormous role in providing benefits, including environmental, habitat and aesthetic. The Council Resolution formalized the City's desire to expand beyond the current focus on tree removal and protection permits to a broader approach recognizing shared community responsibility and public value of trees and incorporate new strategies to address today's challenges to our urban forest.

### **Fiscal Considerations**

Funding for the implementation for the pilot program was approved for the FY22 budget

### **Racial Equity Considerations**

The tree canopy assessments of the past have identified that single family neighborhoods have a higher percentage of tree canopy than those neighborhoods with more multi-family and commercial buildings. Implementation of the Tree Canopy Resolution seeks to identify and address racial inequities in the distribution of tree canopy so that all residents have access to the benefits of trees.

### **Attachments and Links**

- [Resolution 2020-15](#)