



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – July 26, 2023 Agenda Item 1

Work Session

Urban Forest Manager's Annual Report

Recommended Council Action

Receive presentation.

Context with Key Issues

City Code section 12.12.140 specifies that the Urban Forest Manager will present an annual report on the condition of the urban forest and the status of the City's Urban Forest programs. This report will cover FY23 activities to date and updates on key Urban Forest topics. Council Resolution 2020-15 set out overarching goals and principles that guide the City's Urban Forest program. The Urban Forest Master Plan lays out the City's approach to accomplishing its Urban Forest goals. The Urban Forestry webpage provides additional context for the work the program does:

<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/urban-forestry/>

Council Priority

Advancing a Community of Belonging
Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Considerations

Trees and the City's urban forest canopy provide ecological services, public health benefits, quality of life improvements, and aesthetic character for the City.

Fiscal Considerations

The annual budget for the Urban Forest Program for FY23 was \$376,364, the bulk of which went to contracting for hazard tree pruning and removal and tree planting, along with staff salaries. \$73,000 of this budget was sourced from the Tree Fund for tree planting purposes.

Racial Equity Considerations

While tree planting anywhere in the city provides ecological services that benefit all residents, extra efforts are made to reach out to residents in wards 4, 5, and 6, and to multi-family properties.

Attachments and Links

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Presentation Slides

Urban Forest Master Plan