

Introduced by: Councilmember Grimes

**CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-30**

ACCEPTING THE REPORT OF THE RESIDENTIAL STREETSCAPE TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, the Council, in response to community members concerned about a lack of consistency in the installation and implementation of various improvements in the public right of way, established by Resolution 2013-75, the Residential Streetscape Task Force (the “Task Force”); and

WHEREAS, the Task Force, directed to “assist in development and/or review of residential streetscape guidelines,” presented its report, “Takoma Park’s Residential Streetscapes: Safeguarding our Distinctive Visual Character” to the Council on April 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Task Force report recommendations include the adoption of a policy statement regarding the value of protecting the character of the streetscape and the development of a residential streetscape style manual, both of which are supported by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council has endorsed the development of an open space public land management plan, providing funding for this effort in FY2016, which will advance the interests expressed by the Task Force to enhance, preserve and improve the public right of way; and

WHEREAS, an inventory of public realm improvements and the development of a standards guide for use in the design, implementation and installation of various streetscape improvements, recommended by the Task Force, is currently being developed by staff; and

WHEREAS, the Council has expressed a desire to further consider the specific recommendations included in the report and to incorporate, to the extent feasible, select recommendations into the scheduled open space and land management plan and standards guide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND hereby accepts “Takoma Park’s Residential Streetscapes: Safeguarding our Distinctive Visual Character” (March 2015).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council recognizes the excellent work done by the Residential Streetscape Task Force in the development of this report and thanks them for their time and expertise.

Adopted this 26th day of May, 2015.

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter
City Clerk