

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA  
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	September 21, 2020
Action Required:	Appropriation
Presenter:	Mike Ronayne, Urban Forester, Parks and Recreation
Staff Contacts:	Mike Ronayne, Urban Forester, Parks and Recreation
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Urban and Community Forestry Grant Appropriation - \$20,000.00</b>

**Background:**

The City of Charlottesville, through the Parks and Recreation Department, has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from Urban and Community Forestry Fund. This grant is administrated through the Virginia Department of Forestry. There is a required local match in the amount of \$10,000, for a total grant award of \$20,000.

**Discussion:**

The grant will assist with undertaking an update to the City Urban Tree Canopy assessment and will assist with the cost of hiring a firm to analyze aerial imagery to determine the extent of forest canopy and to analyze the data in subsets such as entry corridors, watersheds, neighborhoods, etc. This is an update to the same type of study undertaken in 2009 and 2015. The findings from this assessment will help to reevaluate goals, policy and tree planting/maintenance strategies.

**Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:**

The project supports City Council's "Green City" vision by providing data to help guide planning and implementation of efforts to preserve and enhance the forested area of the City. It contributes to Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, to be a safe, equitable, thriving and beautiful community, and objective 2.5, to provide natural and historic resources stewardship. This project also aligns with the Urban Forest Management Plan and supports the mission of the Tree Commission.

**Community Engagement:**

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation provided opportunities for the public to provide input into Urban forest Management Plan developed in 2010, and the Tree Commission supported this grant application.

**Budgetary Impact:**

There is no impact to the General Fund. The total grant appropriation is \$20,000 which will be recorded and expensed from a grant fund. The grant requires a 50% City match of \$10,000 that will come from funds previously appropriated as part of the FY 2021 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the appropriation of the grant funds.

**Alternatives:**

If grants funds are not appropriated, the updated urban tree canopy study will have to be funded entirely with local funds.

**Attachments:**

Appropriation

**APPROPRIATION**

**Urban and Community Forestry Grant**

**\$20,000**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Charlottesville has received \$10,000 from the Virginia Department of Forestry through the Urban Community Forestry Grant in order to perform an urban tree canopy assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the City will contribute \$10,000 in funds from the previously appropriated Tree Maintenance funds to serve as the required grant match;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that the sum of \$20,000 is hereby appropriated in the following manner:

**Revenue - \$20,000**

\$10,000	Fund: 209	IO: 1900375	G/L Code: 430120
\$10,000	Fund: 209	IO: 1900375	G/L Code: 498010

**Expenditures - \$20,000**

\$20,000	Fund: 209	IO: 1900375	G/L Code: 599999
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**Transfer From:**

\$10,000	Fund: 105	Cost Center: 3671001000	G/L Code: 530600
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the receipt of \$10,000 from the Virginia Department of Forestry.