

Reforestation Plan Update

26-0004M

Fund Origins and Purpose

- **2008 Regulatory Mandate:** Established to govern developer tree mitigation payments as new development was occurring at a rapid rate.
- **Canopy Preservation:** Specifically designed to actively protect, sustain, and expand McKinney's urban forest as rapid development and municipal growth occur.
- **Balancing Development:** Provides a critical financial and ecological mechanism to offset necessary tree removal by funding strategic replanting when on-site replacement is physically impossible.

Modernizing Fund Management

Existing Framework

- Vague constraints on administration & timelines
- Has not been updated since 2008
- Only noted that reforestation funds will be used to replant trees but not any sort of initiatives behind that.

2026 Plan Update

- Enhanced transparency, accountability, and controls
- Modernization of the reforestation plan to allow for sought after initiatives from citizens and Council.

Updates to the Reforestation Plan

- The proposed update to the Reforestation Plan modernizes administrative processes, establishes clear program definitions, and codifies rigorous oversight guidelines to ensure the transparent stewardship of the Reforestation Fund. To achieve these ecological and administrative goals, the plan establishes three primary initiatives:
 - Public Property Tree Planting Program
 - CIP Tree Replacement Program
 - Urban Canopy Enhancement Program

Public Property Planting

- Targets public rights-of-way (ROW), parkways, and parks. Introduces active synergy between Planning and Parks & Recreation with modern, flexible watering techniques like hand watering and slow-watering bags.
- This is already part of our current Reforestation Plan. The language has been updated.

CIP Tree Replacement

- Preserves and restores mature canopies impacted by City infrastructure projects.
- Authorizes planting vouchers and front-yard residential placements, governed by strict sizing grids and annual budget limits.

Canopy Replacement Sizing Matrix

Critically Altered Quality Tree Size (DBH)	Required Replacement Tree Size (Canopy Tree)
6 inches to 16 inches	4 inch
> 16 inches	6 inch

CIP Program Parameters

<u>Program Parameter</u>	<u>Policy Limit / Specification</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Annual Program Budget Cap	\$50,000 per Fiscal Year	Cannot exceed the unencumbered Reforestation Fund balance.
Private Property Reimbursement	Up to \$1,400 per property	Delivered via planting voucher or direct cash-in-lieu payment.
Private Placement Restriction	Front yard only	Must be located between the public right-of-way (ROW) and the front façade of the primary structure.
Alternative Planting Option	Ornamental Tree	Authorized if a licensed professional determines a large canopy tree cannot fit.

Questions?