

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY OF DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA TO ESTABLISH A TREE BANK FUND FOR PRIVATE DONATIONS, FINES AND OTHER PROCEEDS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, establishing a Tree Bank Fund is needed in order to accept private donations, fines and other proceeds, and to appropriate those funds into a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) account for the purpose of financing tree protection/replacement and tree canopy management elsewhere in unincorporated DeKalb County, where the trees cannot be practically utilized on site as would otherwise be required under the County's tree protection ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Tree Bank CIP account will be established for the purpose of addressing the planting of trees in appropriate receiving areas such as county facilities, parks, County ROW, commercial corridors, and other program-related areas: and

WHEREAS, the Tree Bank allows developers, with the consent of the Planning Director or his designee, to donate funds into the bank based on a per inch equivalent and the funds can be used to purchase, plant and partner to plant trees to enhance DeKalb's urban tree canopy, beautify certain areas, and invest in our Commercial Redevelopment Corridors; and

WHEREAS, the Planning and Sustainability Department has been successful in collecting \$385,924 to date, and would like to appropriate these funds into a CIP account; and

WHEREAS, as the funds are collected, the Planning Department will work to install the trees at county facilities and along corridors to enhance the overall quality of life and other program-related areas within unincorporated DeKalb County. The funds can also be used to leverage dollars and engagement from other agencies/organizations such as PATH, ARC, CDBG, Safe Routes to Schools, Trees Atlanta, or other funding sources/partners; and

WHEREAS, the general affected area is located in unincorporated DeKalb County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends that the Governing Authority approve and accept the proceeds in the amount of \$385,924 and appropriate these funds into a CIP account to be established, grown and utilized for the purpose of supporting tree protection/replacement and tree canopy management as the result of development where the trees cannot be effectively replanted on site; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the DeKalb County Governing Authority

as follows;

The County hereby approves the establishment and maintenance of a tree bank fund in order to accept private donations, fines and other proceeds.

The County authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to execute any and all necessary documents to effectuate this Resolution.

APPROVED by the Board of Commissioners of DeKalb County this ____ day of _____, 2022.

ROBERT J. PATRICK
Presiding Officer
Board of Commissioners
DeKalb County

APPROVED, by the Chief Executive Officer of DeKalb County, this ____ day of _____, 2022.

MICHAEL L. THURMOND
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

ATTEST:

BARBARA H. SANDERS-NORWOOD, CCC
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and
Chief Executive Officer
DeKalb County, Georgia

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

APPROVED AS TO SUBSTANCE:

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