

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Eric Mongan, City Planner

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COTTAGE GROVE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

DATE: November 22, 2023

Background

Per Chapter 2.30 – Urban Forestry Committee of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code the Urban Forestry Committee is charged with assisting the development and implementation of an urban forestry plan. To date this plan consisted of annual work plans submitted to the Arbor Day Foundation as a component of our annual Tree City USA application. In an effort to make the City more competitive in seeking grant awards the Committee determined that a 5-10 year Urban Forest Management Plan was needed.

In July of 2022 staff presented to Council a draft scope of work and requested two members of the Council volunteer their time to sit on the Sub-Committee to draft the plan. Other members of the Sub-Committee include members of the Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, and three members of the Urban Forestry Committee.

The Sub-Committee met approximately 12 times over the course of this long range planning effort to assemble the attached draft Cottage Grove Urban Forest Management Plan.


At this time it is appropriate for the City Council to provide any comments they have to staff and to consider the adoption of the attached draft Resolution adopting the Cottage Grove Urban Forest Management Plan.

Upon adoption the Plan will count for ten of the ten required points to earn the City its seventh Growth Award.

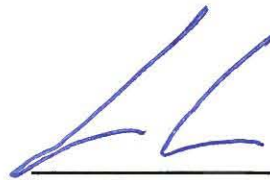
Recommendation

Following discussion, that the Council adopt the attached draft Resolution adopting the Cottage Grove Urban Forest Management Plan.

Cost
None



David Clyne, City Manager – Pro Tem



Eric Mongan, City Planner

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE COTTAGE GROVE URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.30 – Urban Forestry Committee of the Cottage Grove Municipal Code charges the Urban Forestry Committee to “Assist with the development and implementation of an urban forestry plan;” and

WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Committee is also charged to “Seek grants and other funding assistance to improve the quality of the urban forest;” and

WHEREAS, The City has only had Annual Work Plans as a component of its annual Tree City USA applications; and

WHEREAS, Grantors are funding projects in cities with adopted long-range management plans; and

WHEREAS, The Urban Forestry Committee via a Sub-Committee has drafted and recommended for approval the Cottage Grove Urban Forest Management Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cottage Grove City Council hereby adopts the attached Cottage Grove Urban Forest Management Plan document included as Exhibit A to this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 27th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2023.

Candace Solesbee, Mayor

Dated: _____

ATTEST:

Mindy Roberts, City Recorder

Dated _____