



Legislation Text

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Title/Name/Summary

Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account Policy Update

History

In 2008, the Village Board approved revisions to the Tree Preservation Section of the Land Development Code to provide for a "Tree Mitigation Account." This account provides a 'cash in lieu' option for landowners and developers who are unable to meet the Villages tree mitigation requirements on their property.

In 2010, a "Tree Mitigation Account Policy" was presented to the Development Services and Planning Committee and Finance Department for review. Since that time, only a handful of projects have been implemented using this account (# 010-0000-229-1100) as a funding source, which currently has a balance of \$212,682.50.

On February 6, 2017, the Village Board of Trustees approved an update to the name of the "Tree Mitigation Account" to the "Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account." The name change better reflects the enhanced scope of work and project type that these funds may be used to support, as detailed in this policy update.

PROPOSED POLICY UPDATES

The proposed changes to the Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account Policy are two-fold: 1) update the scope and type of work that may be funded by this account; and 2) to make minor changes to the schedule for project solicitation and review.

The scope of work that the Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account may be used to fund is currently limited to tree plantings in public spaces. The proposed updated scope and type of work is expanded to include 1) tree preservation / enhancement projects and 2) green infrastructure projects, including design and permitting costs associated with the implementation of a project. The current policy that all projects funded by this account must be located on public property within the Village remains unchanged.

The current policy states that Development Services Department will solicit tree planting projects from different department in the Fall and Winter of each year. The proposed changes would implement a quarterly review schedule in the hope that momentum for both the Policy and specific projects could be maintained year round.

On February 20, 2017, this item was reviewed by the Development Services, Planning and Engineering Committee and referred to the Board for approval.

Recommended Action/Motion

I move to approve the changes to the Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account Policy, as

detailed in the memorandum titled "Tree Preservation and Green Infrastructure Account Update", dated 02/20/2017.