

**CITY COUNCIL RESEARCH DIVISION
LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY**



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Bill Type and Number: 2019-880

Introducer/Sponsor(s): Council Member Salem

Date of Introduction: December 10, 2019

Committee(s) of Reference: NCSPHS, TEU, F

Date of Analysis: December 9, 2019

Type of Action: Appropriation

Bill Summary: This bill appropriates \$2,000,000 within the Tree Protection Fund to be spent on the City's Level 2 Tree Planting Program. As of November 15, 2019, the Tree Protection and Related Expenses Trust Fund, Subfund 15F, contained \$19,455,297. The Level 2 Tree Planting Program provides individual citizens or organizations with the opportunity to suggest a location for a tree planting project on public property within Duval County. The project will be administered by the Public Works Department.

Background Information: The purpose of this legislation is to provide funds to plant trees to replace the tree canopy of the City that has been lost through the process of land development. The Tree Commission established the Level 2 Tree Planting Program which was approved and funded by ordinance 2019-89-E. Individual citizens or organizations may apply to suggest a location for a tree planting project with the following requirements:

- Tree planting would have to be on public property such as a road right-of-way, a local, state or national park or Duval County School Board property.
- The number of trees requested cannot exceed 200
- The City's Arborist has to approve the schematic design proposed
- The District Council Member must be apprised of the tree planting
- The Tree Commission has to review the tree planting request and make a recommendation to the Mayor's Budget Review Committee for approval
- All of the tree planting projects must be within Duval County

Policy Impact Area: Tree Planting Program

Fiscal Impact: Appropriation of \$2,000,000 from existing funds within the Tree Protection & Related Expenditures fund

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