



Date of Council Meeting: September 9, 2014

**TOWN OF LEESBURG
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Subject: Authorizing the use of Tree Bank funds

Staff Contact: Bill Ference, Parks and Public Space Planner/Urban Forester

Recommendation: It is recommended that Council authorize a supplemental budget appropriation of \$30,000 from the Tree Bank to the Capital Projects budget to purchase materials and services for tree planting at Mervin Jackson and Potomac Crossing Parks.

Issue: Should the Town use funds that have been proffered over time to the Tree Bank to plant trees at two new park projects: Potomac Crossing Park and Mervin Jackson Park?

Fiscal Impact: None, funds are currently available in the established Tree Bank fund for distribution to specific projects as directed by Council.

Background: A number of years ago, the Town established a “Tree Bank” for proffered money received from developers in lieu of planting trees on sites where conditions would not allow all of the required ordinances for the number of trees to be planted on their sites to be met. The money in the Tree Bank is to be used to plant trees in appropriate areas as determined by the Town’s Urban Forester with the intent of enhancing the Town’s tree canopy. In order for the money to be accessed from the Tree Bank, it must be appropriated by the Town Council to projects identified by the Town’s Urban Forester.

Attachment: 1) Resolution: Approving a supplemental appropriation of \$30,000 resulting in a transfer of funds from the Tree Bank to the FY2015 Capital Projects budget

PRESENTED: September 9, 2014

RESOLUTION NO _____

ADOPTED: _____

A RESOLUTION: APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$30,000
RESULTING IN A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE TREE BANK TO
THE FY-2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Town has established a “Tree Bank” for proffered monies received from developers in lieu of planting ordinance-required trees on their sites; and

WHEREAS, the Town has reserved these monies for use in purchasing trees to be planted in locations to be determined by the Town’s Urban Forester, and

WHEREAS: The Town Council has a stated goal of utilizing such funds to plant trees to enhance the Town’s tree canopy coverage; and

WHEREAS; the Urban Forester has determined that the Potomac Crossing Park and Mervin Jackson Park projects are suitable sites for canopy enhancement plantings; and

WHEREAS, funds are currently available in the established Tree Bank fund for distribution to specific projects as directed by Council.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Leesburg in Virginia that the FY-2015 Capital Projects budget is hereby amended, and a transfer from the Tree Bank Fund is made in the amount of \$30,000 for use in the development of Potomac Crossing Park and Mervin Jackson Park.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

Kristen C. Umstattd, Mayor
Town of Leesburg

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council