



Agenda Item Summary Report

Meeting Date:
January 13, 2025

Submitted by:
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Item Title: NFWF Urban Forestry Update | January 2025

INFORMATION ONLY: NFWF Urban Forestry Update

Work Session Item ☒
Council Meeting Item ☒

Documentation Attached:
Presentation

Recommended Action:

Presentation on the NFWF Urban Forestry Project that was conducted this fall in the Town of Bladensburg

Summary: In September 2024, town staff held a Kick-Off Meeting with NFWF that began with an introduction to the project's scope, outlining plans for a comprehensive street tree inventory in Bladensburg. The project aimed to assess species, sizes, health, and risk while considering potential new tree locations, including along state highways. The meeting detailed the four primary components of the project—data collection, urban canopy analysis, maintenance training, and a public presentation—along with key deliverables like an Excel data file, infographics, and a final report that will highlight the economic and environmental benefits of urban canopy management.

The project leaders for this endeavor are staff from the Neighborhood Design Center (NDC). They met with Staff on January 3, 2025, to preview the results. They will also interact with Public Works and the Green Team on the maintenance portion of the process.

The Town Administrator will be able to answer any questions at this meeting.

Budgeted Item: Yes ☒ No ☐
Budgeted Amount: \$ 24,000
One-Time Cost: NA
Ongoing Cost:

Continued Date:

Council Priority: Yes ☐ No ☐

Approved Date: