

City Council Regular Meeting

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Dr. Jessie Farris, Urban Forester
MEETING: March 2, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff direction on the Centennial Park Soil Remediation and Forestry Program Update. *(Staff Contact: Jessie Farris, Urban Forester)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Great Place to Live Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	4.1 Provide high-quality parks

SUMMARY:

Staff will provide a report on the Centennial Park soil remediation initiative and related forestry program development efforts. Site assessments and soil testing identified soil chemistry constraints, compaction, drainage limitations, and infrastructure conflicts contributing to repeated tree stress and loss in select areas. A phased, targeted remediation and root-zone treatment strategy is underway to improve soil function and tree health while avoiding practices that could further destabilize site conditions. This effort is also informing broader forestry program improvements, including updated species selection standards, tree inventory development, staff training, and community education initiatives.

RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

N/A

REFERENCE:

N/A

FISCAL IMPACT:

Proposed Expenditure/Revenue:

Account Number(s):

Fund:

Account Description:

Procurement Method:

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