

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY
RESOLUTION 2026-04

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND GRANT PERMISSION TO THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND ITS AUTHORIZED AGENTS OR ASSIGNS, TO ALLOW ACCESS AND ENTRY TO MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES AND RIGHTS OF WAY WITHIN THE TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, IN ORDER TO DESIGN, SURVEY, LOCATE UTILITIES, TEST SOIL, LOCATE AND PLANT TREES, AND PERFORM OTHER DUTIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE INSTALLATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A VARIETY OF NATIVE TREES AND PLANTS.

Introduced by: The Cottage City Commission

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland established policies supporting large-scale urban tree planting and environmental restoration efforts, with goals to expand tree canopy coverage in underserved communities and along public rights of way; and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Department of the Environment’s mission includes supporting municipalities through large scale tree plantings and other nature-based solutions which enhance climate resilience and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Prince George’s County tree programs align with County Climate Action Mitigation Implementation Strategy 11, Maintain a climate-resilient equitable forest and tree canopy cover as well as Adaptation Implementation Strategy 7: Reduce Exposure of vulnerable populations to extreme heat, and

WHEREAS, the Prince George’s County Urban Tree Program allows for the planning, design, surveying, utility location, soil testing, installation, and establishment of native urban street trees within municipal public spaces and rights of way; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Cottage City desires to participate in this initiative as a sub-recipient through the receipt of work product, infrastructure improvements, and environmental assets delivered by the County, while incurring no direct financial obligation; and

WHEREAS, similar programs have been successfully implemented in other municipalities within Prince George’s County, generating substantial real-world environmental, infrastructure, and community benefits; and

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WHEREAS, the Town of Cottage City maintains authority and control over public rights of way, streets, and municipal properties within its corporate limits, subject to applicable State and County jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission desire to formally authorize access to municipal properties and rights of way to allow for the lawful and coordinated implementation of this urban tree planting initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that the Town hereby approves participation in the Prince George's County Urban Tree Program and grants permission to the Prince George's County Department of the Environment, its contractors, agents, and assigns, to access and enter designated municipal properties and rights of way within the Town of Cottage City for the purpose of designing, surveying, locating utilities, testing soil, locating and planting trees, and performing other duties necessary for the installation and establishment of urban street trees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents, access agreements, or related instruments required to facilitate this program on behalf of the Town, subject to legal sufficiency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town's participation in this program shall not require the expenditure of Town funds and shall instead be received as environmental, infrastructure, and public benefit improvements delivered through the County initiative.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission acknowledges that coordination with the County and its implementation partners will be facilitated on behalf of the Town to ensure the successful planning and implementation of this program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 11th day of March, 2026, by The Cottage City Commission of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF COTTAGE CITY, MARYLAND

John Hoatson, Town Manager

By: _____
Wanda Wheatley, Ward 3, Commissioner Chair

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CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY, as the duly appointed Town Manager of the Town of Cottage City, Maryland, that on the 11th day of March 2026 with ___ Aye votes and ___ Nay votes, the aforesaid Resolution 2026-04 passed.

John Hoatson, Town Manager