



## CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

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**SUBMITTER:** Caitlyn Gendusa, Sustainability Manager      **MEETING DATE:** 05/13/2026

**AGENDA SECTION:** CONSENT AGENDA      **DEPARTMENT:** Public Works

**TITLE OF ITEM:** Approval to accept the grant awards for the Tree Canopy Assessment, Tree Inventory, & Urban Forestry Management Plans, funded by the N.C. Forest Service Climb to Managing Community Grant and Tree Maintenance and Planting Project Grant - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Sustainability Manager*

### **SUGGESTED MOTION(S):**

I move City Council approve the grant awards for the Climb to Managing Community Grant and Tree Maintenance and Planting Project Grant from the North Carolina Forest Service.

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### **SUMMARY:**

The N.C. Forest Service has \$7.8 million in funds for the Urban and Community Forestry Financial Assistance Program. Under this program there are six offerings which the City of Hendersonville has applied and been conditionally awarded two grants.

The First grant, Climb to Managing Community is designed to help municipalities that have achieved Tree City USA standards complete practices and activities to meet the standards to achieve the NCFS U&CF Managing Community designation. This grant scope includes the completion of an Urban Forestry Management Plan.

The second grant is for the Tree Maintenance and Planting track which is designed to help municipalities that have achieved Tree City USA standards meet tree maintenance needs. This grant scope includes the completion of a tree canopy cover assessment and tree inventory.

Both grant tracts were awarded under the Hurricane Helene Recovery assistance which does not require a match. The total conditional award is approximately \$298,014.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** No match required

**Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget?** N/A

**If no, describe how it will be funded.** N/A

**ATTACHMENTS:**

N/A