



CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

SUBMITTER: Caitlyn Gendusa **MEETING DATE:** 10/01/2026

AGENDA SECTION: CONSENT **DEPARTMENT:** Stormwater & Parks

TITLE OF ITEM: Request for approval to accept the Climb to Managing Community Grant and Tree Maintenance and Planting Grant for the completion of an Urban Forestry Management Plan, Tree Inventory, and Tree Canopy Cover Assessment - *Caitlyn Gendusa, Sustainability Manager*

SUGGESTED MOTION(S): I move City Council adopt the *Resolution by the City of Hendersonville City Council to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with the North Carolina Forest Service for the Urban Forestry Management Plan, Tree Inventory, and Tree Canopy Cover Assessment projects.*

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 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 award is \$259,619.20.

BUDGET IMPACT: +\$259,619.20

Is this expenditure approved in the current fiscal year budget? YES / NO

If no, describe how it will be funded.

This project will be funded in whole via reimbursement by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services – N.C. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program.

PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

PETITION NUMBER: N/A

ADDITIONAL PETITION NUMBER: N/A

PETITIONER NAME: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

Agreement