

**Business of the Village Board
Village of Saranac Lake**

SUBJECT: Tree Planting Grant Application Date: 7/24/2023

DEPT OF ORIGIN: Trustee Shapiro Bill # 104-2023

DATE SUBMITTED: 7/20/2023 EXHIBITS:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Village Attorney

Village Administration

EXPENDITURE
REQUIRED:

AMOUNT
BUDGETED:

APPROPRIATION
REQUIRED:

Resolution authorizing Village staff to submit 2023 Urban and Community Forestry Grants Program application seeking up to \$75,000 for tree planting.

MOVED BY: Shapiro SECONDED BY: Brunette

VOTE ON ROLL CALL:

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| MAYOR WILLIAMS | <u>yes</u> |
| TRUSTEE BRUNETTE | <u>yes</u> |
| TRUSTEE CATILLAZ | <u>yes</u> |
| TRUSTEE SCOLLIN | <u>yes</u> |
| TRUSTEE SHAPIRO | <u>yes</u> |

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN URBAN AND COMMUNITY
FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION**

WHEREAS, DEC has announced the availability of Environmental Protection Fund (EPF) funding for government entities to implement tree inventory, community forest management planning, tree planting, tree maintenance, or educational programming projects in NYS; and

WHEREAS, DEC is dedicated to providing support and assistance to communities in the development of comprehensive projects to create healthy urban and community forests while enhancing the quality of life for urban residents; and

WHEREAS, the Village maintains a variety of trees along village roadways and within village parks; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Saranac Lake is eligible to seek funding for this project through the Urban and Community Forestry Grants Program, which is a reimbursement grant; and

WHEREAS, the project will help to implement goals of various Village plans including the Comprehensive Plan, Community Forest Management Plan, Park Vision Plan, and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Village will meet the match requirement (\$20,000) by dedicating \$10,000 from the parks services budget toward tree planting for a two-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Village of Saranac Lake Board of Trustees authorizes Community Development Department staff to submit an Urban and Community Forestry Grants Program application seeking up to \$75,000 to dedicate to the planting of new trees on Village property.