

## Legislation Text

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### Land Acquisition for Tree Canopy Preservation Program

#### **Action:**

- A. Approve the purchase of an approximately 2.1-acre parcel (parcel identification number 031-212-03) located at 12010 Riverhaven Drive in the amount of \$57,750, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager to negotiate and grant a conservation easement to the Catawba Lands Conservancy.**

#### **Staff Resource(s):**

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#### **Explanation**

- As part of the Tree Canopy Preservation Program (Program), the city recently identified a parcel to purchase which will further the goals of the Program and City Council's Urban Forest Master Plan.
- The parcel (identification number 031-212-03) is adjacent to the Catawba Wildflower Glen and will provide additional acreage to a contiguous protected area located outside Council District 2.
- The proposed purchase price of \$57,750 is based on appraised value and negotiations with the current property owner.
- The city will donate a conservation easement to the Catawba Lands Conservancy to ensure stewardship of the tree canopy and monitoring of the property in perpetuity.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission recommended approval of the land purchase on October 20, 2020.

#### **Background**

- The city's Tree Ordinance allows developers to pay a fee in lieu of saving trees on site. The city uses these funds for property acquisition and expenditures associated with ongoing tree preservation and maintenance.
- The Tree Canopy Preservation Program supports the goals and initiatives outlined in City Council's Urban Forest Master Plan, adopted on September 25, 2017. The program supports the goal of canopy cover and preservation through acquisition and protection of properties that are already forested or provide planting opportunities.

#### **Fiscal Note**

Funding: General Capital Investment Plan

#### **Attachment(s)**

Map