

Legislation Text

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Land Acquisition for Tree Canopy Preservation Program

Action:

- A. Approve the purchase of an approximately 5.115-acre parcel (parcel identification number 108-042-24) located at 8015 Robinson Church Road for a purchase price of \$250,625, and**
- B. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to negotiate and grant a conservation easement to the Catawba Lands Conservancy.**

Staff Resource(s):

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Explanation

- This 5.115-acre parcel (parcel identification number 108-042-24) will connect the city's largest tree canopy preservation site, Doe Creek, to Robinson Church Road. This connection will provide approximately two acres of land to plant for increased canopy coverage in addition to maintenance and educational opportunities.
- 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 provides planting opportunities.
- Staff negotiated the purchase price of \$250,625 with the property owner based on appraised value and the desired sales price.
- 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 city's Tree Ordinance allows developers to pay into the Tree Ordinance Mitigation Fund, administered by the city, 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 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission recommended approval of the land purchase on February 22, 2021.

Fiscal Note

Funding: Tree Ordinance Mitigation Fund

Attachment(s)

Map