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CITY MANAGER AND/OR MAYOR'S REVIEW AND SIGNATURE REQUEST COVERSHEET

1) ORIGINATING OFFICES (Charter/Department):

Routing Start Date: 4/15/2025

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Charter Ofc: _____ Router Name: _____ Ext: _____

Department: PW-Sustainability Router Name: Laura Tooley Ext: 5785

Commission Mtg. Date: 3/4/2025 CAM #: 25-0192 Item #: CR-3

Document Title:

2024 Tree City USA Recognition Application & Resolution No. 25-33, Authorizing Signature of Application by Mayor

CAM attached: ☒ Yes ☐ No Action Summary attached: ☐ Yes ☐ No CIP FUNDED: ☐ YES ☐ NO

Capital Investment / Community Improvement Project defined as having a life of at least 10 years and a cost of at least \$50,000 and shall mean improvements to real property (land, buildings, or fixtures) that add value and/or extend useful life, including major repairs such as roof replacement, etc. Term "real property" include land, real estate, realty or real.

2) CITY ATTORNEY OFFICE (CAO): Documents to be signed/routed? ☐ Yes ☐ NoIs the attached Granicus document Final? ☐ Yes ☐ No Number of originals attached: _____Attorney's Name: Rhonda Hasan Approved as to Form: ☒ Yes ☐ No Initials: [Signature]

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TO ACM/AcACM: ☐ S. Grant ☒ A. Fajardo ☐ B. Rogers, ☐ C. Cooper ☐ L. Reece Date: _____

Comments/Questions _____

ACM/AcACM Initials: [Signature] for continuous routing to Manager/Executive Director Rickelle Williams.

CMO Log Out & Forward to CCO, Date: _____, for continuous routing to the Mayor.

5) MAYOR/CRA CHAIRMAN: Date Received: _____ Date to CCO: _____

Please sign as indicated and forward the originals to the City Clerk's Office for a final processing and review of attestation and/or seal, if applicable.

6) INSTRUCTIONS TO CITY CLERK'S OFFICE: Please retain a scan record copy and forward originals to:

Dept.: PW-Sustainability *Name: Laura Tooley, Urban Forester Contact # 954-828-5785

*Please scan the record copy to the City Clerk once review and sign at the last level of government (Federal, State, County) is complete.

Scan Date: _____ Attach certified Resolution # _____ ☐ Yes ☒ No Original form route to CAO

TM# 25-0192



2024 Tree City USA Application for Certification

The Tree City USA award is in recognition of work completed by the community during the 2024 calendar year.

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fort Lauderdale COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Select which best describes your community:

Community has a Department Chair or City Manager

Ordinance Date:

10/15/2024

Ordinance Uploaded

Per-capita Expenditure

\$3.39

Arbor Day Date

04/26/2024

Arbor Day Proclamation Uploaded

As Mayor or Equivalent of the Community of Fort Lauderdale

Mayor or Equivalent Signature

Title

Date

Application Certification (to be Completed by the State Forester)

The above-named community has made formal application to this office. I am pleased to advise you that we reviewed the application and have concluded that, based on the information contained herein, said community is eligible to be certified as a Tree City USA community, for the 2024 calendar year, having in my opinion met the standards required for recognition.

State Forester Signature

Title Date

CITY

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, a Florida municipal corporation

By: 
DEAN TRANTALIS
Mayor

Dated: 4/28/25

By: 
RICKELLE WILLIAMS
City Manager

ATTEST:

By: 
DAVID R. SOLOMAN
City Clerk



Approved as to Legal Form and Correctness:
D'Wayne M. Spence, Interim City Attorney

By: 
RHONDA MONTOYA HASAN
Senior Assistant City Attorney



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#25-0192

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: March 4, 2025

TITLE: Resolution Supporting the City's Participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's
Tree City USA Certification and in the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's
Monarch Pledge - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission support the City's continued participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA certification and in the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch Pledge; authorizing the Mayor or their designee to sign and submit documents for these programs, as appropriate.

Background

The City has a long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability, as demonstrated by its proactive policies and programs aimed at enhancing the urban forest. Through the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan (Plan)*, the City has established a goal of achieving a 33% urban tree canopy by 2040, recognizing the critical role that trees play in creating a sustainable and resilient community. The *Plan* also has several policies that are intended to protect wildlife habitats.

For 45 years, the City has achieved Tree City USA status by meeting the four standards set by the Arbor Day Foundation:

- Standard 1: A Tree Board or Department;
- Standard 2: A Public Tree Care Ordinance;
- Standard 3: A Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 Per Capita; and
- Standard 4: An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation.

Through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge, U.S. cities, municipalities, and other communities are pledging to create habitat for the monarch butterfly and pollinators and to educate residents about how they can make a difference at home and in their community. Mayors and other heads of local and tribal government are taking action to help save the monarch butterfly, an iconic species whose eastern populations have declined by 90% and western populations by 99% in recent years. The

City has been participating in the Mayor's Monarch Challenge since 2021.

By supporting continued participation in the Tree City USA program and the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, the City reaffirms its dedication to fostering a healthier, greener, and more resilient urban environment for current and future generations.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Strategic Connections

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Infrastructure Focus Area, Goal 3: Be a Sustainability and Resilient Community.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035* Vision Plan: We Are Community.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040* Comprehensive Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Places Focus Area
- The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Element
- Goal 3: Showcase the natural beauty and spirit of Fort Lauderdale by highlighting our parks and recreation facilities and planning for resilience to adapt to climate change.
- Conservation Element 3.1: Sustainable Landscape and Tree Canopy. Preserve and enhance the natural environment and beauty of the city, improve infrastructure, and promote better quality of life by creating a safe, healthy, and sustainable landscape. The City shall continue to enhance its tree canopy with a goal of 33% Citywide canopy coverage by 2040.
- Conservation Element 3.1.6: Plant and tree selection should increase the species diversity of the urban forest and include the needs of wildlife and plants, for birds, butterflies, and native pollinators.

Attachments

Exhibit 1 – Resolution

Exhibit 2 – Tree City USA Application Form

Exhibit 3 – Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Prepared by: Laura Tooley, Urban Forester, Public Works
Glen Hadwen, Climate and Resiliency Program Manager, Public Works
Nancy J. Gassman, Ph.D., Deputy Director and Chief Resiliency Officer, Public Works

Department Directors: Talal Abi-Karam, P.E., Interim Director, Public Works

RESOLUTION NO. 25-33

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ARBOR DAY FOUNDATION'S TREE CITY USA CERTIFICATION AND THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE; AND AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS AND THE SIGNING OF ANY DOCUMENTS NECESSARY FOR SUBMITTAL BY THE MAYOR OR DESIGNEE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, for 45 years, the City of Fort Lauderdale ("City") has been designated by the Arbor Day Foundation as meeting all criteria to qualify as a Tree City USA; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, the City of Fort Lauderdale has submitted the Mayor's Monarch Pledge to the National Wildlife Federation; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida ("City Commission") finds that its natural resources including landscaping, trees, and wildlife habitats are vital parts of the City's environment and infrastructure, providing numerous environmental, economic, and social benefits through the provision of natural processes for managing water and creating healthier urban environments that create habitat, provide flood protection, cleaner air, and cleaner water; and

WHEREAS, annual certification in the Tree City USA program and annual participation in the Mayor's Monarch Pledge demonstrates the City's continued commitment to growing and enhancing its tree canopy and wildlife habitats;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby expresses its support for the City of Fort Lauderdale's continued participation in the Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA program and submittal of the annual Tree City USA applications by the Mayor or designee.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, hereby expresses its support for the City's continued participation in the National Wildlife Federation's

Mayor's Monarch Pledge and submittal of the annual Mayor's Monarch Pledges by the Mayor or designee.

SECTION 3. That if any clause, section, or other part of this Resolution shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected thereby, but shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 4th day of March, 2025.



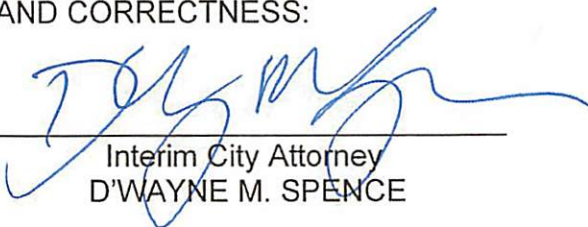
Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
DAVID R. SOLOMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:



Interim City Attorney
D'WAYNE M. SPENCE

Dean J. Trantalis Yea

John C. Herbst Yea

Steven Glassman Yea

Pamela Beasley-Pittman Yea

Ben Sorensen Yea