



Environmental Commission Memorandum

TO: Environmental Commission
THROUGH: Deanna Kuennen, Community and Economic Development Director
FROM: David Wanberg, City Planner
MEETING DATE: June 28, 2021
SUBJECT: Next Steps related to Tree Preservation and Replacement Ordinances

Background:

When the City Council established the Environmental Commission, the City expected the Environmental Commission to consider creating a tree preservation and replacement ordinance. However, with the proposed development of a "tree road map," the Environmental Commission is also taking a more comprehensive approach to trees in the city. For example, the Commission has discussed developing a list of acceptable trees, conducting a tree canopy study, proposing locations for additional tree plantings, etc. If the Commission desires, it is reasonable for the Commission to first create a road map before preparing a tree preservation and replacement ordinance. However, the Commission should plan on forwarding tree preservation and replacement recommendations to the City Council this year.

Recommendation:

If it is the Commission's direction, the City Planner feels it is reasonable to take a month or two to develop a tree road map. Creating a road map would require coordination with Paul Peanasky, the Tree Board, and possibly the Council. The Commission should identify its next steps. Does the Commission want to wait on developing tree preservation and replacement recommendations until after the road map is completed? Or does the Commission want to work on its recommendations for tree preservation and replacement at the same time it is working on the road map?