



CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY

Sponsor(s):
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Passed X-Y-Z

RESOLUTION 2025-02

TO INCREASE ALLOCATION FOR URBAN FORESTRY IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET

WHEREAS, when adjusted for inflation city budget allocations for Urban Forestry have decreased almost 30% since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the city's Urban Forestry office is responsible for more than 23,000 inventoried trees; and

WHEREAS, the size of the inventories trees maintained by the city has almost doubled since 2019; and

WHEREAS the City of Bloomington is currently behind on emission goals outlined in the Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS the city's inventoried trees provide environmental and cost savings benefits for the city in Carbon Dioxide Uptake, Storm Water Mitigation, and Air Pollution Removal; and

WHEREAS, proper maintenance of trees mitigates long term expenses and emergency action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY, THAT:

SECTION 1. The City of Bloomington should increase the budget of the Urban Forestry Department in 2026 to match the real dollar value of the 2018 budget.

SECTION 2. The City of Bloomington should continue to prioritize the wellbeing of the urban canopy by maintaining appropriate funding levels.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Bloomington Commission on Sustainability upon this 9th day of September, 2025.

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JUSTIN VASEL, Chair

Bloomington Commission on Sustainability

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