

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE VILLAGE OF OAK PARK'S URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, the Village of Oak Park ("Village") has long been recognized for its commitment to managing its Village-owned trees, including recognition for 39 years as a Tree City USA community, as an ArbNet Level II Accredited Arboretum, and by the Chicago Regional Tree Initiative as having an Innovative Urban Forestry Program; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Climate Ready Oak Park Plan calls for the establishment and implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan ("Plan"), attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, for the Village based on tree health and maturity, carbon sequestration and storage analysis, urban heat island analysis, and existing distribution of tree cover; and

WHEREAS, the Plan should equitably distribute tree cover, increased tree cover along major thoroughfares and any areas with below average coverage, increase overall tree canopy and carbon storage, ensure sufficient species diversity to be resilient to invasive pests and climate change, plant larger maturing trees appropriate to the site, and promote sustainable maintenance in the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Community Design Commission unanimously adopted a motion at its October 25, 2023 meeting to recommend the Village Board adopt the Urban Forest Management Plan referenced herein; and

WHEREAS, the President and the Board of Trustees have viewed the Plan and have determined that it is in the public interest to approve and adopt the Plan in order to provide urban forest management guidance throughout the Village.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Oak Park, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of their home rule powers, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

Section 2. Approval and Adoption of the Urban Forest Management Plan. The President and Board of Trustees approve and adopt the Urban Forest Management Plan attached hereto.

Section 3. Severability and Repeal of Inconsistent Ordinances and Resolutions. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity thereof shall not affect any of the other provisions of this resolution. All ordinances, resolutions or adopted motions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. Effective Date. The Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its approval, passage as provided.

ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2024 pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Voting	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
President Scaman				
Trustee Buchanan				
Trustee Enyia				
Trustee Parakkat				
Trustee Robinson				
Trustee Straw				
Trustee Wesley				

APPROVED this 30th day of January, 2024.

Vicki Scaman, President

ATTEST

Christina M. Waters, Village Clerk