



Allocation for Planting Trees

Budget Amendment 16.05

Council Committee on
Transportation, Technology and Infrastructure
November 13, 2012



Background

- 1990 Council Resolution - trees, landscaping and beautification
 - Streets, thoroughfares and facilities construction
 - Maximum of 1% of construction costs
 - Procedures to be developed by PWE and PARD



Background (continued)

- 2003 Letter of Agreement between PARD and PWE
 - Refine and memorialize joint procedures
- 2009-16 Controller's Audit Report
 - Recommended improvements in interpretation and implementation



Solution

Chapter 33 - Tree and Shrub Ordinance

- 2009-1266 Amendment to “...clarify and implement the 1⁰% Resolution.”
 - Set planting standard for City Projects
 - City standards = private development standards
 - PWE to develop “new procedures”



Administration Guidelines -

Tree Planting and Mitigation for CIP Projects

- Stakeholders – Quality of Life Coalition, PARD, PD
- PWE implemented new procedures
- Application – COH Tree and Shrub Ordinance
(Sec 33-121(a)(4))
 - City-funded construction or reconstruction project
 - Includes the entire width of the pavement of a public street
 - At least thirty feet in length



Objectives and Guidelines

- Forestation
 - Landscape plan for tree planting, protection, preservation, and mitigation
 - One tree, each side of the street limit, every 30 feet
 - Mitigation of protected trees
 - Not impede functions of the ROW



Implementation

- For major thoroughfares advertised after 3/1/2010
- For selected trees per species listed in Chapter 33
- Prioritize curb over median for tree planting
- Median and specialty planting coordinated with PARD
- Landscaping plan reviewed/approved by PARD during design approval process



Guidelines (continued)

- Deviation or waiver of guidelines approved by PARD
- Required two-year maintenance by contractor
- Landscaping plan to include costs and quantity of trees for mitigation
- PWE to monitor costs associated with guidelines
- Adjustments to guidelines may be considered for future CIP projects



Guidelines (continued)

- Quality Assurance & Quality Control – PARD participation, coordination and approval
- Site specific tree landscaping plans
 - Appropriate for soils and conditions
 - Maintainable
 - Independent of construction cost
 - Efficient and effective use of funds



Benefits

- Trees for all thoroughfares regardless of funding source
- Two-year maintenance requirement safeguards investment
- Existing trees protected by mitigation requirements
- New tree plantings to fill the urban canopy