



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Sustainability

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Re: Approval of Agreement authorizing payment to the Arbor Day Foundation for use of their Community Canopy online platform in Spring 2025.

Executive Summary

The Climate Action and Adaptation Plan Good Stewards Team successfully piloted the Arbor Day Foundation's (ADF) Community Canopy Program in the spring of 2025. Council's approval of this agreement enables City to pay ADF for the services provided.

Discussion

Miscommunication between City departments and a delay in the Missouri State business registration for the Arbor Day Foundation has resulted in this agreement ratification occurring after the services were delivered in Spring 2025.

The attached legislation authorizes the City Manager to ratify an agreement with ADF for use of their online customer portal and for delivery of trees reserved using the portal.

The ADF's Community Canopy program provides a turnkey online tree reservation portal. Participants choose between having a tree delivered directly to their residence or picking it up at a local site. Tree species suitable for Columbia were selected. Trees were reserved through a customized, ADF-hosted portal. 50 trees were made available for pick-up and 150 trees for direct mailing.

Forty-eight of the fifty trees made available for pick-up at a neighborhood event on April 26th were disbursed at the event. City staff, Tree Board members, and US Fish and Wildlife staff were present to provide educational support and planting supplies.

Both the in-person event and direct mail tree distribution methods were successful with all trees distributed. Participants were far more interested in receiving trees at the in-person event than having them mailed to them.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$12,000, Public Works, Streets, Capital Improvement Sales Tax, Annual Landscaping Projects.

Long-Term Impact: None



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Environmental Management, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

Date	Action

Suggested Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to ratify the Agreement with the Arbor Day Foundation.