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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Christine McCall, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: MOTION OF 07/13/2021 FROM COUNCILOR CHAU REQUESTING CITY MANAGER UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE STATUS OF THE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM AND INVESTIGATE EXPANDING THE PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE HIGHLANDS AREA OF THE CITY

The City of Lowell received a Greening the Gateway Cities Grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Department of Conservation and Recreation. Our planting season started in April with an initial goal of having 100 trees planted in the spring. The plan is to ramp up planting next season to 400 trees per planting season in the fall and spring. The goal is to plant 2,400 trees in a three-year period on public and private properties. To date, we have planted eighty-one (81) total trees; forty one (41) on private property and forty (40) on City property. The planting zone for this program was developed in partnership with DCR. We hope if the program continues to be successful, we will be able to expand the planting zone area in future years like many of the previously funded cities. The City's water department has provided DCR space for equipment and trees making it easier for their ongoing operations.

CMM

cc:
Rose, Director of Economic Development

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