



MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
From: Courtney Smith, Community Development Director
CC: John McHenry, City Manager
Date: August 4, 2025
RE: Memo for Resolution for Trees Atlanta Front Yard Tree Program

Contract/Document Number: R2025-08-19

Issue/Topic:

A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Tucker, Georgia for the purpose of participating in the Trees Atlanta Front Yard Tree Program for one year.

Recommendation:

Staff recommend participating in the Trees Atlanta Front Yard Tree Program for one year per the parameters included in the resolution.

Background:

The goal of the Trees Atlanta Front Yard Program is to encourage proper planting of healthy, appropriate tree species in front yards in metro Atlanta. Many metro Atlanta cities already participate in this program including Brookhaven, Chamblee, Decatur, Doraville, Dunwoody, and unincorporated Dekalb.

Summary:

If Tucker decides to participate in this program, up to 40 native trees can be planted in front yards throughout the city. The process includes the following:

1. Tucker citizen submits a request for a front yard tree to Trees Atlanta.
2. Trees Atlanta visits the site, advises on species and location of new tree.
3. Tucker citizen must call 811 for utility marking prior to tree installation and provide Trees Atlanta with permission to enter the property.
4. Trees Atlanta plants the tree between October 2025 and March 2026. They also provide care and maintenance education, all at no cost to the citizen.
5. Tucker citizen agrees to water, care for, and maintain the tree per the terms of the program.
6. The city of Tucker pays \$325 per tree.

Financial Impact:

A maximum of forty (40) trees may be planted within one planting season (October 2025 to March 2026) at a cost of up to \$13,000 (\$325/tree). The costs for these trees will be paid out of the general fund (100-1500-52.21400).