



# City of Smyrna

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## Issue Sheet

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**WARD / COUNCILMEMBER:** Ward 2 / Councilmember Wagner, Ward 5 / Councilmember Susan Wilkinson and Ward 6 / Mayor Pro Tem - Councilmember Tim Gould

**\$ IMPACT:**

**Agenda Title:**

Approval of Resolution RES2020-08 for the Trees Atlanta One Million Trees Project with a goal to participate in the overall preservation and planting of 1 million trees throughout Metro Atlanta from February 2020 through February 2030 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all related documents.

**ISSUE AND BACKGROUND:**

The One Million Trees Initiative is an innovative collaboration of 10 Metro Atlanta cities and 10 local nonprofits to plant and save one million trees in the metro area over the next 10 years; and Tree Atlanta will lead the One Million Trees Initiative, the first of its kind in the United States to connect diverse communities and approaches that protect and improve the urban forest in our region. The one million count will include trees planted on city land, for public projects, preserved in forested areas, and installed by individuals on private property, such as residential yards and businesses. Trees Atlanta is not requiring any financial commitments from its partners. Both Keep Smyrna Beautiful and the Smyrna Tree Board are enthusiastic about this project.

**City or County partner commitments / responsibilities**

- o Commit to maintaining or increasing annual tree planting activities within its boundaries
- o Identify parcels for potential conservation
- o Report planting and preservation activity to Trees Atlanta to be included in the shared database
- o Promote the program and the public benefits of trees to its constituents and encourage them to plant and preserve trees on their own property.
- o Be willing to share strategies and approaches to tree planting and protection with other partner cities and counties to assist in their own efforts.

**RECOMMENDATION / REQUESTED ACTION:**

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