



# City Council Agenda Bill

24091

Bill Number

Subject: **2024 Community Tree Program**

Summary Statement: Healthy trees provide benefits in reducing potential impacts of urban stormwater runoff. Trees also provide benefits in adapting to climate change. The Council authorized a one-time \$100k expenditure from the Surface and Stormwater Fund for tree planting in the community to accrue those benefits and make progress towards the goals in the Climate Action Plan. The 2024 Community Tree Program will use the authorized funding to support tree planting efforts across Bellingham and includes coupons for trees at local nurseries, partnerships with local nonprofit organizations, and neighborhood associations, providing trees directly to residents at no cost and other educational efforts.

Previous Council Action: **Approval of the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennium Budget Amendment**

Fiscal Impact: **Funding for \$100,000 2024 program is included the adopted 2023-2024 Budget**

Funding Source: **Storm & Surface Water Fund #430**

- Attachments:
- 1. STAFF MEMO
  - 2. PRESENTATION SLIDES

Meeting Activity	Meeting Date	Recommendation	Presented By	Time
Committee Briefing - Information Only	04/15/2024	Information/Discussion	Eric Johnston, Director of Public Works	15 minutes

**Recommended Motion:**

**Council Committee:**  
Public Works and Natural Resources Committee

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Reviewed By	Department	Date
<i>Eric C. Johnston</i>	Public Works	04/05/2024

**Council Action:**

<i>James E. Erb</i>	Legal	04/09/2024
<i>Kimberley J. Lund</i>	Executive	04/09/2024