



Urban Forest Management Plan Update

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- a. Residential Pay Program for tree trimming requests outside the grid pruning cycle.
- b. Process for residents to appeal newly planted trees in their parkways.
- c. Process for protecting Large Native Trees on all properties except single family homes.



URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT
PLAN

Program Background

Beginnings

Established in 2021

Benefits

Ensures the City has a comprehensive plan to maintain a healthy and growing Urban Forest

Goals

Plant 15,000 trees over a 5-year period (3,000 trees per year) and implement a 5-year grid pruning cycle

Annual Investment

The City currently invests \$1.6M annually to maintain its Urban Forest



Program Highlights

01 **Tree City USA**

The City of Corona is proud to be recognized as a Tree City USA. This prestigious designation is awarded to agencies that demonstrate a commitment to caring for its trees and forest.

02 **Helen Putnam Award for Urban Forest Management**

The City was honored to receive the Helen Putnam Award from the League of California Cities and was recognized for its investment and dedication to the Urban Forest.

03 **USDA Urban and Community Forestry Grant**

The City received a \$100,000 grant to plant additional trees in underserved and high heat index areas. This will benefit several residents that live in and around the Circle.

04 **Volunteer Engagement**

The City created an active and robust Corona Beautiful Program that includes several volunteer tree planting opportunities. These events are highly attended and bring the community together to improve our open spaces.

Year 1 Overview



Trees Trimmed

16,749



Trees Planted

3,040



Trees Removed

692



Volunteers

590

375 trees planted
by volunteers

Year 2 Overview



Trees Trimmed

13,462



Trees
Planted

3,082



Trees Removed

443



Volunteers

665

280 trees planted
by volunteers

Residential Pay Program

Challenge

Resident requests to trim trees outside the 5-year grid pruning cycle have increased significantly

City expenditures for tree trimming requests:

- FY23 = \$400,133
- FY24 = \$628,526

Solution

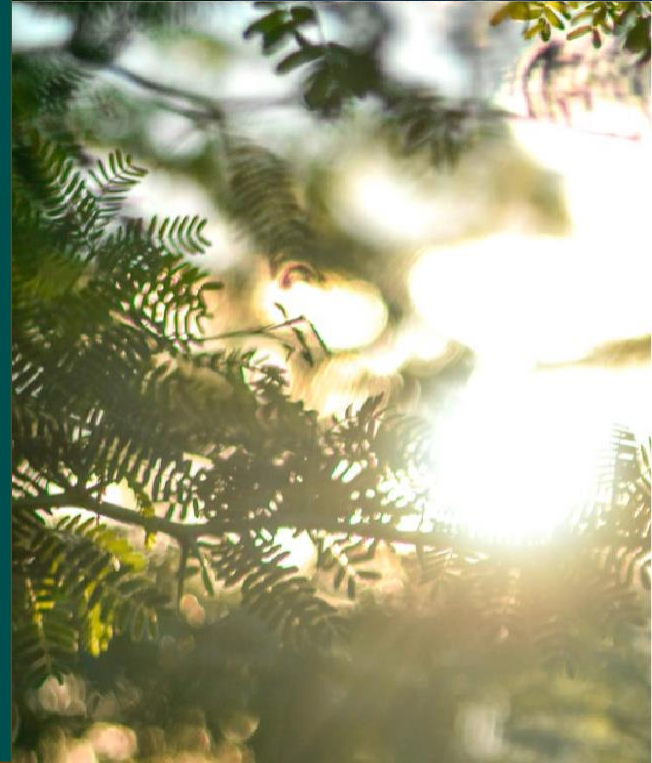
Residential Pay Program would allow residents to pay out of pocket for requests to trim shared responsibility trees prior to their next scheduled trimming

City of Corona's new service request options:

- Clearance Prune
- Aesthetic Prune
- Park/Slope Aerial
- Slope Climb

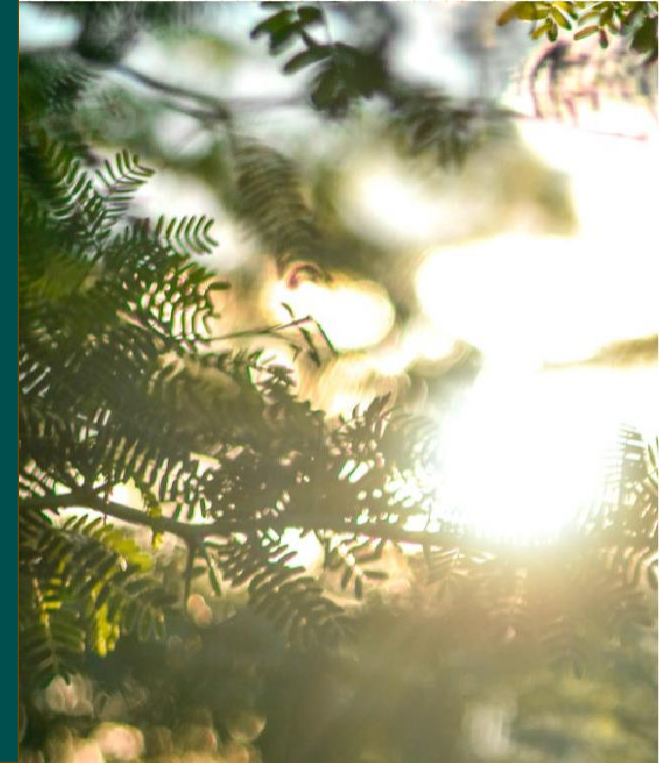
Similar programs have been implemented by the following cities:

- City of Chino Hills
- City of Riverside
- City of Redlands



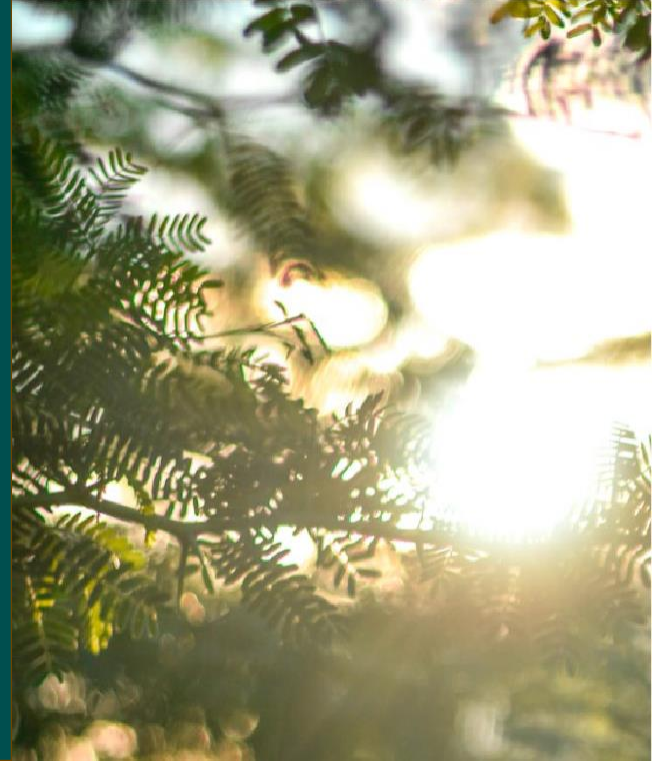
New Trees Refusal Process

- Provides a pathway for property owners to appeal a new tree planting in residential parkways in front of or on the side of their home.
- A Refusal will not be granted due to not wanting a tree, fruiting, leaf litter, loss of view, future root damage or cost of irrigation.
- Appeals will be brought before the Parks & Recreation Commission for review and consideration.
- If the Commission feels the appeal meets the criteria, the appeal would be recommended to the City Council for review and final decision.



Protection of Large Native Trees

- Large Native Trees defined as a tree that is indigenous to Riverside County and has a diameter of 30 in. or greater at breast height (4.5 ft. above ground)
- A tree may be designated as a Large Native Tree upon nomination and with written consent of the property owner where the tree is located
- Allows for the protection of existing established native trees in the public right of way, parks, or general open space to be protected from removal
- Ensures that any identified Native or Heritage tree is updated in the City Tree Inventory
- Ensures that if a tree does require removal that the city replace the trees at the 2:1 ratio outlined in the UFMP and at a location the city will deem suitable



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Questions?



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Thank You

