

City of Conway, Arkansas Resolution No. R-24-42

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF CONWAY TO UTILIZE URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR CONWAY'S URBAN FORESTRY PLANNING IN DISADVANTAGED TRACTS PROJECT

Whereas, The Arkansas Department of Agriculture's Forestry Division has announced the 2024 Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Grant Assistance Program; and

Whereas, the City of Conway established the Conway Tree Board (O-06-26) to help preserve and enhance the natural beauty of Conway including protecting the environment by providing the development of a Community Forest Management plan; and

Whereas, the City of Conway proposes submitting an application for the completion of an Urban Forestry Plan in Conway's Disadvantaged Tracts; and

Whereas, there are two sources of funding for this grant opportunity and the City will pursue the IRA funding source which requires 0% matching funds and projects to be in Disadvantaged Tracts; and

Whereas, the total project cost is estimated to be up to \$250,000 (no required matching funds from the city).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT:

Section 1. The City of Conway does hereby express its support for the Urban and Community Forestry grant application and shall authorize application submittal for Conway's Urban Forestry Planning in Disadvantaged Tracts.

Section 2. The City Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute all agreements and contracts regarding this project.

Section 3. All ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of the conflict.

PASSED this 27th day of August 2024.

Approved:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

Attest:

Michael O. Garrett City Clerk/Treasurer