

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	33401	Agenda Number	30.
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Meeting Date:	6/26/2014	Department:	Parks and Recreation
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Austin Independent School District (AISD) to plant native trees on AISD-owned school properties.

Amount and Source of Funding

The tree planting project costs resulting from this agreement will be shared per the agreement by City of Austin (Trust in Agency funding reserved for tree planting) and by AISD.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
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Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

The City of Austin Parks and Austin Independent School District (AISD) have a long history of participation in joint-use projects on school and park sites. Understanding the importance of urban forestry development within the City of Austin and on AISD's school campuses, the City of Austin and AISD desire to enter into a five year Interlocal Agreement that would foster the development of tree plantings and promote the healthy development of native trees.

The City will be responsible for:

1. Designing planting and irrigation plans for each site with final approval from AISD.
2. Providing an irrigation contractor and all materials and supplies necessary to install a drip irrigation system to the newly planted trees.
3. Purchasing and planting the trees
4. Maintaining the young trees, including the mulch ring around the tree, structural pruning, adjustment of bracing, and the irrigation system for a period of three years from the date of planting.

AISD will be responsible for:

1. Prioritizing and approving sites for tree planting.

2. Providing locations for irrigation points of connection and underground utilities for ditch site.
3. Supplying the water to irrigate the trees as part of its normal utility expenses.
4. Long term maintenance of the trees.

These combined efforts will provide social, economic and environmental benefits to the community and enhance the quality of life for Austin residents as the urban forest is an integral part of the Austin landscape.