

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 150

Approved March 24, 2025

WHEREAS, The urban forest of Providence is a vital and cherished resource that enhances public health, combats climate change, improves air and water quality, and fosters community well-being; and

WHEREAS, The equitable distribution of trees and green spaces is essential to ensuring that all residents-regardless of neighborhood-can enjoy the benefits of a healthy urban canopy; and

WHEREAS, The PVD Tree Plan is a community-driven initiative that brings together residents, environmental advocates, city leaders, and frontline climate justice communities to build a shared vision for a greener, more resilient Providence; and

WHEREAS, A citywide survey found that over 98% of residents support greater investment in Providence's trees, yet only 1.5% believe their neighborhoods have enough of them, highlighting the urgent need for action; and

WHEREAS, The PVD Tree Plan lays out a comprehensive strategy to address existing disparities in tree coverage, strengthen tree care and planting efforts, and enhance community engagement through initiatives like the Tree Ambassador Network and neighborhood-based decision-making models; and



WHEREAS, The PVD Tree Plan was created with the assistance of the Parks Department's Forestry Division, it has been endorsed by the Sustainability Commission and support for implementation of the plan is included in Providence's Comprehensive Plan, further highlighting the plan's long-term commitment to environmental justice and sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Providence City Council formally endorses the PVD Tree Plan and its recommendations to expand and sustain the city's urban forest equitably and effectively; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That all city leaders and community members are encouraged to actively participate in the implementation of the PVD Tree Plan, recognizing that a greener Providence is a stronger, healthier, and more livable city for all; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Mayor of Providence, the Director of the Parks Department, the Forestry Division, and the leadership of the PVD Tree Plan as a demonstration of the City Council's commitment to preserving it's urban forest.

IN CITY COUNCIL  
MAR 20 2025  
READ AND PASSED

  
RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT  
  
CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
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Mayor  
Date: 3/24/25