

Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 7/14/2009
Reference No.: CR-035-2009
Draft No.: 1
Proposer(s): Bland, Knotts
Sponsor(s): Bland, Knotts, Turner, Harrison, Campos
Item Title: A Resolution concerning the designation of the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus phellos*) as the Official Tree of Prince George's County.

Drafter: Todd M. Turner, Legislative Officer
Resource Personnel: Official Tree Work Group

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

Date Presented:		Executive Action:
Committee Referral:	6/9/2009 - THE	Effective Date:
Committee Action:	6/25/2009 - FAV	
Date Introduced:	6/9/2009	
Public Hearing:		
Council Action (1)	7/14/2009 - ADOPTED	
Council Votes:	MB:A, WC:A, SHD:A, TD:A, CE:A, AH:A, TK:A, EO:A, IT:A	
Pass/Fail:	P	
Remarks:		

AFFECTED CODE SECTIONS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

TRANSPORTATION , HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Date 6/25/2009

Committee Vote: Favorable, 3-0 (In favor: Council Members Dernoga, Dean and Knotts).

Staff summarized the purpose of the resolution. CR-35-2009 designates the Willow Oak Tree (*Quercus Phellos*) as the official tree of Prince Georges County.

CR 27-2008 had established a work group of interested stakeholders, including the County and Planning Department Staff, to review and make a recommendation to the County Executive and the County Council for designation of an official County Tree. The Official Tree Work Group issued its report in April 2009 to the County Council and the County Executive and recommended that the Willow Oak Tree be designated as the official tree of Prince Georges County.

The Office of Law determined that CR-35-2009 was in proper legislative form.

The Office of Audits and Investigation indicated there will be minimal fiscal impact on the County as a result of adopting CR-35-2009.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

On July 1, 2008 the Prince George's County Council adopted Council Resolution (CR) 27-2008, a resolution with the purpose of repealing the designation of the Bradford Pear Tree (calleryana Bradford) as the official tree of Prince George's County. In addition, CR-27-2008 established a workgroup of interested stakeholders, including County and Planning Department staff, to review and make a recommendation to the County Executive and County Council for designation of an official County Tree. The Official Tree Work Group issued its report in April 2009 to the County Council and County Executive and recommended that the Willow Oak Tree (Quercus phellos) be designated as the official tree of Prince George's County.

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