

May 1, 2023

**To:** Members of the Budget and Finance Committee 202301296  
**From:** Sheryl M. M. Long, City Manager  
**Subject:** **Emergency Ordinance – Cincinnati Recreation Commission (CRC):  
Trees and Plants In-Kind Donation (B Version)**

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Attached is an Emergency Ordinance captioned:

**AUTHORIZING** the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation of new trees, boulders, plants, and related landscaping from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden valued at up to \$25,000, in addition to the services reasonably necessary to install and maintain this donation, for the purpose of beautification of green space at the Forest and Irving Recreation Area.

The B Version of this ordinance broadens the list of items included in the in-kind donation from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden to include trees, boulders, plants, and related landscaping materials and services required to install and maintain this donation.

Approval of this Emergency Ordinance will authorize the City Manager to accept an in-kind donation from the Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden valued at up to \$25,000 for the beautification of green space at the Forest and Irving Recreation Area.

The Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden has offered to donate new trees, boulders, plants, related landscaping, and services reasonably necessary to install and maintain the donation at the Forest and Irving Recreation Area for the purpose of activating and beautifying Cincinnati Recreation Commission green space in the Avondale neighborhood.

There are no new FTEs or matching funds associated with the in-kind donation.

Acceptance of this donation is in accordance with the “Collaborate” goal to “[w]ork in synergy with the Cincinnati community” and the strategy to “[u]nite our communities,” as described on pages 209-212 of Plan Cincinnati (2012).

The reason for the emergency is the immediate need to accept the donation and proceed with the plantings at the request of the donor.

The Administration recommends passage of this Emergency Ordinance.

cc: Andrew M. Dudas, Budget Director  
Karen Alder, Finance Director



Attachment