

Resolution No.: 15-1634
Introduced: October 10, 2006
Adopted: October 17, 2006

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: Councilmember Subin

SUBJECT: Request Development of a Program to Provide Trees for Montgomery County Homeowners

Background

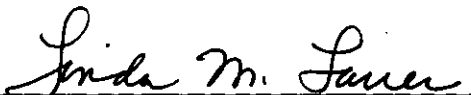
1. Trees provide numerous benefits including removing pollutants from the air, improving water quality by reducing stormwater runoff and soil erosion, reducing cooling cost in homes by approximately 30 %, providing shade, providing habitat, food and protection for a variety of wildlife, reducing noise pollution, increasing property value, and adding to the natural beauty of our built environment.
2. Development in the County has led to a decrease in trees and tree cover.
3. Other jurisdictions, including Sacramento, California, Denver, Colorado, and Minneapolis, Minnesota have successfully created programs to offer trees to homeowners at no or reduced cost.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Council requests the Department of Environmental Protection to work with the Interagency Forest Conservation Team to develop a program which provides free or reduced cost trees for County homeowners to be considered for funding during the Council's review of the FY08 Budget.

This is a correct copy of Council action.


Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council