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Dear Colleagues,

We are writing to request your support for a funding application for a collaborative tree planting project aimed at enhancing urban green spaces in the City of London. Through the Green Municipal Fund, specifically the Growing Canada's Community Canopies stream, there is funding available for local organisations and municipalities to create ambitious tree planting programs.

A requirement of the application is a resolution or letter of support from the local municipality. As such, we seek your assistance in supporting the following organisations on their efforts to submit a collaborative tree planting proposal by October 15th, 2024.

- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
- ReForest London
- London Environmental Network

These will be working together over the next few weeks to combine their project areas into one streamlined application, which if successful will result in thousands of new trees being planted and maintained in London. The proposed project aligns perfectly with our shared goals of promoting environmental sustainability, improving public health, and fostering community engagement. It aligns with our Strategic Plan, Climate Emergency Action Plan Urban Forestry Strategy, and our Conservation Master Plans.

These organisations have a demonstrated commitment to environmental stewardship in London. Their plan to plant thousands of new trees across London, combined with community engagement and volunteer opportunities, will not only increase urban canopy cover but also empower residents to play an active role in their community's ecological health.

Motion: that Council supports a grant application for the Growing Canada's Community Canopies to be submitted to assist London in achieving our tree canopy target.

Sincerely,

Skylar Franke
Ward 11 Councillor

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Ward 7 Councillor