

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION  
JULY 17, 2018 AGENDA**

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Action Required:</b>	<b>Approved By:</b>
<p>CARTI Land Alteration Variance Request (LA-0079) Approval of the Acceptance of and In-lieu Cash Contribution to the CLR TREE Fund at 8901 CARTI Way</p> <p><b>Submitted By:</b></p> <p>Public Works Department</p>	<p>Ordinance √ <b>Resolution</b> Approval</p>	<p>Bruce T. Moore City Manager</p>

<b>SYNOPSIS</b>	<p>Authorizes the acceptance of an in-lieu cash contribution to the City of Little Rock Tree Restoration for Environmental Enhancement (TREE) Fund as found in Sec. 15-37(b)(1) for replanting trees in accordance with the TREE Credit Chart as found in Sec. 15-52(b) where it has been determined that the planting of trees is not obtainable without undue hardship on the responsible party.</p>
<b>FISCAL IMPACT</b>	<p>No impact to the City Budget.</p>
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p>Approval of the resolution. The Planning Commission approved the Variance Request at their May 17, 2018, meeting by a vote of 8 ayes, 0 nays, and 3 absent.</p>
<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<p>At the request of the applicant, CARTI, the Planning approved a Restoration and Planting Plan for the correction of a land alteration regulation violation on property owned by CARTI located on the north side of CARTI Way and west of Woodland Heights Retirement Center. The violation was for the unpermitted clearing of thirty-nine (39) defined trees and vegetation. Per the TREE Credit Chart, a total of 142 trees are required to be replanted.</p>

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To correct the land alteration regulation violation, the Planning Commission approved a Restoration and Planting Plan stating that a six (6)-foot wood privacy fence and landscape buffer would be installed along the east property line for 150 feet in length and approximately forty-five (45) trees of three (3) to four (4)-inch caliper will be replanted in the cleared area by December 31, 2018. It has been determined the planting of the remaining ninety-seven (97) trees on the property is not obtainable without undue hardship on the responsible party. As part of approved Restoration Plan, CARTI proposes to make a cash contribute in the amount of \$63,334.86 to the TREE Fund for planting of trees within the rights-of-way and on City of Little Rock property within the same area as the subject property as defined by the Section map.

A resolution is required to be approved by the Board of Director for acceptance of the in-lieu cash contribution to the TREE Fund to be paid within thirty (30) days of adoption of the resolution.