



# Oak Wilt Replacement Program

Parks & Recreation

Item 8

# COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

Submitted January 30, 2024, by Council District 7

## Background

- Request City Staff address the issue of oak wilt by means of using funds from the Tree Mitigation Fund to assist homeowners and neighborhoods in replacing oak trees lost by the disease with native non-oak trees.
- **In 2003, City Council approved an ordinance to prevent and control the spread of oak wilt.**
  - Requires all cuts or wounds on oak trees be painted within 30 minutes
  - Prohibits infected firewood from being brought into the city
  - Tree maintenance license must be obtained by individuals conducting tree pruning
- **In 2016, the Parks Department created an oak wilt prevention program to reduce the spread of the disease.**
  - Oak wilt prevention informational door hangers provided by Solid Waste Management Department during bi-annual brush collection.
  - Brush collection cycles are adjusted to ensure that the north and northwest side where oak wilt is primarily found within San Antonio are avoided between February 1 and June 30 when the spread is most prevalent
- **Currently, the Parks Department provides tree planting programs for homeowners using an equity-based approach prioritizing communities of need.**

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### **Request**

- The CCR requests the creation of a program to prevent the spread of this Oak Wilt by helping residents and neighborhoods in San Antonio replace infected oak trees with native non-oak trees after they have been removed. The request would primarily utilize the Tree Mitigation Fund.

# **Staff Recommendation**



- Staff recommends referring this item to the Planning and Community Development Committee.