



CITY OF LONG BEACH

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DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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May 15, 2018

HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
City of Long Beach
California

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Urban and Community Forestry California Climate Investments Grant Program, for urban and community forestry programs in the City; accept said grant, if awarded, in an amount up to \$1,260,633 funded by the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund; and, execute all documents necessary to accept the funds and implement the programs. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The State of California has enacted the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF), which provides funds for urban and community forestry programs that reduce greenhouse gasses.

The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the programs, including the establishment of program parameters and application procedures. CAL FIRE has established the Fire Protection Urban and Community Forestry California Climate Investments Grant Program (CCI), which works to optimize the benefits of trees and related vegetation through multiple-objective proposals that result in a net greenhouse gas (GHG) benefit. Co-benefits of projects include increased water supply, clean air and water, reduced energy use, flood and storm water management, recreation, urban revitalization, and improved public health. Projects may provide a combination of these and other co-benefits. Urban and Community Forestry efforts play a significant role in meeting the State's GHG emission reduction targets. CAL FIRE encourages resident participation in the development and implementation of each project.

The initial phase of the application process requires agencies to submit a Concept Proposal. If the Concept Proposal is accepted, CAL FIRE will invite applicants to submit a Project Application. A Concept Proposal Application for CCI grant funds was submitted to CAL FIRE on February 26, 2018. The City has been selected as a finalist, and has been invited to submit a Project Application.

The City's proposed project includes the planting of 3,600 street trees, 400 fruit trees, the installation of 435 sidewalk cuts, 60 bioswales, and a bioswale median demonstration project; 50 fruit trees will be planted in an orchard in Willow Springs Park and the remaining 350 fruit trees will be planted in Long Beach residents' front yards. Irrigation will be installed for the orchard, and trees will be planted with the help of volunteers. The bioswales and sidewalk cuts will be constructed by a contractor selected by the Department of Public Works.

A minimum of 75 percent of the appropriation for this grant must be expended on projects within the Cap and Trade Investment Areas, as shown in four categories on the attached map (Attachment A). Expenditures in these areas will be further targeted within designated Place Based Neighborhood Improvement Strategy Areas and Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP) (Attachment B). The remaining 25 percent may be spent citywide.

The proposed grant will be overseen by the Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau. The Office of Sustainability and Department of Public Works will have limited roles in implementing portions of the proposed project.

This mater was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Richard Anthony on April 18, 2018 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on April 25, 2018.

SUSTAINABILITY

CAL FIRE requires that funded projects demonstrate that they will achieve and maintain a net reduction in GHG emissions, and projects must contain a tree planting element. Projects must be sustained at least until a net GHG benefit is realized and maintained for ten years. The City's proposed project will result in a net GHG benefit of 6,499 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on May 15, 2018, to meet the grant application deadline of May 30, 2018.

FISCAL IMPACT

The requested action authorizes the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application to the Urban and Community Forestry California Climate Investments Grant Program. If awarded, the grant will offset costs of tree plantings, bioswales and sidewalks cuts intended to reduce greenhouse gases. The grant requires a 25 percent cost-share (match), which may be met with in-kind activities. This match requirement will be met using volunteer hours and staff time, materials and supplies from similar, existing programs in the Office of Sustainability and the Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau.

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The Development Services Department has identified more than \$1.6 million of in-kind activities and projects that meet and exceed the cost-share requirement. Included in the cost-share are the 600 street trees that will be planted and the 11,989 tons of mulch from the waste stream that the Office of Sustainability will be contributing through existing programs. Additionally, the Housing and Neighborhood Services Bureau will plant 2,500 trees as a match for this grant utilizing the Port of Long Beach-funded "I Dig Long Beach – 6,000 Trees by 2020" Grant. The Community Development Block Grant Urban Forestry funds will also contribute to the cost-share by helping to plant, maintain, care for, and replace trees planted in eligible areas.

Volunteer hours will contribute to the City's cost-share through approximately 50 monthly neighborhood tree planting and tree care events. Volunteers will include members of neighborhood associations, community groups, schools, churches, and other residents.

Should the grant proposal be selected for funding, the Development Service Department would return to the City Council for an appropriation increase at a future date. There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



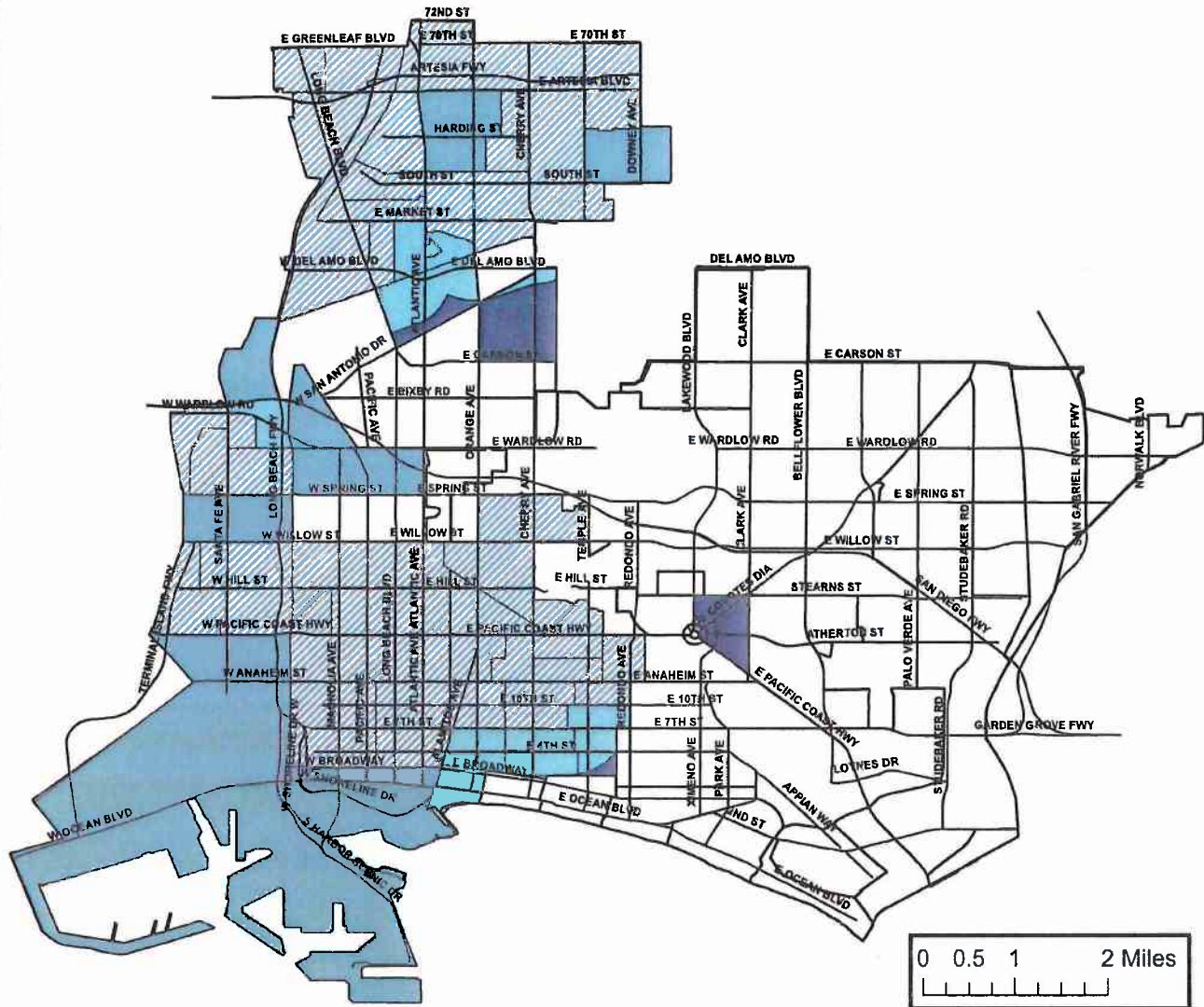
LINDA F. TATUM, FAICP
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

APPROVED:







PATRICK H. WEST
CITY MANAGER

Cap and Trade Investment Areas

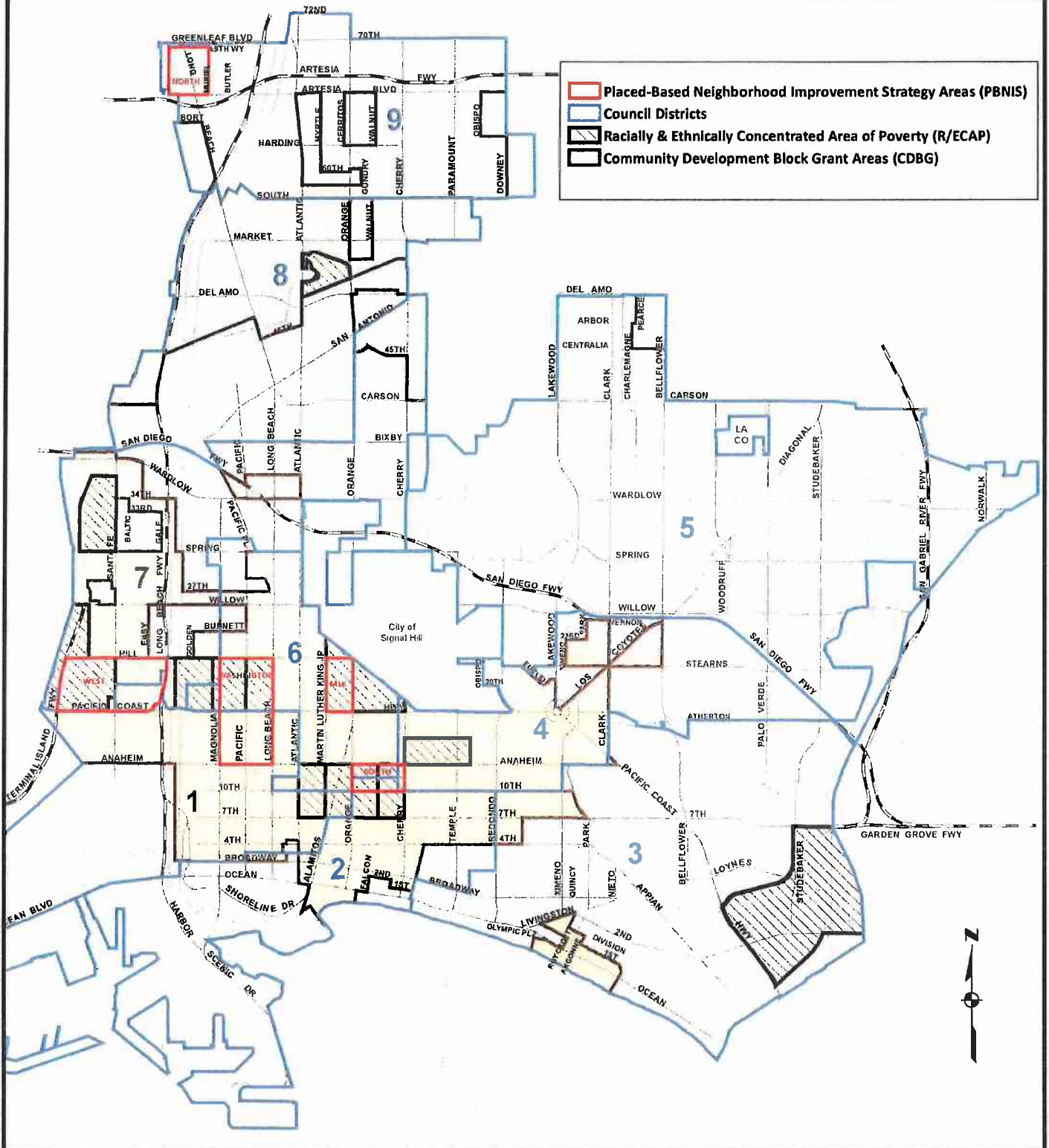


Map Features

-  AB 1550 Low Income Communities within a 1/2 mile of a SB 535 Disadvantaged Community
-  SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities and AB 1550 Low Income Communities
-  SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities
-  AB 1550 Low Income Communities

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Community Development Block Grant Areas (CDBG) and Racially & Ethnically Concentrated Area of Poverty (R/ECAP)



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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR FUNDING FROM THE URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM ENTITLED "CLIMATE INVESTMENTS GRANT PROGRAM", AS PROVIDED THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of California in cooperation with the California State Legislature has enacted the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, which provide funds to the State of California and its political subdivisions for urban and community forestry programs; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the State, setting up necessary procedures governing application by local agencies and non-profit organizations under the program, and

WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application before submission of said application to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into an agreement with the State of California to carry out an urban and community forestry project;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. The City Council approves the filing of an application for "Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund" grant program funds.

Section 2. The City Council certifies that funds under the jurisdiction of the City Council are available to begin the project.

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Section 3. The City Council certifies that the City will expend grant funds prior to March 30, 2022.

Section 4. The City Council appoints the City Manager, or designee, as agent of the City of Long Beach to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests, etc., which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2018 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

Noes: Councilmembers: _____

Absent: Councilmembers: _____

City Clerk

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