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Urban Forestry Working Group

Greetings,

I'd like to invite you to become a volunteer member of the City of Stamford's *Urban Forestry Working Group*. This group is being organized to:

- a. help advocate for the City increasing its tree planting efforts;
- b. support the development of a tree inventory program; and
- c. assist in the development of policies related to the City's Tree Planting Program.

This group will develop policy recommendations to incentivize the growth of Stamford's urban forest, provide protection of Stamford's existing tree canopy, and propose disincentives for removal of mature trees.

The working group will aid the City in determining a system to establish quantifiable value of Stamford's urban forest and individual trees based on the benefits they provide. This may include capturing and storing carbon emissions, offsetting urban heat island effects, supporting biodiversity, providing erosion control, and decreasing and filtering stormwater run-off.

The group will be asked to develop an equitable citywide policy to incentivize the growth of Stamford's urban forest, provide protection of Stamford's existing tree canopy and propose disincentives for removal of mature trees by residents, business owners, real estate developers and commercial properties.

Please contact Danielle Petretta, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator, to confirm your interest and/or availability no later than July 15, 2024. Dpetretta@stamfordct.gov. We hope to organize the first meeting to take place in August 2024.

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Quiñones', is written over a blue circular stamp.

Matthew Quiñones
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Invitees:

Ralph Blessing
Luke Bittenwieser
Bonnie Kim Campbell
Robert Clausi
Nette Compton
Melanie Hollis
Ronald Markey
Erin McKenna
Michael Moore
Danielle Petretta
Nina Sherwood