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Tree Care Assist Project Proposal

Objective:

To create an incentive for property owners to plant or keep trees by creating a Tree Care Assist program. The goal is to have such a program in place in time for the spring pruning season.

What Tree Care Assist will look like: It will center around collection and disposal/reuse of bio waste in the form of leaves, limbs, etc., but also consider other forms of support that can ease the burden of ownership for tree owners.

How we will know what kind of support tree owners will welcome: We will ask them. The most efficient way will be to place a survey on "Survey Monkey" (a free service) and ask local media to direct their audience to that website.

The course of action: A committee - new or existing - will compose a list of questions for the survey within a week of this meeting. The survey will run 4 weeks. The information harvested will be used by the committee to outline a variety of possible Tree Care Assist programs. They will be presented to the Shade Tree Council at the December 2013 meeting.

If the Council decides to go ahead with the plan the committee will work with Parks & Recreation, as well as other City departments, to develop a final plan that offers maximum benefits to tree owners at a reasonable expense to the Community. This plan will be presented to the Shade Tree Council at the February 2013 meeting and, if approved, sent to the Board of Supervisors.