

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-18

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of Bainbridge Island, Washington, adopting the *Community Forest Management Plan* (2006).

WHEREAS, the citizens of Bainbridge Island recognize that our forests provide multiple ecosystem services including: providing habitat for a wide variety of plants and animals; regulating temperature for dwellings, streams, and shorelines; reducing air pollution; serving an integral role in our Island's water, carbon, and nutrient cycles; providing windbreaks; forestalling erosion by stabilizing slopes and soils; reducing and attenuating stormwater runoff; and enhancing physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, our City's Comprehensive Plan has long recognized that the well-being of both human and ecological communities is very much connected to forests and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, as a designated Tree City USA, the citizens of Bainbridge Island take seriously their responsibility to protect our native vegetation and forests, and urgently desire that action be taken to strengthen and enforce policies that protect, steward, and sustain forests and native vegetation so that they can continue to provide important cultural, social, economic, and ecological benefits to our community; and

WHEREAS, the *Community Forest Management Plan* was completed in 2006 to promote sustainable tree and forest conditions on Bainbridge Island and includes a forest inventory and recommendations for additional programs, public education and outreach, incentives, and regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in 2006 adopted Resolution No. 2006-07, through which the Council accepted the *Community Forest Management Plan* as a guide for long-term management of the community forest, and also indicated in that resolution that portions of the *Plan* may be adopted in the future; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the City has accomplished several of the action items recommended by the *Community Forest Management Plan*, but other recommendations have not been implemented; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Tree and Low Impact Development Ad Hoc Committee has recommended that the *Community Forest Management Plan* should be adopted by the Council to promote implementation of *Plan* recommendations; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The *Community Forest Management Plan* (2006) is hereby adopted. The City will review *Plan* recommendations and work toward implementation of those recommendations through regulations, program development, and public outreach.

PASSED by the City Council this ____ day of September, 2017.

APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of September, 2017.

By: _____
Val Tollefson, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

By: _____
Christine Brown, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: August 11, 2017

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: September ____, 2017

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