



# City of Jacksonville, Florida

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**TO:** Dr. Cheryl L. Brown, Director/Council Secretary  
Jacksonville City Council

**FROM:** John R. Crescimbeni, Tree Commission Chair  
City Council Designee

**DATE:** June 27, 2019

**SUBJECT:** 2019 Tree Commission Annual Report

Some of the Tree Commission's duties include acting as a coordinator for programs, projects, and activities related to planting projects and the health of the tree canopy between all public and private entities and to review expenditure proposals and plans for planting projects.

The Commission was established by City Council enactment of 2017-397-E on July 25, 2017. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month. The first meeting of the Tree Commission was held January 9, 2018. Since then the Commission has:

- Established and recommended funding for the Remove and Replace Program allowing for dead, diseased or dying trees to be removed and replaced using Tree Mitigation Funds (15F and 15N).
- Established and recommended funding, and supplemental funding, for the Level 1 (or 630-CITY) Planting Program where constituents may call in and request up to two trees be planted in their public right-of-way. The Mowing and Landscape Division has received over 600 requests for trees.
- Designed an application process and recommended funding for the Level 2 Planting Program. This program is designed for small groups, such as Homeowner's Associations, to request a Tree Planting Project under 200 trees administered by City staff. These proposed projects are presented to the Tree Commission for approval before submission to MBRC. Three projects have been presented and approved, four projects are under development.
- Designed a process and application documents for Level 3 Planting Program. This program is designed for larger organizations and non-profits to submit Tree Planting Projects over 200 trees, to be administered by the requesting organization. These proposed projects are presented to the Tree Commission for scoring before introduction for legislation.
- Established an Approved Tree Planting List.
- Recommended the prohibition of using Tree Mitigation Funding for the planting of medjool date palms (*Phoenix dactylifera*).

- Currently the Tree Commission is in the process of revising the Landscape and Tree Protection Ordinances to better reflect the City's policy for the reforestation of Jacksonville.

**Tree Commission Members:**

**John Crescimbeni, Chair**

**Curtis Hart, Vice Chair**

**Chris Flagg**

**Aaron Glick**

**John Pappas**

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**Michael Robinson**

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