

approved by unanimous vote of delegates present  
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### **Urging Tree Canopy Preservation--Montgomery County Civic Federation Resolution**

Whereas the presence of a mature tree canopy in an area increases the absorption of rainwater into the ground and aids in its filtration, thereby decreasing the quantity and rate of flow of stormwater runoff into local streams as well as its sediment content; and,

Whereas mature tree canopy provides critical wildlife habitat; and,

Whereas a significant percentage of tree canopy in an area contributes to a reduction in energy demands in warm weather months by lowering the ambient temperature in that area, which is of particular importance in increasingly urbanized areas of the county; and,

Whereas a mature tree canopy is the primary biological tool for the natural removal of harmful pollutants in the air; and,

Whereas tree canopy coverage in the county is at risk of being reduced by development, redevelopment, and increases in the amount of impervious surface;

Therefore, it is the sense of the assembly that the existing tree canopy in Montgomery County should be preserved, and that a particular effort should be undertaken to retain and protect trees in the public right-of-way throughout the county.