



## Agenda Item Summary

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**Agenda Item Name:**

**Alachua County Tree Planting Program and Interlocal Agreements Update**

**Presenter:**

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**Prior Board Motions:**

On 9/11/2018, the Board approved the Alachua County Tree Planting Program Operating Procedure, and adopted Resolution 18-78 establishing a Tree Sponsorship Policy.

**Background:**

The Alachua County Tree Planting Program, managed by the County Arborist, plants trees throughout the County. Since 2018, the program has planted and is maintaining 1,116 trees, including plantings in all 9 municipalities. Building on the successes of the program over the past 5 years, the tree planting program now enters into the next 5-year period, with continued focus on the following priority planting areas as established in the Board in the Tree Planting Program Operating Procedure, and assessment of longer-term goals for community:

- First priority shall be placed on road segments where traffic calming is most needed and multimodal transportation choices are most likely to be utilized such as approaches to schools, commercial centers, employment centers, and service centers including libraries, parks, churches and community centers.
- Second priority shall be locations that facilitate shade and buffering for pedestrians, cyclists, buildings, parking lots, and recreational amenities.

To expand on program successes and further increase local community support and buy-in, staff recommends pursuing establishment of Interlocal Agreements between the County and each municipality, as well as with the Alachua County School Board to offer more comprehensive tree planning, planting and tree preservation assistance and guidance.