



Information on the Tree Mitigation Fund

Parks and Recreation

Questions

1. How often is the Tree Mitigation Fund paid into?

- a. Payment is received when platting fees are assessed

2. What can the funding be used for?

- a. See section 7.7.4. of Code of Ordinance

3. What recent projects have been completed with this funding?

- a. Tree inventory utilizing greehill ground-based LIDAR within Parks, City facilities, ROWs
- b. Tree planting and irrigation in the following locations:
 - i. Annual Arbor Day planting (1st Saturday of November)
 - ii. Annual Tree Rebate Program
 - iii. Shady Oaks Dr. (upcoming Fall 2024)
 - iv. Hickory Creek Rd. (Spring 2024)
 - v. Joe Skiles Park (Spring 2024)
 - vi. Sequoia Park (Fall 2023)
 - vii. South Lakes Park (Fall 2023)
 - viii. North Lakes Dog Park (Fall 2022)

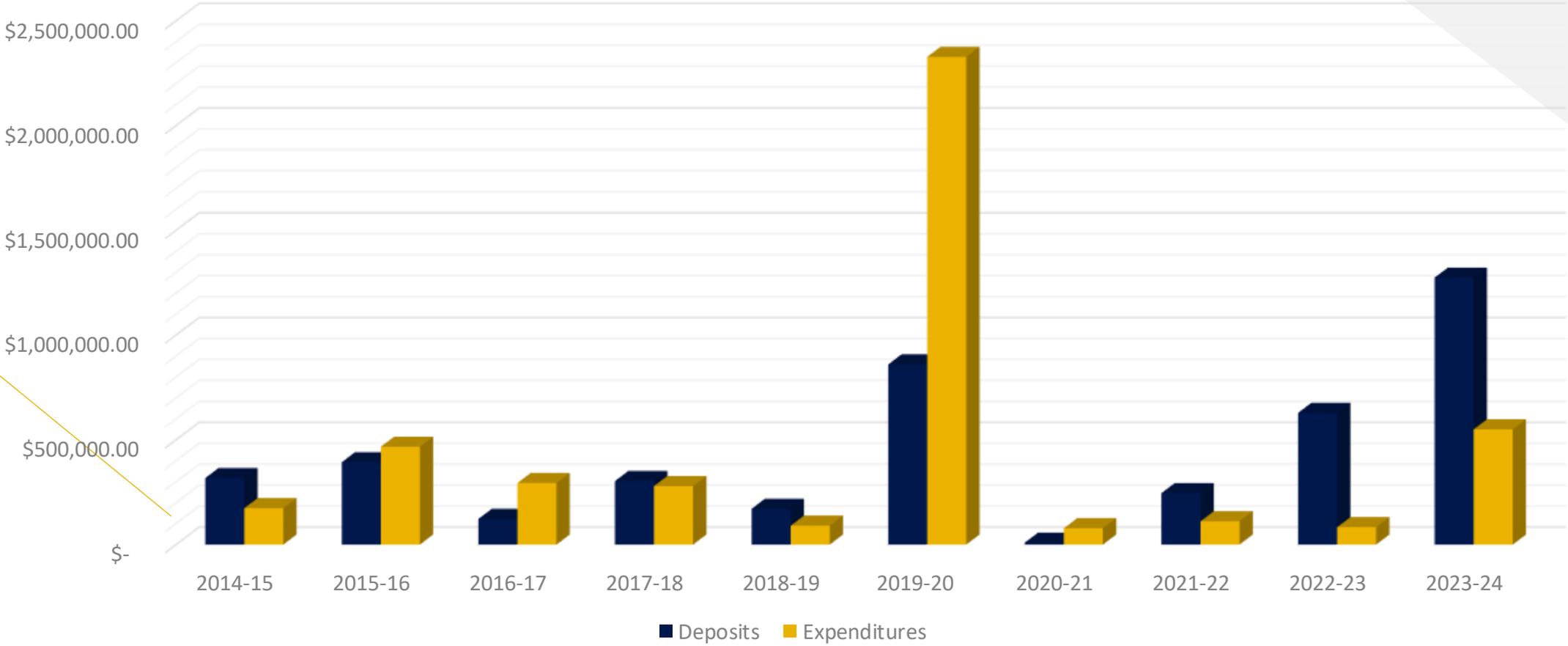
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- 4. Can tree funds be used to plant trees in residential neighborhoods that would be impacted by the development project paying into the fund?**
- a. Tree funds are prioritized to be used within public parks, roadway medians, and open space that helps to advance the goals and objectives identified within the Urban Forest Master Plan.
 - b. Tree funds can be used for Neighborhood Tree Giveaways (KDB) and Tree Rebate Program (KDB)
 - i. Neighborhood Tree Giveaway
 - 1. “Tree Your Block” Program
 - ii. Tree Rebate Program (maximum of \$500 per year beginning Oct. 1 to May 1 as funds are available)
 - 1. \$50 – 5 gallon (5 tree max.)
 - 2. \$100 – 15 gallon (5 tree max.)
 - 3. \$250 – 30 gallon (2 tree max.)

Tree Preservation Ordinance – Section 7.7.4

- Part L: Tree Fund
 1. The city shall administer and use the tree fund to:
 - a. Purchase, plant, and maintain trees;
 - b. Conduct maintenance on conservation easements dedicated in accordance with this subsection;
 - c. Preserve wooded property remaining in a naturalistic state in perpetuity;
 - d. Perform and maintain a city-wide tree inventory;
 - e. Educate citizens and developers on the preservation, care, maintenance, benefits and value of trees within the City of Denton; and
 - f. Support programs for the public purpose of increasing the tree canopy within the City of Denton as approved by the City Council.
 2. Proceeds from the tree fund shall not be used to meet any requirements for preservation, mitigation, landscaping, buffering, streetscaping, or similar requirements in this DDC or the Municipal Code of Ordinances.
 3. Voluntary contributions for tree planting shall be placed in the tree fund.

Tree Mitigation Fund – Expenditures 2014-2024





Project Photos

Section description



South Lakes Park – Arbor Day 2023



Tree Your Block Program – 2021

Additional Resources

Urban Forestry Initiatives

- <https://www.cityofdenton.com/1113/Urban-Forestry>
- <https://www.cityofdenton.com/291/Tree-Rebates>
- <https://www.cityofdenton.com/598/Keep-Denton-Beautiful>



Questions?

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