



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

TO:

Vanessa Boukili, Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner
Public Space and Urban Forestry
City of Somerville

FROM:

Patrick Herron, Executive Director
Mystic River Watershed Association

DATE:

February 6, 2026

SUBJECT:

Funding for Tree Planting in Somerville

The Mystic River Watershed Association (MyRWA) has received grant funding from **USDA, Forest Service (Award #23-DG-11094200-204)** to support tree planting on public property in the City of Somerville. Since 2024, MyRWA has partnered with City staff to plant 84 trees on public property.

For **calendar year 2026**, MyRWA will support the Public Space and Urban Forestry Division's tree planting program by directly paying for a portion of the trees to be planted on public property through the City's **2026 Spring & Fall Tree Planting & Related Services** contract.

All items to be paid for by MyRWA will be billed directly to MyRWA by the approved vendor at the contract unit prices. Items invoiced to MyRWA may include a portion of the purchased trees and related tree planting supplies (e.g., stakes, irrigation bags). The exact number of items to be invoiced to MyRWA will be determined by the City's Project Manager (Senior Urban Forestry and Landscape Planner, Vanessa Boukili) and communicated directly to the vendor, but **will not exceed \$50,000**.



Please direct any questions to Project Manager, Karina Ramos, at karina.ramos@mysticriver.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Herron". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Patrick Herron
Executive Director