

CHARLOTTESVILLE TREE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes from February 4th, 2025 Meeting

Present: Makshya Tolbert, Katie Lockhart, Tyler Miller, Woody Parrish, JD Brown, Donna Shaunesey, Susan McKinnon, Betsy Roettger, Shanti Levy, Steven Gaines

**Visitors: Bailey Pleasant, Jean Lee Gazin, Lisa Wittenborn – Rivanna Conservation Alliance
Liz Lingo – Eocene Environmental Consultants**

Brief Summary of Staff Projects:

-Tree Planting update – project completed by end of February, watering to begin May 2025

-Update – Invasive Vegetation control (strategy and project sites)
Groundcover planting at Butterfly Greenway, parks Street Bridge, and Tonsler Park. Chemical treatments for invasive control projects to resume in Late spring/summer 2025

Parks and Recreation seasonal position opening up in Mid-February

Eocene Presentation: Liz Lingo

Liz presented brief history of Eocene Environmental group, company description, and examples of past projects.

Primary discussion on project layout, timelines, and data that will be collected. Tree Commission would like to be kept in the loop about data as it comes available regarding vegetation analysis and canopy analysis.

Potential for updates from Eocene to TC as things progress.

RCA – Summary of project to date, Rivanna Resilience Partnership and stream bank restoration project -(Bailey, Jean Lee, Lisa Wittenborn)

-TC to write support for stream bank restoration project

-RCA requests volunteers to lead Scheduled Sunday walks describing Stream Restoration Project

Debrief from State of the Forest:

- Discussion on how TC will be involved in next steps with stormwater discussions (urban forester will coordinate future conversations, likely summer 2025)
- Overall, very positive feedback from councilors and attendees for quality presentation