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Resolution authorizing the Mayor and the Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City, to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, for the establishment and maintenance of a tree research grove and related activities in Schenley Park.

Whereas, the City has entered into a Cooperation Agreement with the PPC to establish an alliance to provide improvements, special care, and restoration for the City's parks; and

Whereas, the PPC has received a major pledge from a local donor to provide funding of \$400,000 payable over 5 years to support PPC's establishing an observation site in Schenley Park for the planting of locally collected seeds and seedlings from sentinel trees and conducting genetic research to identify which specimens are best adapted for our region: and

Whereas, the PPC donor also wishes this project to support mitigation of storm water flows along Schenley Drive; and

Whereas, the PPC, consistent with the Cooperation Agreement, wishes to use the donated funds for the establishment of a Tree Research Grove in Schenley Park, with all plans for the project subject to approval of the City of Pittsburgh; and

Whereas, the PPC desires to volunteer its services and funds to implement a Tree Research Grove at a particular site in Schenley Park ("Project Site"), and

Whereas, the PPC desires to volunteer its services and funds to implement an accompanying educational component to the Tree Research Grove, including on site interpretive signage, explanations, student visits, and other tree education and conservation activities; and

Whereas, the City has received and approved PPC's plans for a Tree Research Grove in Schenley Park; and

Whereas, the City and the PPC wish to enter into a Project License Agreement to define the scope of the services to be provided by the parties for the Project.

Be it resolved by the Council of the City of Pittsburgh as follows:

The Mayor and Director of the Department of Public Works, on behalf of the City, are now authorized to enter into an Agreement or Agreements with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, for the establishment and maintenance of a tree research grove and related activities in Schenley Park.