

TOWNSHIP OF SCIO
WASHTENAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RESOLUTION #2026-3
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2027-2031 TREE PLAN

At the Regular Meeting of the Township Board of Scio Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan, held at the Washtenaw Intermediate School District, 1819 S. Wagner Road, in said Township, on February 3, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Brant, Flintoft, Kerry, Knol, Read, Reiser, Yaple

Members Absent: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Flintoft and supported by Yaple.

WHEREAS, Scio Township adopted a Tree Fund Policy on October 8, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the Tree Fund Policy requires a Tree Fund Plan that is updated annually, in concert with the Capital Improvement Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the Tree Fund Plan is projected for six (6) years, with annual evaluation and updates; and,

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2025, the Finance Director presented a Tree Fund Plan recommended by the Parks and Pathways Director;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scio Township Tree Fund Plan for FYE27 to FYE31 as presented, is adopted; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Plan should be published and attested to according to law.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

YES: Brant, Flintoft, Kerry, Knol, Read, Reiser, Yaple

NO: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Scio Township Clerk

DATED: February 3, 2026

CERTIFICATE

I, Jessica M. Flintoft, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Board of Scio Township, County of Washtenaw, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting held on February 3, 2026 and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.



Jessica M. Flintoft, Clerk
Scio Township

DATED: February 3, 2026

Scio Township 2027-2031 Tree Plan

Project	Fund	Revenue Source	Priority Level	Project Description	Current Budget	Upcoming	YR 2	YR 3	YR 4	YR 5	Total Cost
					Year	Budget in April					
					2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	2029-2030	2030-2031	
Five Oaks Preserve Reforestation	232	Contributions from Developers, Other Sources TBD	Medium	The cost reflects the following steps associated with the reforestation project: foresting consultation, site preparation, tree purchase and planting, tree cages, and ongoing maintenance. Site preparation is complete, and the Township has engaged WildType nursery in Mason, Michigan for a contract grow. The completion of this project is essential for restoration of a vital natural community type and will create greater connectivity to other forested areas. Successful reforestation also offers overarching community benefits such as increased carbon sequestration and high-quality natural areas to enjoy.	\$ 119,000	\$ 119,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 438,000
Liberty Pond Nature Area Reforestation	232	Contributions from Developers, Other Sources TBD	Medium	The cost reflects the following steps associated with the reforestation project: foresting consultation, site preparation, tree purchase and planting, tree cages, and ongoing maintenance. The completion of this project is essential for creating greater connectivity to other forested areas and the restoration of a natural community which encompasses a population of an endangered frog species. Successful reforestation also offers overarching community benefits such as increased carbon sequestration and high-quality natural areas to enjoy.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ 100,000
Van Curler Preserve Reforestation	232	Contributions from Developers, Other Sources TBD	Medium	The cost reflects the following steps associated with the reforestation project: foresting consultation, site preparation, pine removal and selling, tree purchase and planting, tree cages, and ongoing maintenance. This project will be part of a broader ecosystem change at the Van Curler Preserve. As research suggests, both in-house and external sources, non-native pine stands do not offer a significant ecological benefit. We will be working in years prior to reduce or eliminate remnant non-native pine stands and preparing the site for the incorporation of native pines, oaks, maples, and other native trees and shrubs. We will also work on restoring the understory, of which the soil pH has been significantly altered, and invasive herbaceous plants have been able to become established.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 120,000
Grand Total with Tree Planning					\$ 119,000	\$ 119,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 160,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 658,000