

RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON TO ADOPT A SHADE STRUCTURES POLICY FOR VILLAGE-OWNED PROPERTIES

WHEREAS, shade structures in public spaces provide relief for residents and pets during times of heat, protects the public from high-heat conditions and ultraviolet radiation, and provides a cost effective method to help ensure the health and safety of its citizens,

WHEREAS, aesthetically pleasing shade structures provide opportunities for social networking and public gatherings, and are particularly important for individuals that do not have access to air conditioning,

WHEREAS, conserving existing forest cover and planting trees and green spaces can moderate temperatures and reduce the heat island effect,

WHEREAS, The Village of Hastings-on-Hudson currently controls, operates, or manages approximately 140 acres of developed parkland and recreational facilities where shade structures can and do already provide a public benefit,

WHEREAS, shade structures such as trees, gazebos and covered outdoor facilities provide such protection, and the adoption of a shade structure policy better positions the Village to build and maintain shade structures and to obtain grants to provide such structures,

RESOLVED, the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson adopt a shade structure policy for Village-owned properties that requires consideration of shade structures in all public places.

Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Shade Structures in Public Places Policy

The Policy pertains to Village-owned properties and contains the following provisions:

- Opportunities to install shade structures on Village-owned properties be evaluated;
- Existing shade structures be assessed as to their suitability;
- Shade trees to be protected to the fullest extent practicable;
- Priority be given to tree planting as a means of shade protection, with further priority given to native tree species;
- When feasible and practical, two trees be planted when replacing a mature or sick tree, and consideration be given where possible to planting three trees;
- Development projects on Village-owned properties integrate shade structures when and where appropriate;
- Consideration be given to provide shade structures when upgrades to existing properties is undertaken;
- When considering shade structures for a particular area, the Village seeks community input;
- Areas on Village-owned properties that are particularly vulnerable to high heat be identified;

- Village Department Heads and community groups such as the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Conservation Commission be engaged in making recommendations for implementation of the Policy;
- The Policy be incorporated into future comprehensive planning process;
- The Village Manager be charged with overseeing the implementation of the Policy;
- The Policy be reviewed every three years to assess its effectiveness.

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