RESOLUTION 2017-1253

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ST. LOUIS AUDUBON SOCIETY’S BRING CONSERVATION HOME PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the intent of the Zoning Code’s Landscaping Design Standards is to promote the use of Missouri native plants that are more adaptable to the local climate extremes, are drought tolerant, low maintenance, and thus provide a sustainable, ecologically balanced environment; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that many landowners are interested in creating and maintaining landscapes that encourage the preservation, restoration, and management of native plant communities and wildlife habitats within City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the Bring Conservation Home Program, which is an urban land habitat restoration assistance and certification program coordinated by the St. Louis Audubon Society. The Certification Program supports the restoration of native plant and animal habitat on urban properties by encouraging sustainable plantings, removal of invasive plant species and promotion of healthy habitat for birds, pollinators, and native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the goal of the Bring Conservation Home Certification Program to address native and non-native invasive plants, water conservation, and stewardship practices for the benefit of animals, birds, butterflies, and people; and

WHEREAS, the City understands that the program is a voluntary, property owner paid-for-certification program for small, private landowners in the St. Louis area; and

WHEREAS, there are no costs to the City of Maryland Heights and residents voluntarily participating in the program will receive the service for a reduced fee of $25 (normally $50). The fee covers the landowner’s participation and one year support from the St. Louis Audubon Society. The fee includes one initial site assessment and consultation visit plus one optional follow-up certification visit; and

WHEREAS, the City will publicize the program to residents through the website, city newsletters, and other media outlets as space allows.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Maryland Heights, that the St. Louis Audubon Society's Bring Conservation Home Program be endorsed through this resolution by the City of Maryland Heights, Missouri, with the understanding that this endorsement commits the City of Maryland Heights to take responsibly for marketing the availability of the Bring Conservation Home to its residents. With this endorsement, landowners within City limits will be eligible to participate in the program for a reduced fee.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2017.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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