



**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 5.b

Title: Presentation and Discussion of Tree Commission’s Proposed Mission Statement for Natural Resources Commission

Presenter: Chris Adesso

Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: August 22, 2016

Proposed Cost: \$0.0

Budgeted Amount: \$0.0

Not Budgeted:

**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

Over the last several months, the City’s Tree Commission members have continued the discussion of the idea of remodeling the Tree Commission into a Natural Resources Commission. This discussion has been a standing agenda item on each of the Tree Commission’s monthly meetings and the group has unanimously passed a motion to present the following Mission Statement for the Government Services Committee’s consideration and comment.

**“Our mission is to work through a committed partnership with the community to conserve, preserve, protect and enhance the City’s natural resources and to raise awareness and make recommendations concerning environmental issues with in the City of St. Charles.”**

The Tree Commission respectfully requests the Committee’s input, ideas, comments, suggestions and criticisms and would like to provide some examples of initiatives that could be considered under an the new organization of a Natural Resources Commission.

Examples:

1. Continued participation by the City in “The Greenest Region Compact”
2. Walking & wayfinding campaigns
3. Conservation and Sustainability initiatives & sponsorship of awareness activities (Earth Day)
4. Stormwater and Water Quality initiatives & educational opportunities
5. Recycling & Composting proposals

**Attachments** *(please list):*

None

**Recommendation/Suggested Action** *(briefly explain):*

None – For discussion only