



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: House Environment and Transportation

Bill: _____ HB 1133 Tree Planting – Urban Trees Program and Commission for the Innovation and Advancement of Carbon Markets and Sustainable Tree Plantings

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 1133, which establishes a goal of 500,000 native species trees planted in Maryland by 2030 partially through providing grants to municipalities.

Local governments recognize the value of forests to our communities, from impacts on individual health to climate resiliency. These impacts are most apparent in our underserved communities. Afforestation and reforestation can be expensive, but the funding and logistical assistance provided through the Urban Trees Program proposed in this bill would go a long way to helping local governments make positive environmental progress.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 1133 and respectfully requests a favorable committee report.

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