

## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Alice Wakefield,

**Director of Community Development** 

DATE: March 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Tree Planting and Replacement Master Plan 2004-2014 - Approval

On March 27, 2013 the Community Development and Transportation Committee approved the placement of the Tree Planting Replacement Master Plan for 2004 to 2014 on the April 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting agenda for approval.

In 2004, the *Tree Care Planting and Replacement Master Plan* was approved but the program years from 2007 to 2008 were delayed because of the drought. In 2011, Council approved the master plan through planting year 2012. Staff is coming to Council seeking approval to amend the plan by extending the schedule to 2014 as shown on the attached. The practice has been to give priority each year to replacing those trees within the public rights-of-way that require removal due to death, disease, or storm damage.

At the Committee meeting a question came up regarding Item No. 37 – Alpharetta Street – Midtown Streetscape – Phase 2. Phase 2 was added to replace the small scale trees (crape myrtles only) with larger scale street trees (maples, zelkova......etc.) once the speed limit was studied and permitted to be reduced to 35mph from 40mph by GDOT. Staff will revisit this item with the Transportation Department before any replanting takes place.

**Enclosure**