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WEST SACRAMENTO URBAN INFILL PROJECT CAN PROCEED: BUTTERNUT-HYBRID TREE RESOLUTION REACHED

The West Sacramento Conservancy and West Sacramento city officials announced today a settlement that recognizes the infeasibility of retaining the hybrid Butternut and commits the city to actions that respect and honor the tree. These actions include:

- The city will plant 45 new specimen trees (24-inch box) in heritage groves. The selection of the trees, planting sites, and planting process will be determined in consultation with the Conservancy.
- The city will install a commemorative plaque recognizing the large, hybrid Butternut Tree.
- The city will arrange to have the wood from the tree reused in a manner that respects the size and quality of the wood, including artwork, furniture, and other interior decorations that can be viewed by the public.
- A cross section of the tree trunk showing the rings and age of the tree will be donated to the West Sacramento Historical Society.
- Although the tree was not part of the C.W. Reed nursery, the city, in consultation with the conservancy, will install a historical monument in recognition of the contributions to California of the C.W. Reed nursery.

Leading up to the settlement, the city explored proposed alternatives to removing the tree. All options proved infeasible. The Conservancy acknowledges the city's diligent but unsuccessful efforts to preserve the tree and has withdrawn its lawsuit. With considerable sadness the city will commence the the necessary tree removal.

This resolution will allow the Bridge District infrastructure construction to stay on schedule, capturing necessary grant funding and expediting the creation of an alternative to urban sprawl, in the form of a new infill community located near the river, job centers, downtown, and public transportation.

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