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## Media Advisory

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## City Hires Urban Forester

**RICHMOND, Va.** – The City of Richmond Department of Public Works welcomes Michael Webb as the City’s first Urban Forester. Michael will work with the community and stakeholders to develop the City’s Urban Forestry Master Plan. In addition to helping to create policies, practices and procedures, the master plan will:

- Increase community engagement and public awareness
- Provide better transparency
- Provide maintenance that focuses on preventive measures geared toward extending the lives of trees
- Provide an equity-based approach to tree maintenance, planting, and removal
- Increase the number of trees planted in underserved communities
- Increase the overall canopy in the city

Michael is a Virginia native with a degree in Urban Forestry from Virginia Tech. He is an ISA Board-Certified Master Arborist and is Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. He’s eager to share his passion and expertise for trees with the Richmond community and the City is excited to have him join our team!

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