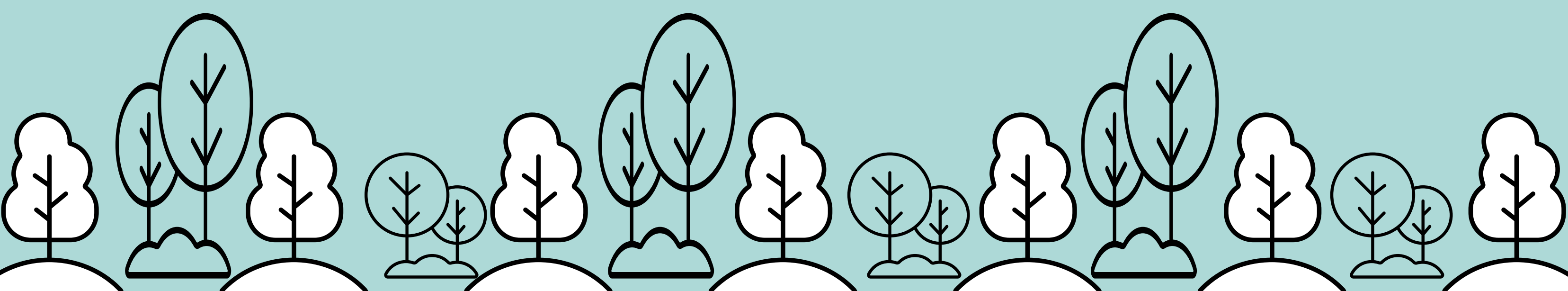




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Last year, Merriam City Council approved \$20,000 in funding for a Sustainability Grant available to residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The program provided a 20% reimbursement for energy saving improvements with no income requirements to participate.

In 2022, funding was increased to \$30,000 and is budgeted to more than double that amount for next year. The city has also reduced the wait time for applying for a second grant from ten years down to five years, in order to increase the number of sustainable upgrades a resident may make. Residents have improved HVAC systems, windows and doors, and insulation, and they've equipped new solar power generating systems to their homes.

As a result, residents have saved money on energy bills, and the carbon footprint per household has been reduced. The grants have helped residents invest in more highly efficient HVAC systems, to reduce the economic strain of extreme heat like the kind faced this summer. And the city has even increased residents' ability to improve their homes, by pairing an existing home improvement grant with the sustainability grant.

