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Somerville's Urban Forestry Committee is pleased to endorse the Commonly Supported Safe Streets Design Tools, as proposed by Somerville's Alliance for Safe Streets (SASS).

We are pleased that SASS chose to include trees and other ecosystem infrastructure in a document focused on street safety and accessibility. This sort of integrative approach will be essential to achieving Somerville's many ambitious goals within the limited boundaries of our small, hot, dense city. The Urban Forestry Committee looks forward to future, similar collaborative efforts.

We believe that this document will be an important resource for city planning staff, and we hope that it receives broad attention.

Respectfully,

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