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Bangsar folk, City Hall to co-operate in tree planting

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CITY Hall has agreed in principle to work with the Bukit Bandaraya Residents Association to plant more trees in Bangsar.

Its president Tunku Zahiah Sulong said Datuk Bandar Tan Sri Kamaruzzaman Shariff had said during a recent meeting with association officials that the local council had been given a budget by the Government for greening projects.

"We informed City Hall that we wanted tree planting to be carried out along every road in Bangsar.

"We want to convert the concrete jungle of Bangsar into a greener and more lush area," Tunku Zahiah said.

She said residents had also volunteered to organise gotong-royong with City Hall to plant trees.

The local authority was given the budget after the nationwide tree-planting campaign launched by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad recently, said Tunku Zahiah after chairing the association's 22nd annual general meeting at Sekolah Rendah Kebangsaan Bukit Bandaraya on Sunday.

She said City Hall was still working on the matter and that the association committee was in contact with the local authority.

She added that in 1995, she and vice-president Mumtaz Ali had spoken to former Datuk Bandar Datuk Mazlan Ahmad on the issue.

The Housing and Local Government Ministry is reported to have allocated about RM200 million for greening and landscaping under the Seventh Malaysia Plan.

Tunku Zahiah said the association also wanted City Hall to expedite work on the recreation park in Jalan Rumpai.

She said although City Hall had sent a notice informing the association that the second phase of work on the park would be starting, the site was covered with weeds.

She said equipment at the playground there was also starting to rust.

"We fear for the safety of children who play in the area. We are afraid that there might be snakes lurking in the weeds or that they may sustain cuts while using the equipment."

She said the association also received many complaints from concerned parents and residents regarding the park as the place had no proper fencing.

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