

**Seattle Urban Forest Stewardship Plan**  
**2014 Work Plan**  
(FINAL 2/27/14)

| Strategy  | 2014 Actions<br>(Lead department)   | 2014<br>Estimated Budget        |
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| <b>Community Approach</b>   |   |                                 |
| <b>Inspire, inform, and engage</b> the community in active stewardship of Seattle’s urban forest    | Strengthen public outreach, education and engagement, building on efforts already underway. (reLeaf)  | Included in current budget      |
|   | Develop and implement interdepartmental communications toolkit (reLeaf, OSE)  | Included in current budget      |
|   | Create a brand to encompass all interdepartmental urban forestry work, to replace reLeaf (reLeaf)   | Included in current budget      |
|   | Leverage BTG planting program to educate public about tree benefits (SDOT)  | \$400,000 total planting budget |
|   | Overhaul City urban forestry websites through interdepartmental effort to ensure work is coordinated and ensures public usability (reLeaf, SDOT, SCL, Parks, OSE) | Within existing staff resources |
|   | Expand and enhance outreach and education programs provided by the Green Seattle Partnership (Parks, SPU, OSE)  | Within existing staff resources |
|   | Expand volunteer stewardship opportunities through the Green Seattle Partnership, “Friends of” groups, Tree Ambassador, and other programs (Parks, SPU, OSE)      | Within existing staff resources |
|   | Work closely with the Urban Forestry Commission on development of policies and programs to implement and achieve UFSP goals (OSE, IDT)                            | Within existing staff resources |
|   | SDOT to coordinate departmental participation in 2014 Arbor Day (SPU/Parks/OSE/ SCL)  | Within existing staff resources |
| <b>Ecological Approach</b>  |   |                                 |
| <b>Understand</b> the character and complexity of the urban forest resource                         | Analyze Seattle i-Tree survey data to better understand existing conditions of our urban forest. (Parks, Urban Forest IDT)  | Within existing staff resources |
|   | Analyze tree planting potential data for all management units. Undertake pilot to ground truth information. (OSE, Urban Forest IDT)                               | TBD                             |
|   | Work with local universities and research institutions to pursue the Research Agenda. (OSE, SPU)  | Within existing staff resources |
| <b>Resource Management Approach</b>   |   |                                 |
| <b>Coordinate</b> interdepartmental and interagency communication, cooperation, and decision-making | Convene Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team as the group primarily responsible for implementing the UFSP through the work of the represented departments. (OSE)   | Within existing staff resources |
|   | Explore options for dedicated funding sources to provide alternative funding to supplement general fund revenues for all departments (OSE, UF IDT)                | Within existing staff resources |
|   | Explore the concept of eco-hoods to complement UFSP management units (UF IDT)   | Within existing staff resources |

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|   | Develop a monitoring framework and robust set of indicators to track progress on achieving UFSP goals (OSE)   | \$25,000   |
|   | Develop decision-making tools related to tree retention or removal decisions where infrastructure conflicts exist, including solar installations. Develop methods to allow removal and replacement with appropriate species in appropriate locations (OSE, SDOT, SCL, SPU, DPD)   | Within existing staff resources  |
|   | Monitor UFSP performance and issue an annual report. (OSE)  | Within existing staff resources  |
| <b>Preserve, restore, and enhance</b><br>the urban forest on City property                | Develop policy to prioritize expenditures (outreach and education; maintenance, preservation, and restoration; planting) (OSE, IDT)   | Within existing staff resources  |
|   | Produce the Trees and Sidewalks Operational Plan (SDOT)   | Within existing staff resources  |
|   | Produce the Street Tree Master Maintenance Plan (SDOT)  | Within existing staff resources  |
|   | Develop methodology and decision-making tool to determine appropriate replacement of functional benefits lost over time due to mid-larger sized tree removal (UF IDT)   | Part of \$25,000 programmed for monitoring framework   |
|   | <p><b><u>Trees planted and maintained by the City:</u></b><br/>Plant two trees for each tree removed across all departments (All Departments – report on number of trees planted and number of trees removed)<br/>Plant 250 trees in Developed Parks (Parks)<br/>Plant 600+ trees under BTG and Capital Projects (SDOT)</p> | <p>\$120,000 Park’s Capital Resources<br/><br/>Part of SDOTs \$400,000 total planting budget</p> |
|   | <p><b><u>Trees funded by the City, planted and maintained by residents:</u></b><br/>Assist community members in residential areas with low canopy cover to plant and care for 1,000 trees through the Trees for Neighborhoods program. (SPU - reLeaf)</p>   | \$90,000   |
|   | Train staff in tree protection practices (SDOT, SPU, SCL, Parks, DPD)   | Within existing staff resources  |
|   | Continue restoration on 1,000 acres of forested parkland. Begin restoration on 50 new acres. (Parks)  | \$2.1M - direct funding \$458K - project specific funding  |
|   | Maintain 2,000 trees per year. Inspect 300 trees for risk. (Parks)  | \$1.0M   |
|   | Maintain 3,000 trees/year (SDOT)  | \$695,000  |
|   | Prune trees away from 600 miles of electrical distribution for electrical safety and reliability. (SCL)   | \$3.4M   |
| <b>Regulate</b> private property to ensure minimum standards for care of the urban forest | Develop a third draft proposal of the tree protection on private property ordinance for discussion with the public. Transmit legislation for Council to consider (DPD)  | Within existing staff resources  |
|   | Work on the 10-year update of the Right-of-way Improvements Manual (SDOT)   | \$250,000  |