

Seattle Urban Forest Stewardship Plan
2015 Work Plan
(3-17-15)

Strategy	2015 Actions (Lead department)	2015 Estimated Budget
Community Approach		
Inspire, inform, and engage 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
	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
	Update City urban forestry websites through interdepartmental effort to ensure a coordinated approach and public usability (reLeaf, SDOT, SCL, OSE)	Within existing staff resources
	Maintain outreach and education programs provided by the Green Seattle Partnership (Parks, SPU, OSE)	Within existing staff resources
	Provide volunteer stewardship opportunities through the Green Seattle Partnership, “Friends of” groups, Tree Ambassador, and other programs (Parks, SPU, OSE, reLeaf)	Within existing staff resources
	Work closely with the Urban Forestry Commission on development of policies and programs to implement and achieve UFSP goals (OSE, Urban Forest IDT)	Within existing staff resources
	reLeaf to coordinate departmental participation in 2015 Arbor Day (reLeaf/SPU/Parks/OSE/ SCL)	Within existing staff resources
Ecological Approach		
Understand the character and complexity of the urban forest resource	Explore options for canopy cover assessment.(OSE, reLeaf)	\$15,000
	Work with local universities and research institutions to pursue the Research Agenda. (OSE, reLeaf)	Within existing staff resources
Resource Management Approach		
Coordinate 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
	Coordinate urban forestry work in the Duwamish neighborhood. (reLeaf / UF IDT)	Within existing staff resources
	Develop a monitoring framework and robust set of indicators to track progress on achieving UFSP goals (OSE, reLeaf)	\$20,000
	Monitor UFSP performance and issue an annual report. (OSE)	Within existing staff resources

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Preserve, restore, and enhance the urban forest on City property	Produce the Street Tree Master Maintenance Plan (SDOT)	Within existing staff resources
	Trees planted and maintained by the City: Plant two trees for each tree removed across all departments (All Departments – report on number of trees planted and number of trees removed) Plant 100 trees in Developed Parks (Parks) Plant 200+ trees under BTG and Capital Projects (SDOT)	\$120,000 Park’s Capital Resources Part of SDOTs \$400,000 total planting budget
	Trees funded by the City, planted and maintained by residents: Assist community members in residential areas with low canopy cover to plant and care for 1,000 trees through the Trees for Neighborhoods project. (reLeaf)	\$90,000
	Continue restoration on 1,200 acres of forested parkland. Begin restoration on 30 new acres. (Parks)	\$2.1M - direct funding \$458K - project specific funding
	Maintain 1,500 trees per year. Inventory 1,500 trees for risk. (Parks)	\$1.0M
	Maintain 3,000 trees/year (SDOT)	\$695,000
	Prune trees away from 480 miles of electrical distribution for electrical safety and reliability. (SCL)	\$3.4M
	Create a GIS layer which identifies heat islands in Seattle. Target tree planting and restoration to help mitigate heat islands through opportunities which may include Trees for Neighborhoods, street tree planting, planting in developed parks and boulevards, and Green Seattle Partnership projects." (reLeaf, OSE, SDOT, Parks)	\$9,000 for data acquisition.
Regulate private property to ensure minimum standards for care of the urban forest	Work on the 10-year update of the Right-of-way Improvements Manual (SDOT)	\$250,000