

**Seattle Urban Forest Stewardship Plan
2016 Work Plan**

Strategy	2016 Actions (Lead department)	2016 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
	New urban forestry outreach brand to launch. (UF Core Team)	Included in current budget
	Update City urban forestry websites through interdepartmental effort to ensure a coordinated approach and public usability (OSE, reLeaf, IDT)	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
	Core Team to host the interdepartmental 2016 Arbor Day celebration (Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
Ecological Approach		
Understand the character and complexity of the urban forest resource	Undertake comprehensive LiDAR-based canopy cover assessment (OSE, IDT)	\$30,000
	Work with local universities and research institutions to pursue the Research Agenda. (OSE, IDT)	Within existing staff resources
Resource Management Approach		
Coordinate interdepartmental and interagency communication, cooperation, and decision-making	Produce recommendation to enhance urban forestry efforts in response to OSE’s management leadership proposal (OSE, Core Team)	Within existing staff resources

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	Convene Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team as the group primarily responsible for working on strategies and tactics to support UFSP goals, share information on day-to-day operations, and elevate issues to the core Team. (OSE, IDT)	Within existing staff resources
	Convene the Urban Forest Core Team formed by staff from key departments (Parks, SPU, SDOT, SCDI, SCL and OSE) and tasked with crafting the work plan to deliver on the sub-cabinet's identified priorities and rapid response to emerging situations. (OSE, Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
	Convene the Urban Forest Sub-cabinet consisting of Directors of all eight departments with urban forestry mandates, tasked with meeting twice a year to set citywide priorities on trees that all departments work to achieve. (OSE, Sub-cabinet)	Within existing staff resources
	Monitor UFSP performance and issue an annual report. (OSE)	Within existing staff resources
Preserve, restore, and enhance the urban forest on City property	Produce the Street Tree Master Maintenance Plan (SDOT)	Within existing staff resources
	<u>Trees planted and maintained by the City:</u> 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)	Included in current budget
	<u>Trees funded by the City, planted, and maintained by residents:</u> Assist community members in residential areas with low canopy cover to plant and care for 1,000 trees through the Trees for Neighborhoods project. (SPU reLeaf)	\$90,000
	Continue restoration on 1,200 acres of forested parkland. Begin restoration on 100 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

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	Prune trees away from 480 miles of electrical distribution for electrical safety and reliability. (SCL)	\$3.4M
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
	Undertake a tree regulations research project to determine whether current tree protection regulations are effective (OSE, SDCI)	\$15,000