

Seattle Urban Forestry 2012 Work Plan

Adopted 2/8/12

2012 Priority Actions:

1. Urban Forest Management Plan update
2. Street Tree Ordinance
3. Tree Protection Ordinance
4. Advising on City Decisions that Impact the 30% Canopy Goal
5. Internal Engagement of City Departments on Canopy Goals
6. Improving Transparency of Process / Operations of UFC

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
Urban Forest Management Plan					
Participate in the update process of the Urban Forest Management Plan					
• Participate in work sessions to address policy issues in preparation of the 2012 update of the Urban Forest Management Plan	Matt/Sandra	UF IDT	Jan/Feb	n/a	Recommendation
○ Canopy cover goals and configuration by geography	Tom, John F, Nancy	UF IDT	Jan/Feb	n/a	Recommendation
○ i-Tree results and performance indicators	Peg, Gordon, Matt, John Small	UF IDT	Jan/Feb	n/a	Recommendation
○ Trees in the ROW	Peg, Tom, Matt, John Small	UF IDT	Jan/Feb	n/a	Recommendation
○ Cost review	Peg, Matt	UF IDT	Jan/Feb	n/a	Recommendation
○ Long-term action agenda, research agenda	Gordon, Matt	UF IDT	Jan/Feb	n/a	Recommendation
• Provide input to first draft of the updated plan as part of public comment	Matt/Sandra	UF IDT, City Council, MO	April	April	Comment letter
• Issue statement of support for the formal adoption of the updated UFMP by Mayor and Council	Matt/Sandra	UF IDT, City Council, MO	June	June	Comment letter

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Review 2011 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to Departments	TBD	UF IDT, OSE	Feb	Feb	Recommendation
Support implementation of sustainable and realistic urban forest budget based on UFMP goals	TBD	UF IDT, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position paper
Tree-related City Regulations					
Advise SDOT on Street Tree ordinance					
Follow up on UFC recommendation to SDOT's Street Tree ordinance	Matt/Sandra	SDOT, OSE, City Council, MO	January	Jan/Feb	Recommendation
Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations					
Meet with City Council, Mayor's Office, and DPD to define process and timetable for DPD's proposed tree regulations	Matt/Sandra	City Council, MO, OSE, DPD	January	n/a	Transparency of Process
Develop position paper on Ecosystem Metrics for tree protection regulations, and trend tracking over time	John S/John F	UF IDT, City arborists, OSE	Jan/Feb	April	Position Paper
Develop a position paper on Development Standards	Peg/Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	Feb/Mar	Mar	Position Paper
Develop a position paper on Mitigation Standards	Peg/Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	Mar/Apr	Apr	Position Paper
Identify opportunities to provide Council and Mayor input on broad participation of the development of the tree protection ordinance and its effectiveness in meeting the 30% canopy goal	Nancy/Matt	City Council, MO, OSE	May	May	Memo / Presentation
Develop recommendations for revising CAMs to be consistent with a strong tree protection ordinance	TBD	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	July	July	Position Paper
Outreach and Engagement					
City Council and Mayor's Office interaction					
Hold quarterly meetings with City Council and OSE director	Matt/Sandra Others	City Council, OSE	Qtrly.	TBD	Presentation
Present 2011 Annual Report to City Council and Mayor	Matt, John S, Sandra	City Council, OSE	Q1	Jan	Presentation

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Conduct Internal Engagement					
• Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics	Matt/Sandra	OSE	Jan/Feb	May	Calendar
• Review outreach efforts and create strategy	Nancy	OSE	Jan/Feb	May	Memo
Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan					
• Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting	Matt/Sandra	OSE	Oct	Sep	
Internal Operations					
• Issue 2011 Annual Report	Matt/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Dec	Annual report
• Review 2012 and create 2013 workplan	Matt/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Dec	Annual workplan
• Hold Chair and co-chair elections	Matt/Sandra	OSE	Dec	Dec	New leadership
Emergent Issues					