

Draft Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2018 Work Plan (Revised on 2/14/18)

2018 Priority Actions:

1. Internal engagement of City Departments on UFSP update
2. SDCI Tree Protection Ordinance
3. Provide input to Tree Protection Executive Order implementation
4. Advising on City Decisions that impact the 30% canopy cover goal
5. Increase outreach and engagement

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| I. Urban Forest Stewardship Plan | | | | | |
| 1. Participate in and support work to advance plan implementation | | | | | |
| a) Work with City Departments to update the UFSP | Weston/PdB | UF IDT, OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing input |
| b) Urge City to engage diverse communities on 2018 UFSP update | Tom/PdB | UF IDT, OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Recommendation |
| II. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies | | | | | |
| 1. Advise the City on its urban forestry policies | | | | | |
| a) Seattle Parks & Rec tree and view policies including: - Supplemental Use Guidelines for Natural Areas/Greenbelts - Cheasty Greenspace Mountain Bike Trail Pilot | Joanna/Sarah | Parks | Ongoing | Ongoing | Monitor |
| b) Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory Board; SDOT | Tom/Craig | Port of Seattle | TBD | TBD | Build Relationship |
| c) Follow up on recommendation for increased coordination between SDOT and SCL on tree maintenance and pruning cycles. | Tom | UF IDT | Ongoing | Ongoing | TBD |
| 2. Advise SDCI on Tree Regulations update | | | | | |
| a) Track the proposed regulatory changes process | Tom/Steve | SDCI/OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Recommendation |
| b) Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised tree ordinance | Steve/Tom | SDCI/OPCD/ OSE | October | November | Position Paper |
| c) Discuss with Council representative encouraging allocation of staff time and start of a new private parcel tree ordinance | Andrew | SDCI/OPCD/ OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Recommendation |
| d) Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules relevant to clarify the interpretation of the tree protection ordinance (Driven by SDCI's ordinance timeline) | Tom/Andrew/ Sarah | UF IDT, SDCI/OPCD, OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Recommendation |
| e) Formalize recommendations for code enforcement of existing SDCI tree ordinance | Weston/Steve | SDCI/OPCD | Ongoing | Ongoing | Recommendation |

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| III. Outreach and Engagement | | | | | |
| 1. City Council and Mayor's Office interaction | | | | | |
| a) Present 2017 Annual Report and 2018 work plan to Council and Mayor | Weston/PdB | CC, OSE | Q1 | Q1 | Presentation |
| b) Hold quarterly meetings with Council and Mayor's Office | Weston/Joanna | CC, OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Build relationships |
| c) Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement and attend events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, and Trees for Seattle events | Weston/Sandra | UF IDT | Ongoing | Ongoing | Presentation, Activity, Participation |
| 2. Internal Engagement | | | | | |
| a) Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests, topics, and tours (particularly invite industrial groups, SSD, WSDOT to visit with UFC) | Weston/All | UF IDT | January | Ongoing | Discussion |
| b) Introduce the UFC at commission meetings (Planning, Pedestrian, Bike, Parks, MPD Oversight Committee); Neighborhood Council meetings; and public meetings | Weston/Sandra/ UFC | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | UFC promotion and coordination |
| c) Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan - Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting - Attend an IDT meeting | Weston/Andrew | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Coordination |
| 3. Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners | | | | | |
| a) Seattle School District. Explore ways to view trees as learning opportunity (vs. liability) | Tom/Weston/ Andrew | SSD, DON, OSE, Assoc's | TBD | TBD | Build Relationship |
| b) Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Commission | Weston | | | | Build Relationship |
| c) UW and community colleges with horticulture programs and landscape architecture. | Megan | | | | |
| d) WA State Department of Transportation | Weston/Craig | SDOT, Parks | TBD | TBD | Build Relationship |
| e) Washington State DNR | PdB | DNR | TBD | TBD | Build Relationship |
| f) Sound Transit – project tree removal | ? | ST | 2018 | 2018 | Recommendation |
| g) Tilth Alliance | Weston | | | | |
| h) Seattle Green Ways | | SDOT | | | |
| i) KCD iTree | PdB | KCD | | | |
| j) Mountain to Sound | Craig | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing support |
| k) Nature Conservancy | Joanna | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing support |
| l) Native Plant Society | Weston | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing support |
| m) Plant Amnesty | Joanna/PdB | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing support |
| n) Plant for the Planet | Joanna/Andrew | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | Ongoing support |
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| 4. Race and Social Justice Initiative | | | | | |
| a) Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work | Megan | OSE | January | Ongoing | Outreach |
| IV. Funding for Urban Forestry | | | | | |
| 1. Issue a letter about departmental funding levels based on 2016 briefings. | Tom/ | OSE | Ongoing | Ongoing | TBD |
| 2. Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance | Steve | SDCI, MO, CC | Ongoing | Ongoing | Letter of recommendation |
| 3. Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds | Weston/PdB | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| 4. Transfer of development rights for protection of tree groves (Seattle Times building example) | ? | SDCI | | | |
| 5. Trees for Seattle program update | Weston/PdB | OSE | Q1 | Q1 | Ongoing support |
| 6. Carbon Economy (State, County, City levels) | ? | OSE | TBD | TBD | TBD |
| V. Internal Operations | | | | | |
| 1. Issue 2018 Annual Report | Weston/PdB | OSE | Dec/Jan | Nov/Dec | Annual report |
| 2. Create 2019 work plan | Weston/PdB | OSE | Dec/Jan | Nov/Dec | Annual work plan |
| 3. Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections | Weston/PdB | OSE | Dec | Nov/Dec | New leadership |