

City of Seattle

Urban Forestry Commission

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2022 Work Plan

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2022 Priority Actions:

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The Urban Forestry Commission's work for 2022 is organized in five focus areas; tree-related City regulations and policies, urban forestry funding, outreach and engagement, Seattle Comprehensive Plan 2024 update, and internal operations. The following five worksheets contain the topics and actions, and their related tracking information, for each of these focus areas.

1. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies

Topic Area/Action	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status
1.1 Urban Forestry Consolidation Statement of Legislative Intent						
1.1.1 Participate in deliberative sessions with City staff and Council around urban forestry consolidation						
1.2 Advise City on tree and urban forest protection ordinance update						
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1.2.2 SDCI payment in lieu as mitigation						
1.2.3 Legislation dealing with zoning that can affect urban forestry						
1.3 Advise the City on urban forestry policies						
1.3.1 Climate Change						
1.3.2 Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory						

2. Funding for Urban Forestry

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2.1 City budget tracking						
2.2 Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance						
2.3 Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds and reimagining process						
2.4 Trees for Seattle program update						

3. Outreach and Engagement

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3.1 City Council and Mayor's Office interaction: Hold meetings with Council and Mayor's Office						
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3.2 Community engagement/education						
3.2.1 Intentionally expand the diversity of voices the UFC engages with. Expressly seek out underrepresented communities that have not been historically at the table						
3.2.2 Develop info sheet to respond to community inquiries/communications						
3.2.2.1 Break down the conversation of trees vs. X (gentrification, development vs. trees, affordable housing, etc.)						
3.2.3 Meet with community groups to engage in dialogue about the importance of trees, the UFC role, and community interests/priorities (Key Arena redevelopment, tree protection ordinance update, development and real estate community)						
3.3 Race and Social Justice Initiative						
3.3.1 Incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work						
3.4 Internal Engagement						
3.4.1 Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan (Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting)						
3.4.2 Develop annual calendar to invite City Departments to brief the UFC						
3.5 Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners						
3.5.1 Integrated perspective (including public health)						
3.5.2 Engagement with landowners						

4. Seattle Comprehensive Plan 2024 Update

Topic Area/Action	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status
4.1 Support Comprehensive Plan update: Engage with planning team, provide review and input to draft plan						

5. Internal Operations

Topic Area/Action	UFC Lead	Parties Involved	Start Date	Agenda Date	Outcome/Deliverable	Status
5.1 Issue 2020 Annual Report						
5.2 Create 2021 work plan						
5.3 Participate in interviews for UFC members recruitment						
5.4 Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections						

