

**Trees for Seattle  
2017 Progress Report (updated 4-16-18)**

Strategy	2017 Actions (Lead department)	2017 Progress Report
<b>Community Approach</b>		
<b>Inspire, inform, and engage</b> the community in active stewardship of Seattle’s urban forest	Work on increased coordination of departmental urban forestry efforts (Core Team)	The Urban Forestry Core Team produced a Trees for Seattle Charter and work plan
	Produce Trees for Seattle logo re-work and infographic (Trees for Seattle, OSE)	Trees for Seattle logo was re-designed and an UF brochure produced
	Manage coordinated communications including Trees for Seattle website, email, 684-TREE, and social media. (Core Team)	T4S: Maintained Trees for Seattle website, Ask the Experts portal, and social media accounts, SDOT: OSE triaged the <a href="mailto:TreesForSeattle@Seattle.gov">TreesForSeattle@Seattle.gov</a> email.
	Explore how to expand opportunities to build an urban forestry jobs pipeline for women and people of color. (Core Team)	Parks staff met with Parks management, HR, and union representatives to discuss barriers and opportunities.
	Undertake inclusive engagement in preparation of Urban Forest Stewardship Plan update (Core Team, OSE)	OSE worked with Duwamish Valley Program to engage Duwamish Valley Youth Corps to engage Georgetown and South Park communities on the importance of trees.
	Maintain outreach and education programs provided by the Green Seattle Partnership (SPR, SPU, OSE)	GSP staff developed and scheduled the list of trainings provided to Forest Stewards and community members for 2017 (15 training/ education opportunities offered); GSP staff engaged Broadview Planning in a contract provide outreach services: outreach was provided in eight neighborhoods and for two specific projects.
	Provide volunteer stewardship opportunities through the Green Seattle Partnership, “Friends of” groups, Tree Ambassador, and other programs (SPR, SPU, OSE Trees for Seattle). 2,500 volunteer hours (T4S), 86,000 volunteer hours (GSP)	78,666 GSP volunteer hours (GSP/SPR) 1,625 Tree Ambassador volunteer hours (T4S)
	Work closely with the Urban Forestry Commission on development of policies and programs to implement and achieve UFSP goals (OSE, Urban Forest IDT)	City departments updated UFC on projects and programs affecting urban trees.

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	Host the interdepartmental 2017 Arbor Day celebration (Core Team)	Trees for Seattle hosted Arbor Day at Sam Smith Park.
<b>Ecological Approach</b>		
<b>Understand</b> the character and complexity of the urban forest resource	Assess LiDAR-based canopy cover assessment results policy impacts (OSE, Core Team)	OSE and University of Vermont produced the 2016 Seattle Canopy Cover Assessment. OSE hosted a public webinar to share findings with the public. Findings will inform the 2018 update of the Urban Forest Stewardship Plan.
	Inventory 1,500 trees for risk. (SPR) Inventory 3,000 trees on three SDOT management units (SDOT)	3,088 trees were assessed for risk. (SPR) 31,677 street trees updated on SDOT's inventory; 6,108 street trees removed from inventory (37,785 total edits to inventory) (SDOT)
<b>Resource Management Approach</b>		
<b>Coordinate</b> interdepartmental and interagency communication, cooperation, and decision-making	Participate in Change Management training. (Core Team)	Core Team convened a facilitated work shop with City Departments to agree on effective ways to coordinate interdepartmental work on urban forestry goals.
	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)	OSE convened the Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team monthly.
	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)	OSE convened the UF Core Team monthly and invited OPCD to join.
	Convene the Urban Forest 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, UF Cabinet)	OSE convened the UF Cabinet in January.
	Identify priority areas for tree planting and community engagement based on results from the 2016 tree canopy cover assessment and any available data from the SDOT inventory effort and Trees for Neighborhoods project. (Core Team)	Core Team will identify priority planting areas and community engagement as part of the 2018 UFSP update

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	Monitor UFSP performance and issue an annual progress report. (OSE/Core Team)	OSE and Core Team issued the 2016 Trees for Seattle Progress Report
<b>Preserve, restore, and enhance</b> the urban forest on City property	Explore options to implement a comprehensive citywide Tree Risk Management Plan. (Core Team)	SPR is developing a Parks-specific tree policy which will address risk.
	Begin exploring opportunities to create a program to engage and support private property owners in the retention and care of valuable mature trees. (Trees for Seattle/OSE)	Initial explorations made
	<b>Trees planted and maintained by the City:</b> Plant two trees for each tree removed across all departments (All Departments) Plant 100 trees in Developed Parks (SPR) Plant 300+ trees under Move Seattle Levy and Capital Projects (SDOT)	199 trees planted in developed parks. (SPR) 328 street trees planted (SDOT)
	City-wide tree planting total: City-wide tree removals total: Net gain (loss):	2,247 <u>829</u> 1,418
	<b>Trees funded by the City, planted and maintained by residents:</b> Assist community members in residential areas to plant and care for 1,000 trees through the Trees for Neighborhoods project. (Trees for Seattle)	Trees for Neighborhoods planted 1,014 trees with 478 households and assisted nine elderly or disabled residents to plant 17 trees.
	Continue restoration on 1,200 acres of forested parkland. Begin restoration on 141 new acres. (SPR/GSP)	173 new acres enrolled in restoration, 111 acres verified as Phase 4, establishment work performed on 460 acres already enrolled.
	Maintain 1,500 trees. (SPR) Maintain 4,268 trees. (SDOT) Prune trees away from 480 miles of electrical distribution for electrical safety and reliability. (SCL)	2,264 trees maintained (SPR) 5,209 street trees maintained (SDOT) 417 miles pruned (SCL)
<b>Regulate</b> private property to ensure minimum standards for care of the urban forest	Develop recommendations for a new policy (including incentives) based on research underway. (SDCI, OSE)	SDCI and OSE delivered the Tree Regulations Research Project findings and recommendations
	Explore the feasibility of a pilot project to provide incentives for private parking lot owners in target neighborhoods to remove pavement and plant trees in their parking facilities. (OSE, SDCI)	OSE and SDCI visited business owners in Lake City Way and encouraged them to apply for Neighborhood Matching Fund grants.