

**Trees for Seattle  
2017 Work Plan**

Strategy	2017 Actions (Lead department)	2017 (Estimated Budget)
<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)	Within existing staff resources
	Produce Trees for Seattle logo re-work and infographic (Trees for Seattle, OSE)	\$7.5K (OSE)
	Manage coordinated communications including Trees for Seattle website, email, 684-TREE, and social media. (Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
	Explore how to expand opportunities to build an urban forestry jobs pipeline for women and people of color. (Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
	Undertake inclusive engagement in preparation of Urban Forest Stewardship Plan update (Core Team, OSE)	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 Trees for Seattle). 2,500 volunteer hours (T4S), 86,000 volunteer hours (GSP)	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
	Host the interdepartmental 2017 Arbor Day celebration (Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
<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)	Within existing staff resources
	Inventory 1,500 trees for risk. (Parks)	Within existing staff resources

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	Inventory 3,000. trees on three SDOT management units (SDOT)	
<b>Resource Management Approach</b>		
<b>Coordinate</b> interdepartmental and interagency communication, cooperation, and decision-making	Participate in Change Management training. (Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
	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 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)	Within existing staff resources
	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)	Within existing staff resources
	Monitor UFSP performance and issue an annual progress report. (OSE/Core Team)	Within existing staff resources
<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)	Within existing staff resources
	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)	Within existing staff resources

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	<p><b><u>Trees planted and maintained by the City:</u></b>            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 300+ trees under Move Seattle Levy and Capital Projects (SDOT)</p>	SDOT budget \$80K
	<p><b><u>Trees funded by the City, planted and maintained by residents:</u></b>            Assist community members in residential areas to plant and care for 1,000 trees through the Trees for Neighborhoods project. (Trees for Seattle)</p>	\$90,000
	Continue restoration on 1,200 acres of forested parkland. Begin restoration on 141 new acres. (Parks)	Parks District funding (\$1.1M)
	Maintain 1,500 trees. (Parks) Maintain 4,268 trees. (SDOT) Prune trees away from 480 miles of electrical distribution for electrical safety and reliability. (SCL)	Included in current Parks and SDOT budget. SDOT budget \$675K SCL budget for whole territory \$5.41M
<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)	\$20K (SDCI/OSE)
	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)	Within existing staff resources. Implementation TBD.