

DRAFT Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2015 Work Plan (Adopted xxxxx)

2015 Priority Actions:

1. DPD's Tree Protection Ordinance
2. Advising on City Decisions that Impact the 30% Canopy Goal
3. Internal Engagement of City Departments on Canopy Goals
4. Improving Transparency of Process / Operations of UFC
5. Outreach and Engagement

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
I. Urban Forest Stewardship Plan					
1. Participate in and support work to advance plan implementation					
a) Review 2015 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments	Leif/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation
b) Review 2014 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments	Leif/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation
c) Provide input on the UFSP Monitoring Framework and Indicators work	Leif/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	June	Recommendation
d) Canopy Cover Assessment	Leif/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	June	Recommendation
II. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
1. Advise the City on its urban forestry policies					
a) Participate in City development of an open space or natural areas policy	Donna/Joanna	Parks, SDOT	Jan	TBD	Recommendation
b) Follow-up on SDOT Tree and Sidewalks Operations Plan	Leif/Tom	SDOT	August	August	Recom./support ltr.
c) Subcommittee to participate in Comp Plan update work	Leif,Eric,Steve	DPD	Dec 2014	January	Recom./support ltr.
d) Explore advisory on ways to allow the ROW to accommodate larger plantable areas and expanded root zones (Standard plans and ROWIM)	Tom/Leif	SDOT, DPD	Q1	Q2	Position Paper
e) Explore advisory on challenges in urban villages to provide viable space for tree canopy (pedestrian overlay zone)	Jeff/Steve	DPD	July	August	Position Paper
f) Review draft stormwater code regarding trees as GSI to the maximum extent feasible	Jeff	SPU	TBD	TBD	
g) Seattle School District (explore ways to view trees as learning opportunity vs. liability)	Steve/Tom/Erik		TBD	TBD	
h) Cheasty Greenspace Mountain Bike Pilot	Tom/Donna	Parks	January	January	Recommendation
2. Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations					
a) Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules (including 20-2005, 11-2007, 16-2008 and other as applicable) to be consistent with a strong tree protection ordinance (Driven by DPD's ordinance timeline).	Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper

b) Formalize recommendations for existing and future DPD code enforcement.	Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Recommendation
c) Obtain the draft 2012 work on tree ordinance.	Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	
d) Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised tree ordinance.	Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
III. Outreach and Engagement					
1. City Council and Mayor's Office interaction					
a) Hold quarterly meetings with Council and Mayor's Office	Leif/Sandra Others	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Speaking points
b) Present 2014 Annual Report and 2015 work plan to Council and Mayor	Leif/Sandra	CC, OSE	Q1	February	Presentation
c) Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, reLeaf events, SDOT tree-sidewalk conflicts public engagement, etc.	All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Commissioners' presence at events
2. Conduct Internal Engagement					
a) Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics (to include inviting industrial groups to visit with UFC)	Leif/Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Calendar
b) Attend Four Commission meetings (Planning, Design, Bike, Ped); 2 Neighborhood Council meetings; 3 public meetings on upcoming plans and policies					
c) Review outreach efforts and create strategy (including using new stadium as catalyst to explore tree planting in industrial areas)	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	Memo
3. Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan					
a) Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting	Leif/Sandra	OSE	October	October	Workshop
4. Race and Social Justice Initiative					
b) Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Leif/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
c) Amend Ordinance 123052 to include an 'Get Engaged' member in order to facilitate increased membership diversity	Leif/Sandra	OSE	July	December	Legislation
IV. Funding for Urban Forestry					
1. Moving Seattle Levy	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
2. SCL Urban Forestry Program	Tom	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
3. Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds	Leif/Sandra		August	August	Recommendation
4. SPU	Leif/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
5. Carbon Economy	Leif/Sandra		TBD	TBD	TBD
V. Internal Operations					
1. Issue 2015 Annual Report	Leif/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
2. Review 2015 and create 2016 work plan	Leif/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan
3. Hold Chair and co-chair elections	Leif/Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership