

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2014 Work Plan (Adopted 3-5-14)

2014 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
Urban Forest Stewardship Plan					
Participate in and support work to advance plan implementation					
• Review UFSP implementation strategy presented by UF IDT to Council	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	April	Recom./support ltr.
• Review 2014 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation
• Review 2013 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments	Peg/Sandra	UF IDT, OSE	March	March	Recommendation
Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
Advise the City on its urban forestry policies					
• Follow-up on SDOT sidewalks operations plan	Leif/Tom	SDOT	TBD	TBD	Recom./support ltr.
• Explore advisory on ways to allow the ROW to accommodate larger plantable areas	Tom/Leif	SDOT, CC, MO	June	June	Position Paper
• Explore advisory on constraints imposed by schools and urban villages on tree capacity	Jeff/Steve	DPD	TBD	TBD	
• Review draft stormwater code regarding trees as GSI to the maximum extent feasible	Jeff/Peg	SPU	TBD	TBD	
• Seattle School District	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations					
• 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
• Formalize recommendations for existing and future DPD code enforcement.	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Recommendation
• Obtain the draft 2012 work on tree ordinance.	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	

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Develop UFC principles and priorities for future, revised DPD tree ordinance.	Peg/Leif/Brennon	DPD	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
Outreach and Engagement					
City Council and Mayor's Office interaction					
Hold quarterly meetings with Council and Mayor's Office	Peg/Sandra Others	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Speaking points
Present 2013 Annual Report and 2014 work plan to Council and Mayor	Peg/Sandra	CC, OSE	Q1	February	Presentation
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
Conduct Internal Engagement					
Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics (to include inviting industrial groups to visit with UFC)	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Calendar
Review outreach efforts and create strategy (including using new stadium as catalyst to explore tree planting in industrial areas)	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	Memo
Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan					
Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	Workshop
Race and Social Justice Initiative					
Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
Explore amendment of Ordinance 123052 membership to include an 'at-large' member in order to facilitate increased membership diversity	Peg/Sandra	OSE	March	March	Letter of recommendation
Funding for Urban Forestry					
Parks District Levy	Tom/Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
Bridging the Gap Levy	Erik	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
SCL Urban Forestry Program	Tom	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
SPU	Peg/Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
Internal Operations					
Issue 2014 Annual Report	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
Review 2014 and create 2015 work plan	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan
Hold Chair and co-chair elections	Peg/Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership