

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2013 Work Plan

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2013 Priority Actions:

1. Urban Forest Management Plan update – adoption by Mayor and Council
2. DPD’s Tree Protection Ordinance
3. Advising on City Decisions that Impact the 30% Canopy Goal
4. Internal Engagement of City Departments on Canopy Goals
5. Improving Transparency of Process / Operations of UFC
6. Outreach and Engagement

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
Urban Forest Management Plan					
Participate in the update process and support UFMP goals					
• Issue statement of support for the formal adoption of the updated UFMP by Mayor and Council	John F/Sandra	UF IDT, Council, MO	January	February	Comment/support letter
• Review 2013 UF IDT work plan and provide feedback to departments	Peg	UF IDT, OSE	Feb	Feb	Recommendation
• Review 2012 UFMP Progress Report and provide feedback to departments	Leif	UF IDT, OSE	Feb	Feb	Recommendation
• Support implementation of sustainable and realistic urban forest budget based on UFMP goals	John F/Erik	UF IDT, OSE	Feb	Feb	Position paper
Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
Advise DPD on proposed tree regulations					
• Hold working meetings with Councilmember Conlin’s Office Staff and Council Central Staff	All	DPD	January	January	Recommendation
• Issue a recommendation on the ordinance version presented to Council (and follow the ordinance throughout its full process)	John F/John S	DPD	Q1	Feb	Recommendation
• Develop recommendations for tracking on-the-ground effectiveness of a strong tree protection ordinance	Matt	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules to be consistent with a strong tree protection ordinance 	Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce Client Assistance Memo on Mitigation 	Peg/John S.	DPD	Jan	Jan	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize position paper on Ecosystem Metrics for tree protection regulations, and trend tracking over time 	Peg/John S	SPU, IDT, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a position paper on Development Standards 	Peg/Jeff	UF IDT, DPD, OSE	TBD	TBD	Position Paper
Advise the City on its pruning of public trees to accommodate private views					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue recommendation on pruning for private views 	Leif	Parks, Council, MO	Q2	May	Recommendation
Outreach and Engagement					
City Council and Mayor's Office interaction					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold quarterly meetings with City Council and OSE director 	John F/Sandra Others	Council, OSE	Qtrly.	TBD	Speaking points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Present 2012 Annual Report and 2013 work plan to City Council and Mayor 	John F/Sandra	Council, OSE	Q1	Jan	Presentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participate in urban forestry outreach and engagement events such as Arbor Day and Green Seattle Day 	All	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Commissioners' presence at events
Conduct Internal Engagement					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop annual calendar for invited speakers, guests and topics (to include inviting industrial groups to visit with UFC) 	John F/Sandra	OSE	Jan/Feb	Jan	Calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review outreach efforts and create strategy (including using new stadium as catalyst to explore tree planting in industrial areas) 	Erik	OSE	Jan/Feb	Feb	Memo
Align Urban Forest IDT and Urban Forestry Commission's work plan					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold annual joint UFC/UF IDT meeting 	John F/Sandra	OSE	Oct	Sep	
Internal Operations					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue 2013 Annual Report 	John F/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Dec	Annual report
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 2013 and create 2014 workplan 	John F/Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Dec	Annual workplan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold Chair and co-chair elections 	John F/Sandra	OSE	Dec	Dec	New leadership