

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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2019 Work Plan (Adopted on 8/7/19)

2019 Priority Actions:

1. SDCI Tree Protection Ordinance Update support
2. Provide input to Tree Protection Executive Order implementation
3. Internal engagement of City Departments on UFMP update
4. Increase outreach and engagement
5. Advise on City decisions that impact the 30% canopy cover goal

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
1. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
1.1 Advise the City on its tree protection ordinance update					
1.1.1 Steward the proposed regulatory changes process	Weston, Steve	SDCI, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing
1.1.2 Develop recommendations for MHA process	Steve, Weston	Council, OPCD	Feb	March	Complete
1.1.3 Develop recommendations for ADU process and monitor impacts on trees	Steve, Weston	Council, OPCD	March	April	Complete
1.1.4 UFC working group (*with fewer than 6 members) to work on tree protection ordinance update draft language	Steve, Weston	UFC	Feb	June	Draft ordinance
1.1.5 Working group* to with Council and Central staff to move forward tree protection ordinance update	Weston, Steve	Central Staff	April	Ongoing	Updated ordinance
1.1.6 Develop recommendations for revising Director’s Rules and TIPS relevant to clarify the interpretation of the tree protection ordinance	Weston, Steve, Sarah, Michael	SDCI	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
1.1.7 Understand the City’s Design Review Guidelines and opportunities for tree preservation	Weston	SDCI	May	May	Received briefing
1.1.8 Explore opportunity to change setbacks in the land use code	Weston, Sarah	SDCI			TBD
1.1.9 House Bill 1797 RE: ADUs State wide	Steve	State	TBD	TBD	Monitor
1.2 Advise the City on urban forestry policies					
1.2.1 Seattle Parks & Recreation tree policies:	Whit, Sarah, Steven	Parks	Ongoing	Ongoing	Monitor

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1.2.1.1 Supplemental Use Guidelines for Natural Areas/Greenbelts					
1.2.1.2 Cheasty Greenspace Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot					
1.2.1.3 Tree maintenance program					
1.2.1.4 Viewpoints policy					
1.2.1.5 Colman Park follow-up					
1.2.2 Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory Board; SDOT	Whit, Steven	Port of Seattle	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
1.2.3 Follow up on recommendation for increased coordination between SDOT and SCL on tree maintenance and pruning cycles.	Whit,	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	TBD
1.2.4 Seattle tree list update (OPCD, SDCl, and SDOT) including what not to plant (Holly, English ivy, etc.)	Whit, Michael	OPCD, SDCl, SDOT	TBD	TBD	Recommendation
2. Urban Forest Management Plan					
2.1 Support UFMP update					
2.1.1 Participate in strategic deliberations with Core Team and provide input	Weston, Jessica	Core Team	Mar/Aug	TBD	Strategic session participation
2.1.2 Provide review and input	Weston, Jessica	Core Team	TBD	September	Letter of support
3. Outreach and Engagement					
3.1 City council and Mayor's Office interaction					
3.1.1 Present 2018 Annual Report and 2019 Work Plan to Council and the Mayor	Weston, Sandra	CC, OSE	April	April	Presentation
3.1.2 Hold in-person deliberative meetings with Council and Mayor's Office and staff	Weston	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Build relationships
3.2 Community Engagement/Education					

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3.2.1 Develop info sheet to respond to community inquiries/communications	Whit	UFC/Community	Q1	March	One-pager
3.2.2 Intentionally expand the diversity of voices the UFC engages with. Expressly seek out underrepresented communities that have not been historically at the table	Whit	UFC/Community	Q2	Q2	TBD
3.2.3 Support City Departments on creating a list of what not to plant	Weston, Michael	Core Team	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.2.4 Meet with community groups to engage in dialogue about the importance of trees, the UFC role, and community interests/priorities 3.2.4.1 Key Arena redevelopment 3.2.4.2 Cheasty pilot	Weston, Jessica, Steven	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.2.5 Plan urban forestry outreach and engagement and attend events such as Arbor Day, Green Seattle Day, and Trees for Seattle events	Sandra	UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	Participation
3.3 Internal Engagement					
3.3.1 Develop annual calendar to invite City Departments to brief the UFC	Weston, All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Discussion
3.3.2 Introduce the UFC at commission meetings (Planning, Pedestrian, Bike, Parks, MPD Oversight Committee); Neighborhood Council meetings; and public meetings	Weston, All	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	UFC promotion and coordination
3.3.3 Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan 3.3.3.1 Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting	Weston	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Coordination
3.4 Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners					
3.4.1. Seattle School District. Explore ways to view trees as learning opportunity (vs. liability)	Weston	SSD, DON, OSE, Assoc's	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.2 Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Commission	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship

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3.4.3 UW and community colleges with horticulture programs and landscape architecture.	Steven, Michael, Whit	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.4 WA State Department of Transportation	Steven	SDOT, Parks	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.5 Tilth Alliance	Weston, Steven	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.6 Seattle Green Ways	TBD	SDOT	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
3.4.7 Native Plant Society	Josh	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing support
3.4.8 King County	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.4.9 Citizen Science – SnoKing Watershed Council	Shari	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
3.5 Race and Social Justice Initiative					
3.5.1 Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work	Whit	OSE	January	Ongoing	Outreach
4. Funding for Urban Forestry					
4.1 Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance	Steve	SDCI, MO, CC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Letter of recommendation
4.2 Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds	Weston, Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
4.3 Transfer of development rights for protection of tree groves (Seattle Times building example)	Weston, Michael	SDCI	TBD	TBD	TBD
4.4 Trees for Seattle program update	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Q1	Q1	Ongoing support
4.5 Carbon Economy (State, County, City levels)	Sandra	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
5. Internal Operations					
5.1 Issue 2018 Annual Report	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
5.2 Create 2019 work plan	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan

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5.3 Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections	Weston, Sandra	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership