

# Urban Forestry Commission / Urban Forest Interdepartmental Team Joint Meeting

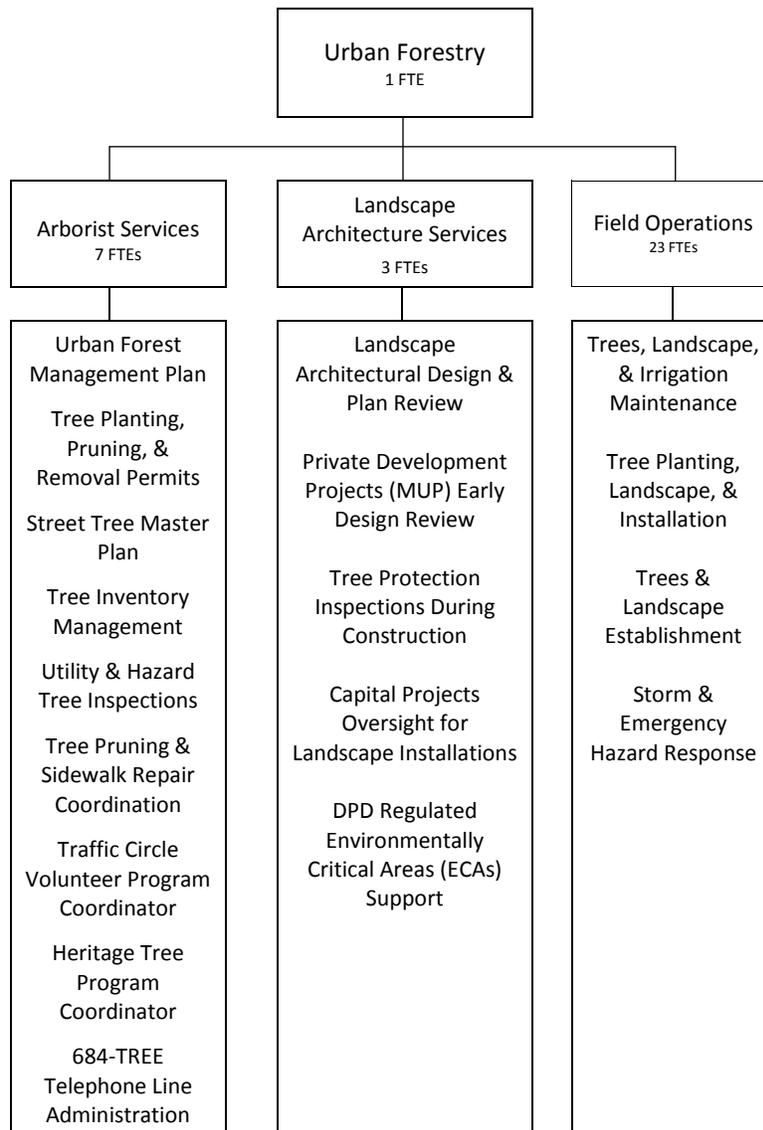
October 12, 2011  
Camp Long, 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Department:** Seattle Department of Transportation

**Urban forestry Role:** plants hundreds of trees each year, maintains over 40,000 street trees, and regulates planting, removal, and maintenance of another 93,000 privately-maintained street trees.

**Urban forestry vision:** SDOT’s Urban Forestry program's mission is to administer, maintain, protect, and expand the City's urban landscape in street right-of-ways for Seattle's residents and businesses so that environmental, aesthetic, and safety benefits are maximized.

**Organization:**



**Priorities:** Maintain and plant trees in the right-of-way

**Regulatory role:** Produces and enforces legislation as it relates to trees in the right-of-way

**Budget/funding sources:**

2010 budget: \$3,642,874 GF

Funding sources: General Fund, Reimbursables, Capital Projects

Planting: 13.0%

Maintenance: 52.8%

Pruning:

- Routine: 19.1%
- Emergency: 2.0%

Outreach: Embedded in other functions

Regulatory: 13.9

**Level of service:**

<b>UFMP Goal Level of Service</b>	<b>Current Level of Service (2011)</b>	<b>Tree Planting</b>
<b>SDOT</b>  <b>4 crews</b> 7-8 year pruning cycle	41,000 City "owned" trees (there are approximately 100,000 private trees in ROW)  2 crews (1,500 trees/year/crew). LOS: 13.7 years pruning cycle \$630,000 annual cost  12-year pruning cycle, young tree establishment & hazard calls on private trees	SDOT plants over 800 trees per year. To maintain the current pruning cycle at this planting rate, would require a new crew added every 8 years.