

DRAFT Seattle Urban Forestry Commission 2019 Work Plan (1/30/19 version)

2019 Priority Actions:

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

Topic Area / Action	UFC Lead Responsible	Parties Involved	Start Date	UFC Agenda Date	Key Outcome /Deliverable
I. Tree-related City Regulations/Policies					
1. Advise the City on its tree protection regulation update					
a) UFC subcommittee to work on tree protection ordinance update language					
b) Steward the proposed regulatory changes process	/Steve	SDCI/OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
c) Meet with Council and Central staff to move forward tree protection ordinance update		Council/Central Staff	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
d) Develop recommendations for revising Director's rules relevant to clarify the interpretation of the tree protection ordinance (Driven by SDCI's ordinance timeline)	/Sarah	UF IDT, SDCI/OPCD, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
e) Formalize recommendations for code enforcement of existing SDCI tree ordinance	Weston/Steve	SDCI/OPCD	Ongoing	Ongoing	Recommendation
f)					
2. Advise the City on urban forestry policies					
a) Seattle Parks & Recreation tree and view policies including: - Supplemental Use Guidelines for Natural Areas/Greenbelts - Cheasty Greenspace Mountain Bike/Pedestrian Trail Pilot	/Sarah	Parks	Ongoing	Ongoing	Monitor
b) Explore opportunities for tree planting in industrial areas: Port of Seattle, Freight Advisory Board; SDOT	/Craig	Port of Seattle	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
c) Follow up on recommendation for increased coordination between SDOT and SCL on tree maintenance and pruning cycles.		UF IDT	Ongoing	Ongoing	TBD
d)					
e)					
II. Urban Forest Management Plan					
1. Support UFMP update					
a) Participate in strategic deliberations with Core Team and provide input					Letter of support
b)					
c)					
d)					

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III. Outreach and Engagement					
1. City Council and Mayor's Office interaction					
a) Present 2018 Annual Report and 2019 work plan to Council and Mayor	Weston/Sandra W/PdB	CC, OSE	Q1	Q1	Presentation
b) Hold in-person deliberative meetings with Council and Mayor's Office and staff	Weston/	CC, OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Build relationships
c) Meet with community groups to engage in dialogue about the importance of trees, the UFC role, and community interests/priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key Arena redevelopment - Cheasty pilot? - 					
d) Development of materials to increase UF understanding of City processes for community members. FAQ					
e) 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	Presentation, Activity, Participation
f)					
g)					
2. Community Engagement					
a) Develop info sheet to respond to community communications	Whit/Weston	UFC/Community	Q1	March	One-pager
b)					
c)					
3. Internal Engagement					
a) Develop annual calendar to invite City Departments to brief the UFC	Weston/All	UF IDT	January	Ongoing	Discussion
b) Introduce the UFC at commission meetings (Planning, Pedestrian, Bike, Parks, MPD Oversight Committee); Neighborhood Council meetings; and public meetings	Weston/Sandra/ UFC	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	UFC promotion and coordination
c) Align UF IDT and UFC's work plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hold annual joint UFC/IDT meeting - Attend an IDT meeting 	Weston/Andrew	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Coordination
d)					

e)					
4. Engagement with Community Organizations and Urban Forestry Partners					
a) Seattle School District. Explore ways to view trees as learning opportunity (vs. liability)	/Weston/ Andrew	SSD, DON, OSE, Assoc's	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
b) Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Commission	Weston	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
c) UW and community colleges with horticulture programs and landscape architecture.		TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
d) WA State Department of Transportation	Craig	SDOT, Parks	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
e) Tilth Alliance	Weston	TBD	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
f) Seattle Green Ways	PdB	SDOT	TBD	TBD	Build Relationship
g) Native Plant Society	Sandra W	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	Ongoing support
h)					
i)					
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5. Race and Social Justice Initiative					
a) Continue exploring ways to incorporate RSJI principles into UFC work		OSE	January	Ongoing	Outreach
b)					
IV. Funding for Urban Forestry					
1. Issue a letter about departmental funding levels based on 2016 briefings.	Weston	OSE	Ongoing	Ongoing	TBD
2. Encourage City to allocate necessary budget to implement new tree ordinance	Steve	SDCI, MO, CC	Ongoing	Ongoing	Letter of recommendation
3. Green Seattle Partnership ongoing briefings on use of funds	Weston/PdB	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
4. Transfer of development rights for protection of tree groves (Seattle Times building example)	Weston	SDCI	TBD	TBD	TBD
5. Trees for Seattle program update	Weston/PdB	OSE	Q1	Q1	Ongoing support
6. Carbon Economy (State, County, City levels)	PdB	OSE	TBD	TBD	TBD
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8.					
V. Internal Operations					
1. Issue 2018 Annual Report	Weston/PdB	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual report
2. Create 2019 work plan	Weston/PdB	OSE	Dec/Jan	Nov/Dec	Annual work plan
3. Hold Chair and Vice-chair elections	Weston/PdB	OSE	Dec	Nov/Dec	New leadership