

Having the information from the completed SFI Urban and Community Forest Sustainability Standard will help inform our future municipal code and comprehensive plan updates as a city. Our city council and legal department strive to make policy changes that are based in review of needs for the community, best science, and best management practices. Having this SFI standards review would give us a starting point for building out better policy and long-range urban forest planning for our city. We are also working specifically on review of our climate element right now which urban forest health is an essential part of. Lastly, this completed document is a jumping off point to developing a comprehensive forest plan for the city aimed at providing tree equity and accessibility to all residents. We have limited budget and staff time for completing work like this due to our small size.