

TO: Tree Board  
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator  
DATE: April 10, 2023  
SUBJECT: Discussion – Stormwater & Tree Board Symbiosis

---

1) Recommended Action:

Discussion item for Tree Board.

---

2) Background:

The City Council adopted the Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) on March 2, 2021 by Ordinance No. 2020-004. The intersection of stormwater and urban forestry is included throughout the UFMP including specifically:

Objective 1.3: Establish a full complement of beautiful, healthy trees in the City by planting trees in locations that maximize their ability to grow while minimizing damage to the essential infrastructure of the City.

- Action B. Develop a partnership with the City Stormwater Utility to support maintenance of the City's urban forest and staffing.
- Action C. Look at enlarging planting sites to capture stormwater, benefit trees, and reduce hardscape damage such as sidewalk failures or gratings notfitting due to confined growing spaces for trees. Consider increasing resources to prioritize repairing sidewalk damage.

Members of the Tree Board have expressed an interest in utilizing stormwater sites as potential planting areas. City stormwater staff will present the opportunities and limitations to utilize stormwater sites for tree plantings.

---

3) Alternatives:

- ☐ Schedule further discussion at the Tree Board's May 8, 2023 meeting
- 

4) Attachments: