

TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: March 8, 2022
SUBJECT: Urban Forestry Management Plan – Landscaping and Buffering Regulation Update, Scope of Work

1) Recommended Action:

Review attached memorandum and be prepared to discuss.

2) Background:

The next step in the implementation of the *Urban Forestry Management Plan* is the preparation of an update to the City's landscaping and buffering regulations. The process will involve hiring a consultant to work with staff, stakeholders, and the Tree Board, Planning Commission, and City Council to update the City's landscaping and buffering regulations (Tumwater Municipal Code (TMC) 18.47 *Landscaping and Buffering*), as well as review and update other relevant regulations, plans, and handouts.

The attached draft scope of work for the consultant will be included in a Request for Proposals (RFP) that the City will be issuing later in March 2022 for a consultant to work on the regulation update.

3) Policy Support:

Conservation Element Policy C-1.1: Protect the ecological integrity of the natural environment while allowing for compatible growth and development.

Land Use Element Policy LU-2.5: Encourage development of architectural and landscape design standards.

Land Use Element Policy LU-11.5: Encourage existing and new development to use landscaping to take advantage of the sun's warming rays in winter and to provide shade in summer.

Land Use Element Implementation Policy 16: Implement the Urban Forestry Management Plan through the municipal code, Development Guidelines, City employee processes, and community education and engagement.

4) Alternatives:

None.

6) Attachment:

A. *Urban Forestry Management Plan – Landscaping and Buffering Regulation Update Scope of Work Memorandum*