

TO: General Government Committee  
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager  
DATE: March 9, 2022  
SUBJECT: Urban Forestry Management Plan – Tree Preservation Regulation Update, Scope of Work

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1) Recommended Action:

Review attached memorandum and be prepared to discuss.

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2) Background:

The next step in the implementation of the *Urban Forestry Management Plan* is the preparation of an update to the City's tree preservation 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 tree and vegetation preservation regulations (Tumwater Municipal Code (TMC) 16.08 *Protection of Trees and Vegetation*), 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 for a consultant to work on the regulation update.

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3) Policy Support:

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

Conservation Element Policy C-1.5: Maximize retention of a healthy tree cover and native vegetation and encourage restoration, replacement, and enhancement of unhealthy trees and disturbed vegetation.

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.

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4) Alternatives:

None.

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5) Fiscal Notes:

Although City staff time is internally supported, the funding for the consultant is suggested to come from the Permit Reserve Fund. A budget amendment would be required at year's end. These funds are collected to support permit review activity, such as compliance with tree preservation requirements. There are ample funds to pay for this project.

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6) Attachment:

- A. *Urban Forestry Management Plan* – Tree Preservation Regulation Update Scope of Work Memorandum