

TO: General Government Committee
FROM: Brad Medrud, Planning Manager
DATE: March 9, 2022
SUBJECT: Urban Forestry Management Plan – Street Tree Plan

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 a *Street Tree Plan*. The new *Street Tree Plan*, which will be an element of the *Urban Forestry Management Plan*, is intended to be the reference for all policies, regulations, and guidance for street trees in the City and replace the 2003

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 street tree regulations (TMC 12.24) as well as reviewing and potentially updating other relevant sections of TMC Title 12 *Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places*, Title 16 *Environment*, and Title 17 *Land Division*. The Tumwater Development Guide, the *Littlerock Road Subarea Plan*, the *Tumwater Town Center Street Design Plan*, and the *Capitol Boulevard Community Zone Design Guidelines* will also be reviewed.

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.

In addition, the City's tree preservation (TMC 16.08) and landscape buffering and screening regulations (TMC 18.47) will also be updated in 2022.

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.

4) Alternatives:

None.

5) Fiscal Notes:

Staff has submitted an application for a grant under the Washington State Department of Natural Resources' 2022 Community Forestry Assistance Grant to help pay work on the Plan. If grant funds were awarded, the match would be an internally funded work program task.

6) Attachment:

A. Urban Forestry Management Plan – Street Tree Plan Scope of Work Memorandum