

TO: Tree Board
FROM: Alyssa Jones Wood, Sustainability Coordinator
DATE: July 8, 2024
SUBJECT: Draft urban forester job description

1) Recommended Action:

Provide feedback on the draft urban forester job description.

2) Background:

The Tumwater Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) was adopted by the City Council on March 2, 2021, by Ordinance No. 2020-004. The UFMP includes Objective 5.2, Action D.: "hire an urban forester, certified arborist, or urban ecologist on City staff or look to share that position with other jurisdictions or departments as part of a wider City environmental manager position to manage the community and urban forest to assist in development review, respond to inquiries, and assess individual tree-health issues."

The City has been awarded a \$333,301.75 grant from the U.S. Forest Service, passed through the River Network. The grant agreement for this award has not yet been approved by the City Council but is scheduled to be considered in July 2024. If accepted, this grant would provide 50% of the funding for the urban forester position including benefits through 2028. That 50% would be focused on occurring or otherwise directly benefiting the EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities census blocks shown in orange in Attachment B. The remaining 50% of funding for the urban forester position will be proposed in the forthcoming 2025/2026 Biennium Budget and will be subject to City Council approval.

3) Alternatives:

☐ Do not discuss the draft urban forester job description.

4) Attachments:

- A. Draft urban forester job description
- B. Map of Tumwater EPA IRA Disadvantaged Communities