

TO: Tree Board  
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DATE: March 11, 2024  
SUBJECT: City Owned Tree Inventory & Community Urban Forest Maintenance Plan

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1) Recommended Action:

This item is for information only.

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2) Background:

The City Council adopted the Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) on March 2, 2021, by Ordinance No. 2020-004. The DNR grant-funded project to complete a City-Owned Tree Inventory and Maintenance Plan advances the following actions from the UFMP:

**Objective 2.2.** Develop a City street tree-trimming program.

Action A. Develop tree-trimming areas based on optimal equipment mobilization, priority locations, current tree inventory, and best management practices.

**Objective 3.1.** Promote efficient and cost-effective management of the community and urban forest by selecting, situating, and maintaining urban trees appropriately to maximize benefits and minimize hazards, nuisances, hardscape damage, and maintenance costs.

Action D: Prioritize and schedule City-assigned street tree maintenance activities according to inventory-documented needs.

**Objective 3.2.** Adopt best management practices and resource management assessment tools and data management to improve City tree maintenance to manage City-owned community and urban forest areas.

Action C. Develop a program to eliminate deferred maintenance while being mindful of budgetary constraints.

**Objective 5.1.** Develop a stable funding source and budget for activities that support the community and urban forest.

Action C. Secure funding for a four-year cycle of tree trimming.

Action D. Conduct, budget, and report to City staff on an inventory of trees for species, number, condition, and maintenance needs in developed landscaped areas on City property, such as City street trees and trees in City facilities and parks.

**Objective 7.1.** Promote collaborations between residents, neighborhood associations, governments, nonprofits, and businesses.

Action H. Involve volunteers in the tree inventory of all City street trees and trees in City Parks performed regularly.

This project is now complete. Staff will be submitting the final grant report, deliverables, and invoices to DNR before April 20, 2024.

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3) Alternatives:

☐ No alternatives suggested.

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4) Attachments:

A. City of Tumwater Tree Inventory and Maintenance Plan