

Maintain and improve the structure and environmental benefits from the community urban forest

Goal: Sustainable, healthy, and safe community tree resource

Objectives:

- Apply best management practices and industry standards to all tree care operations
 - Ensure optimal pruning, maintenance, and inspection cycles
- Increase diversity in the community tree resource
- Promote infrastructure repair strategies that preserve tree roots while providing accessible sidewalks

Goal: Preservation of significant and high value trees

Objectives:

- Develop guidelines to identify and preserve significant trees
- Continue to promote tree preservation during development

Goal: Optimize available planting space for beauty and benefits

Objectives:

- Develop a tree planting and replacement plan with an emphasis on planting the right tree in the right place
 - Diverse palette
 - Identify strategic locations for additional open space trees in parks and greenways
- Promote design and construction standards that increase soil volume and planting space.
- Promote planter design and construction standards that reduce runoff and promote stormwater retention

Establish comprehensive policies and procedures for tree preservation, planting, and maintenance

Goal: Comprehensive, user-friendly regulations and policies

Objectives:

- Provide comprehensive, reasonable, and transparent policies and procedures for tree removal permits
- Revise 10.52.120 Tree Preservation and Restoration Ordinance
 - Define significant and high-value trees for protection
- Revise 7.32 Tree, Shrub and Plant Regulations
 - Define public trees

Goal: Optimize urban forestry programming

Objectives:

- Coordinate with existing and new planning documents to reference and align with the UFMP

Goal: Optimize funding and identify new opportunities

Objectives:

- Explore feasibility of landscape assessment districts to fund the care of community trees in neighborhoods

Communicate a vision for the urban forest that focuses on beauty, benefits, and sustainability

Goal: Optimize the recreational potential of public green spaces pedestrian use

Objectives:

- Optimize trees and vegetation along sidewalks and pathways to promote walkability
 - Increase shade on paths while maintaining safety and line of sight along greenways
- Ensure accessibility of sidewalks by continuing regular maintenance of infrastructure disruptions

Goal: Increase outreach and education

Objectives:

- Enhance and maintain the City webpage for the community urban forestry program
- Develop informational brochures
 - Right Tree, Right Place
 - Tree Pruning/Hiring an Arborist
- Develop an annual State of Urban Forest Report

Goal: Review and measure attainment of the UFMP

Objectives:

- Reestablish Tree City USA status
- Periodically realign UFMP goals with community expectations
- Report on success and ongoing challenges
 - State of the Urban Forest Report

Goal: Preserve and enrich wildlife habitat

Objectives:

- Ensure all personnel conducting tree work is aware of bird nesting seasons and protocol for wildlife preservation