

Urban Forestry/UDP On-Call Arborist

Below are questions that staff has for the Urban Forestry Subcommittee:

1. Please review and provide feedback on the proposed full range of on-call arborist assignments and activities. Are there other activities to consider?
2. Please review the scope of services currently provided by our existing on-call resource currently retained as a vendor with our Dept. of Environmental Services (DES).
3. We will then discuss alternative options to pursue an On-Call Arborist at either our November or December monthly UFS meeting.

Scope Range of Activities

Scope of Existing On-Call

- Development Code technical review
- Tree canopy target initiative
- Approved tree list adjustments based on climate change
- Update Urban Forestry Management Plan with climate resiliency actions
- Technical tree manual input and review
- Community outreach and training (internal and external) resource
- Design review for new development with reduction in Effective Canopy Area by X% (Measure TBD)
- Development Planning technical permit and exemption form questions
- Third party review of arborist reports submitted to Development Planning
- Input on updating Urban Forestry Management Plan
- Site inspections and monitoring

- Conduct arboricultural and valuation services and reports
- Assess and document tree risk
- Identify tree pathogens
- Assessment of tree or forest stand health
- Design and direction of tree protection needs relevant to construction and restoration sites
- Training City staff and volunteers on related topics

Need: To create and sustain a high-quality climate resilient urban forest in Gresham.

Intent: The intent is to hire an on-call arborist that can consult with the City and Urban Forestry Subcommittee to provide municipal arboriculture expertise for a range of urban forestry needs and services.

Objective: The City needs a mechanism in place to utilize the services of a consulting arborist that match the range of municipal urban forestry needs that include technical, policy, regulatory or non-regulatory assignments and activities.

