

(b) Purpose. The Urban Forestry Subcommittee is the advising subcommittee to the Planning Commission on Urban Forestry issues. As such, it will advise on all activities related to the health, protection and extent of the city's urban tree canopy. In addition, the UFS will advise and make recommendations to the council, the Planning Commission, Hearings Officer and the manager regarding preservation, protection and restoration of trees. The Subcommittee is also responsible for recommending the designation of significant trees and the maintenance and updating of the significant tree list. Through various displays and publications, the subcommittee may also engage in public education. The subcommittee will also advise on all activities related to obtaining and maintaining Tree City USA status.

Powers and Duties (Draft)

The Urban Forestry Subcommittee, charged with enhancing tree health and tree canopy in the City of Gresham, will:

1. Advise the Planning Commission on matters affecting tree health particularly in new subdivisions or developments. This would include advising on:
 - ~~selected~~ tree species selection to ensure ~~sufficient~~ tree diversity across the city is sufficient for a sustainable canopy under various environmental pressures, methods and practices to ~~increase~~ enhance canopy with appropriately sized trees along public streets, and to preserve to the extent possible existing regulated trees on the property.
2. Create and update as needed a list of street trees that developers ~~can~~ may select from to meet code requirements.
3. Receive regularly from code enforcement reports on tree code violations and how violations have been addressed.
- ~~3.4.~~ Provide input and endorsement of code revisions to City of Gresham's Tree regulations, where reasonable.
- ~~4.5.~~ Advise the city manager and/or city council on ~~any~~ all policy or code provision pertaining to the planting, maintenance, preservation, protection and restoration of trees.
- ~~5.6.~~ Provide comment or recommendations to Design Commission, Planning Commission, and a hearings officer on any matters related to tree code or tree canopy ~~issues~~ considerations.
- ~~6.7.~~ Design and implement a significant tree nomination and selection process and maintain an inventory of those trees for the city and all its residents.
8. Provide content for online tree forum hosted on the city's website that supplies helpful information for businesses and residents on tree regulations, organizational partnerships, and tree planting/pruning/care tips.
- ~~7.9.~~ Respond and facilitate city resident's tree related inquiries such as canopy condition questions or concerns, requests for educational material, or meeting records as subject to public records criteria.
10. Select members to serve on the Coordinating Committee ~~to and help assist with in~~ the creation of successive work plans in support of the City Council work plan.s for the Planning Commission.
11. Advise on activities related to obtaining and maintaining Tree City USA status.
- ~~8.12.~~ Through various displays and publications, the subcommittee may also engage in public education to promote the value of trees in the urban landscape.