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Street Tree Inventory Findings

Why Street Trees?

Street trees are located in the public right-of-way, typically between the sidewalk and curb. Street trees are a valuable asset to the community. Beyond aesthetic benefits, street trees improve air and water quality, provide shade, increase property value, and contribute to the safety and livability of the neighborhood.

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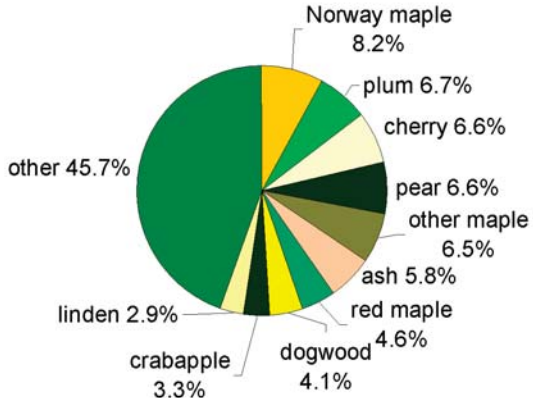
In 2011, the Kenton Tree Committee worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to organize volunteers and conduct a street tree inventory. Working together, 32 trained volunteers and staff recorded and mapped tree species, size, tree condition, and site characteristics for all 2,946 trees in the neighborhood.

After analyzing the results, the Kenton Tree Committee created a vision statement, set goals, created objectives, and made property owner recommendations designed to improve the health of the community's urban forest. The result is the Kenton Tree Plan, which will guide the Tree Committee's stewardship activities in future years.

Ten Most Common Street Trees in Kenton



Inventory Findings

- Kenton has 2,946 street trees of 92 types
- Just ten tree types comprise 55% of the resource; planting a greater variety of trees is recommended
- 50% of all street trees are small (<6" diameter at breast height) and only 5% are large (>24" diameter at breast height)
- 96% of street trees are broadleaf, deciduous trees; a better balanced treescape would include more broadleaf evergreens and conifers
- 9% of trees are rated as being in poor health, and 1% are dead and in need of replacing
- 41% of spaces in residential areas are available for planting, representing an opportunity to add 1,792 trees
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at $7,488,187 (http://itreetools.org)
- Kenton's street trees provide $231,611 annually in environmental and aesthetic benefits (http://itreetools.org)

Kenton Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

The Kenton Tree Team envisions building a beautiful and sustainable tree canopy for the health, equity and livability of our neighborhood.

GOALS

1. Increase knowledge and awareness of Kenton's street tree inventory
2. Promote programs to plant Kenton's available planting strips with high functioning and appropriately sized trees
3. Plant the right tree in the right place with emphasis on large-form trees in optimal planting strips
4. Increase tree species diversity and maintain care for Kenton's larger trees
5. Obtain funding to achieve our vision

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Facilitate active community involvement to achieve our vision
2. Recruit more volunteers for the Friends of Trees planting days each spring
3. Recruit Kenton neighbors to become Tree Stewards through the annual Neighborhood Tree Steward program offered by PP&R
4. Organize and publicize Mulch Delivery Day events each spring to keep our street trees healthy
5. Create a "Tree Walk" map featuring interesting trees and wildlife habitat in the Kenton neighborhood

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Design a "Tree Scholarship" program to promote the replacement of dead or dying trees and increase tree planting in available planting strips
2. Identify potential heritage trees along the streets in Kenton
3. Encourage and develop an ongoing stewardship program for trees along N. Denver Ave. and N. Lombard St. in commercial zones

How you can help

Join the Kenton Tree Committee

Please join us at the monthly meeting!

Plant a street tree

Consult with a Kenton Tree Team member for assistance in choosing the right new tree(s) for your planting strip (kentontreeteam@gmail.com).

Take care of our existing Kenton street tree canopy

- Properly water new young trees to establish future generations of Kenton's street trees. In the first two years after planting, trees need 15-20 gallons of water per week in the dry spring and summer months.
- Please do not chain bikes or dogs to trees. This can damage the bark leading to disease and sometimes death.
- Prune properly. Older trees can benefit from structural pruning for vigor, air circulation and proper form. Remove low limbs for pedestrian and traffic clearance. Consult with a Kenton Tree Team member if you have questions or need tree permit information. Trees rarely need pruning in the first few years of life.
- Keep lawn mowers and string trimmers away from tree trunks to prevent trunk damage.
- Rake and remove leaves from the street to help keep storm drains clear – and help your neighbors, too.
- Tell the Kenton Tree Team about your trees. Do you have a heritage tree candidate or an interesting wildlife habitat?

Contacts

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The Kenton Tree Team meets the fourth Tuesday of each month in the second floor conference room at the Historic Kenton Firehouse at 2209 N. Schofield St. The public is always welcome.

Kenton Neighborhood Association

http://historickenton.org

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

www.portlandonline.com/parks/trees

503-823-4489

Download the complete map and report

www.portlandonline.com/parks/treeinventory

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