

Portsmouth Street Tree Inventory and Tree Plan

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Street Tree Inventory Findings

Why Street Trees?

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.

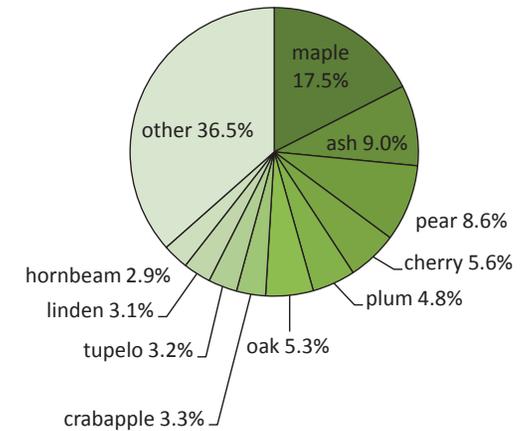
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In 2013, the Portsmouth Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to organize volunteers and conduct a street tree inventory. Working together, 53 trained volunteers and staff recorded and mapped tree species, size, tree condition, and site characteristics for all 3,635 trees in the neighborhood.

After analyzing the results, the Portsmouth Tree Team 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 Portsmouth Tree Plan, which will guide the team's stewardship activities in future years.



Most Common Street Trees in Portsmouth



Inventory Findings

- Portsmouth has 3,635 street trees of 91 types.
- Trees that are less than 6" diameter at breast height (DBH) constitute 46% of the population while only 13% are larger than 18" DBH.
- For tree condition, 56% of trees rate good, 37% rate fair, 7% rate poor, and less than 1% are dead.
- Street trees are found in 94% developed rights-of-way sites and 6% undeveloped rights-of-way.
- 58% of all street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees.
- 1,835 empty spaces are available for street tree planting in residential areas.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$10,455,096 (<http://itreetools.org>).
- Portsmouth's street trees provide \$236,930 annually in environmental services and aesthetic benefits (<http://itreetools.org>).

Portsmouth Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

To engage neighbors in the stewardship of Portsmouth's community forest.

GOALS

1. Celebrate neighborhood tree assets
2. Maintain and enhance tree diversity
3. Reach out, educate and learn from Portsmouth residents on tree care and related topics
4. Enhance the health of our neighborhood forest

OBJECTIVES

1. Promote tree care best practices at neighborhood outreach events and with web-based and printed resources
2. Facilitate young tree pruning and care through regular workshops and work parties
3. Offer neighborhood tree walks or other fun events (i.e. during Arbor month)
4. Support Friends of Trees and other tree planting efforts



How you can help

Join the Portsmouth Tree Team!

Contact us at PortsmouthTrees@gmail.com

Plant a Tree

Visit the Friends of Trees website to learn when the annual Portsmouth neighborhood planting is, how you can get a tree, and what kinds of trees are available: www.FriendsofTrees.org.

Visit the Urban Forestry website to learn what trees are best for your streetside planting strip: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/49305>.

Tree lists from both of the above sites are great general resources for learning more about trees that grow well in Portland.

Learn how to properly care for your trees

Attend a tree care or pruning workshop in the neighborhood.

Visit the Friends of Trees website to learn how to care for young trees: <https://friendsoftrees.org/meet-us/how-to-plant/tree-care>.

Visit the Portland Urban Forestry website for more information on pruning: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/398378>.

Share these resources with your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers.

NEVER Top or Stub Cut a a Tree

Report incidences to the Portsmouth Tree Team for follow up education.

Contacts

Portsmouth Tree Team

PortsmouthTrees@gmail.com

Email for up-to-date meeting information

Portsmouth Neighborhood Association

portsmouthneighborhood.com

General meetings are at 6 pm on third Tuesdays at Bridge Meadows (8502 N Wayland Avenue)

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees

503-823-4489

Friends of Trees

www.friendsoftrees.org

503-282-8846

Download the complete map and report

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory



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