

South Tabor 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.

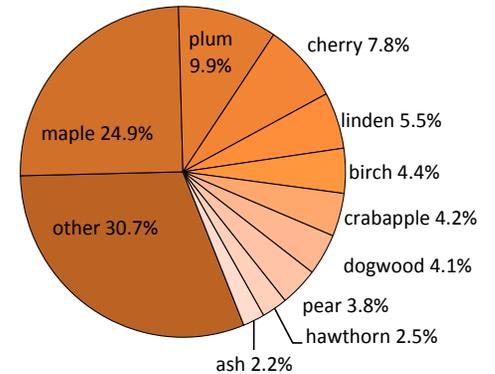
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In 2014, the South Tabor Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to organize volunteers and conduct a street tree inventory. Over the course of four work days, 58 volunteers contributed more than 304 hours collecting data on tree species, size, tree condition, and site characteristics for all 2,571 street trees in the neighborhood.

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



Most Common Street Trees in South Tabor



Inventory Findings

- South Tabor has 2,571 trees of 93 types.
- South Tabor's street tree population is dominated by plum, maple, and cherry and does not meet recommended species diversity guidelines.
- Young trees are over represented in South Tabor.
- Only 20% of street trees are large form varieties, and 258 large spaces are available for planting.
- 60% of trees rated poor are in the Rosaceae family and more than 30% of the trees in the *Prunus* genus are in poor condition.
- 50% of all street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees.
- Small sites represent 51% of planting spaces. In some areas, planting all available spaces may not be enough to equitably distribute canopy in South Tabor.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$7.1 million.
- South Tabor's street trees provide \$195,000 annually in environmental services and other benefits.

South Tabor Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

To engage our neighbors in creating, enhancing and maintaining a beautiful and sustainable tree canopy for the health, equity and livability of our neighborhood.

GOALS

1. Plant more trees.
2. Increase tree species diversity.
3. Provide tree care resources and support to neighbors.
4. Maintain existing canopy.
5. Increase knowledge and awareness of benefits of trees.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Target sites for planting in priority large spaces.
2. Focus on priority large planting strips (>6 ft. wide with no overhead wires).
3. Prioritize plantings along parkways and main boulevards.
4. Hold workshops on pruning and general tree care.
5. Identify and nominate at least one Heritage Tree per year and hold celebration events upon acceptance.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Plant 100 trees per year.
2. Work with neighbors to remove and replace dead and dying trees in the neighborhood.
3. Focus on planting 62nd Ave. and Woodward corridors as tree boulevards.
4. Expand Tree Team.
5. Be present at neighborhood events.

How you can help

Join the South Tabor Tree Team!

Email southtabortrees@gmail.com for more information or call (503) 238-2094.

Plant

Call PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit, and partner with Friends of Trees during their annual fall planting for the best deal. For details, visit www.friendsoftrees.org.

Water

Water your young trees. Newly planted trees need 15-20 gallons of water each week during the spring and summer months for two years after planting.

Prune

Proper pruning of all trees will enhance a tree's benefits and increase its chance for survival.

Replace

Keep the urban forest growing by replacing dead or dying trees with healthy, young trees. Contact the Tree Team for help or questions.

Mulch

Add mulch to the base of the tree each year. Apply a 3" depth in a 3' radius around the tree. Make sure to keep mulch and soil away from direct contact with the trunk, as it can result in disease and decay of the tree.

Habitat

Help the neighborhood increase its ability to provide for its bird and wildlife population by planting natives and evergreens. For more info, see audubonportland.org/issues/backyardhabitat.

Contacts

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Meetings at Pizzicato, 6042 SE Division St; contact us for more information

facebook.com/SouthTaborTreeTeam

South Tabor Neighborhood Association

www.southtabor.org

General meetings are 7-8:30 pm on third Thursdays of February, May, July and October at Trinity Fellowship Church, 2700 SE 67th Ave.

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees

503-823-TREE

Friends of Trees

www.friendsoftrees.org

503-282-8846

Download the complete map and report

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory



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