

# Sullivan's Gulch 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.

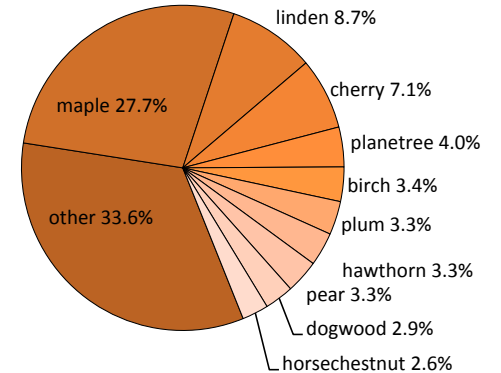
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In 2014, the Sullivan's Gulch Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to organize volunteers and conduct a street tree inventory. Over the course of four work days, 33 volunteers contributed 248 hours collecting data on tree species, size, tree condition, and site characteristics for all 1,138 street trees in the neighborhood.

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



### Most Common Street Trees in Sullivan's Gulch



### Inventory Findings

- Sullivan's Gulch has 1,138 trees of 77 types.
- The neighborhood's street tree population is dominated by maple, linden, and cherry and does not meet recommended species diversity guidelines.
- More than a third of trees are established and mature. Preservation, maintenance, and monitoring is necessary to promote continued health and to limit potential hazards.
- Less than a quarter of trees are young, leaving few trees to offset mortality as the population ages.
- 64% of all street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees, and more than 500 sites have been identified for planting.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$6.3 million.
- Sullivan's Gulch's street trees provide \$133,000 annually in environmental services and other benefits.

# Sullivan's Gulch Tree Plan

## VISION STATEMENT

Achieve a rich urban forest for Sullivan's Gulch with wide neighbor support.

## GOALS

1. Identify the best tree planting sites and contact the owners.
2. Identify tree species to prioritize.
3. Get SGNA's endorsement of tree team actions.
4. Plan education and outreach activities.
5. Workshops on pruning, planting and a neighborhood tree walk.

## SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Establish meeting schedule with programs including presenting inventory results, choosing tree species for planting, and a tree walk.
2. Get 10 right-of-way trees planted by March.
3. Consult big commercial property owners.
4. Negotiate with PBOT about managing the 15th/16th Ave median.
5. Explore grants for a street tree pilot project making silva soil improvements on Broadway and Weidler.

## LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Advocate for a stronger urban forestry budget.
2. Develop a block stewardship program including recruiting a steward for each block.

## How you can help

### Join the Sullivan's Gulch Tree Team!

Take a leadership role and help us to achieve our goals, plan tree events and advocate for tree planting and maintenance in Sullivan's Gulch. Contact us for more information.

### Nominate a Heritage Tree

Celebrate the contribution trees make to our community and history by nominating exceptional street trees for Heritage Tree status. For details, consult the Gulch Tree Team or visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/40280](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/40280).

### Improve sidewalk conditions

Prune street trees for compliance with street and sidewalk clearance codes. Tree limbs must hang no lower than 7.5' above the sidewalk. Contact Urban Forestry for a free permit.

### Volunteer to be a block steward

Contact a member of the Gulch Tree Team for more information on how you can help manage our urban forest.

### Plant trees in your planting strip

Sign up for the annual Friends of Trees planting to get the best deal and have an expert team plant your tree. Visit [www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org) for details. The Gulch Tree Team can also discuss additional planting options and specific neighborhood needs. Contact PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit.

## Contacts

### Gulch Tree Team

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meeting time TBD

### Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association

[sgnablog.blogspot.com](http://sgnablog.blogspot.com)

General meetings are 7-9 pm every second Tuesday at Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave.

### Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

[www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees)

503-823-TREE

### Friends of Trees

[www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org)

503-282-8846

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