

Laurelhurst 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.

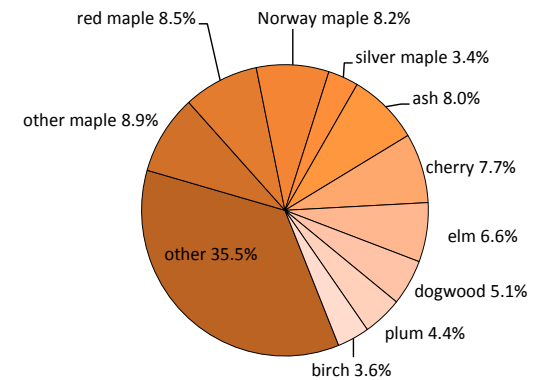
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In 2014, the Laurelhurst Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to organize volunteers and conduct a street tree inventory. Over the course of four work days, 73 volunteers contributed 526 hours collecting data on tree species, size, tree condition, and site characteristics for each of the neighborhood's 3,694 street trees.

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



Most Common Street Trees in Laurelhurst



Inventory Findings

- Laurelhurst has 3,694 trees of 92 types.
- Mature maple, ash, cherry, and elms dominate Laurelhurst's street tree population. Laurelhurst does not meet recommended species diversity guidelines.
- Nearly 40% of trees are large and old. 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.
- 82% of all street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees.
- Planting efforts should focus on the largest sites first, as large form trees will provide the most long-term benefits to the neighborhood. More than 700 sites are identified for planting.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$28.6 million.
- Laurelhurst's street trees provide \$742,000 annually in environmental services and aesthetic benefits.

Laurelhurst Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

Our trees serve and protect our neighborhood in many ways. The Laurelhurst Tree Team (LTT) seeks to improve the health of our neighborhood trees as part of a larger effort to build community so we all thrive in our urban forest.

GOALS

1. Provide learning resources to the community so that we can improve the health of our trees.
2. Establish base information to promote neighborhood ownership of the tree canopy.
3. Provides skills and expertise to help organize tree related events.
4. Build community through positive local action.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Develop basic communications and a flyer for people to join the LTT.
2. Put together communications for engaging folks in the annual Friends of Trees (FoT) planting.
3. Determine a small section of available tree planting spaces and connect with residents about selecting a FoT tree.
4. Solicit volunteers for FoT Planting events.
5. Develop list of materials we will need for LTT related info and database.
6. Develop plan for Urban Forestry workshops and our own Neighborhood Tree Tour.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Develop the core materials for ongoing LTT communications and activities.
2. Support the delivery of UF workshops.
3. Determine long term workshop and walking tour needs.
4. Develop relationships with sponsoring and partnering organizations.
5. Develop calendar of events for full year.
6. Establish ongoing funding sources.

How you can help

Join the Laurelhurst Tree Team!

Call (503) 974-4721 for details. Help us plan tree events and advocate for tree planting and maintenance.

Get to know your trees

Learn to identify your street trees to better understand how to care for them.

Learn to maintain your street trees

Trees need occasional pruning to promote health and good form, and provide clearance for sidewalks and streets. Learn how to maintain your street trees on your own or with an LTT-recommended arborist.

Attend an event

The LTT will organize educational tree events this spring. Join us to learn about tree issues and meet neighbors interested in caring for our trees.

Share your knowledge, tools and time

Share tree education and maintenance resources with neighbors. Contact LTT to find neighbors who need your assistance. Ask neighbors with new or declining trees if they would like a hand.

Select the right tree

Plan your tree planting choice using the recommendations from the 2014 Laurelhurst Tree Team's inventory findings.

Volunteer

Volunteer to help your neighbors learn about our trees, how to plant new trees and how to maintain all trees. Contact the LTT for guidance.

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Monthly LTT Meeting at the Laurelhurst Cafe, 4611 E Burnside Ave., at 9:30 am on the First Tuesday of the month

Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association

laurelhurstpdx.org

Laurelhurstor.nextdoor.com

facebook.com/LaurelhurstPDX

General meetings are at 7 pm on the last Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September and November at All Saints Parish Hall, 3847 NE Glisan

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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