

Background Information for Urban Forestry Commission FY 17-18 Budget Priorities Discussion: Portland Urban Forestry Program Areas

Below is a general list of the services and programs presently provided by Urban Forestry. This information is intended to assist the Urban Forestry Commission in advising on budget priorities for fiscal year 17-18. More information on several of these services is available on the Urban Forestry and Portland Trees websites:

[Urban Forestry | The City of Portland, Oregon](#)
[Portland Trees | The City of Portland, Oregon](#)

Note: Services in *italics* are funded at least in part by revenue (permit fees or payments for service from other city bureaus) instead of General Funds.

Administration:

- General - timekeeping, supplies, equipment, records keeping, reporting, etc.
- Management – budget, supervision, work plans, strategic planning, workforce development, bureau coordination, interbureau coordination, etc.
- Urban Forestry Commission

Operations:

- Tree emergencies - all city rights-of-way and Parks properties, 24/7
- *Interagency Agreement (IAA) tree maintenance work (for BES, PBOT, OMF, Water, Fire, Golf)*
- Dutch Elm Disease (DED) monitoring
- DED management - preventative fungicide applications, etc.
- DED infected street and park tree removal
- Parks non-emergency, requested tree maintenance work
- Parks tree removal and stump grinding
- Parks tree planting planning
- Parks tree planting and establishment
- *IAA tree planting and establishment*
- *Parks Capital Improvement Projects – tree work*
- Parks staff training – chainsaw safety, tree felling, BMPs, etc.
- Log and wood chip deliveries – to city entities such as BES, Parks, etc.
- Technical and equipment support for Urban Forestry Outreach and Education events

Outreach and Education/ Science and Policy:

- Workshop offerings/ Neighborhood Tree Team support - heritage tree walks, neighborhood tree history, tree planting, Decoding Portland's Tree Code, street tree pruning, tree ID, benefits of trees, invasive trees, tree pests and pathogens, general tree care, selecting and promoting diverse tree species, etc.
- Learning Landscapes - school arboreta creation and tree services education

- Neighborhood Tree Stewards – adult arboriculture, urban forestry and community tree stewardship education and volunteering
- Equity and Inclusion – Diversity and Equity Committee, partnership building and nurturing, etc.
- Arbor Day - annual celebration
- Tree Hug – annual celebration
- Tree planting program development – PSU partnership and citywide tree planting strategy, updating approved tree lists, mitigation fund management, etc.
- Professional education - Trees in Development, Local Tree Care Provider Workshops, Professional Arborists' Lecture Series, Programmatic Permit trainings
- Youth Conservation Crew Tree Crew – youth arboriculture and urban forestry workforce development
- Public communication materials - websites, forms, brochures, newsletter, etc.
- Forest science – canopy monitoring and assessment, potential canopy, *Urban FIA*, etc.
- Heritage tree program
- Data entry, management, analysis and reporting, *IT Advancement Project*
- Policy analysis and development – e.g., tree planting compliance study, RICAP, implementation of regulations, early detection and rapid response (pests, pathogens)

Permitting:

- *Tree permitting and permitting systems - non-development, development, Capital Improvement Projects, root pruning, etc.*
- *Single Point of Contact – trees@, 823-TREE*
- *Interbureau regulations and standards coordination*

Unfunded

These items are not currently funded and are required by City code or have been discussed by the Urban Forestry Commission as potential additional funding areas.

- Proactive maintenance of park tree assets
- Proactive maintenance of street tree assets
- Heritage Tree maintenance program for City-owned trees (11.20.060.H)
- Heritage Tree "farm-league" easement program
- Title 11 comprehensive amendments
- Training Program (Arborists)