

Lents 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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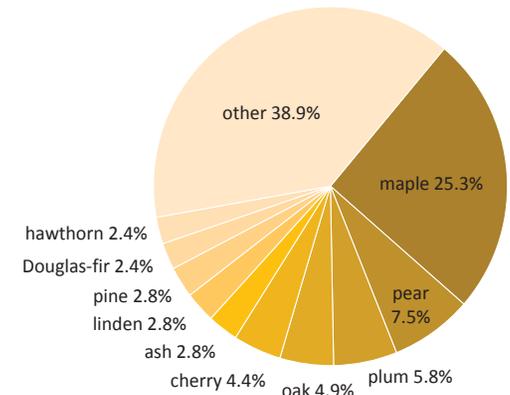
In 2016, the Lents Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to conduct an inventory of all street trees in our neighborhood. After analyzing the results, the Lents-Brentwood-Darlington Rangers created a vision statement, set goals, and identified objectives that will improve the health of our neighborhood's urban forest. The Tree Plan will guide the stewardship activities of street trees and yard trees.

The Lents Tree Plan is part of a citywide effort to improve Portland's urban canopy. Together, the neighborhood plans will protect our existing trees and will create a resilient and thriving urban canopy.

Many thanks to the neighbors who have already helped shape the inventory and our neighborhood canopy.



Most Common Street Trees in Lents



Inventory Findings

- Lents has 3,641 trees of 94 types. The street tree population is dominated by maple, plum, and pear, and does not meet species diversity guidelines.
- Only 25% of trees in Lents are large form varieties, and less than half of large planting sites contain trees large enough for the site. Large form trees provide many times more benefits over their lives than small form trees.
- There are many young trees in Lents, which provides an opportunity for inexpensive young tree maintenance activities.
- Sidewalks without planting spaces are common in Lents, so creation and expansion of planting sites may be necessary to meet canopy goals.
- 53% of all street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees, and more than 2,060 sites have been identified for planting.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$4.6 million, and Lents's street trees provide \$294,000 annually in environmental services and aesthetic benefits.

Lents Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

We love Lents and Lents' trees. Neighborhood trees contribute to healthy communities, high air quality, and enhanced neighborhood beauty. We strive for a thriving tree canopy in Lents.

GOALS

1. Provide our neighbors with resources, support, and education to enhance community value of neighborhood trees.
2. Act as a resource to all Lents residents. Represent Lents as an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environmental and community group.
3. Increase the diversity of trees in Lents with special attention to evergreen trees.
4. Increase numbers of large trees by incentivizing planting of large trees in large planting spaces.
5. Maintain the health of small trees by providing pruning and watering resources.
6. Remove and replace dead and dying trees.
7. Reach out to local businesses to provide resources on tree selection during property development.
8. Acquire funding to further the goals of the Lents and Brentwood Darlington Tree Team.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve existing young trees through pruning and watering workshops.
2. Incentivize residents to sign up for Friends of Trees Neighborhood Plantings.
3. Compile informational on plantable areas. Work with Urban Forestry to identify key planting priorities.
4. Begin building relationships with emerging businesses in Lents and Brentwood Darlington that may be interested in planting projects.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Target blocks with large planting strips and low stocking levels for tree planting.
2. Meet 10/20/30 (species/genus/family) diversity goals for street trees.

How you can help

Join the Lents-Brentwood-Darlington Rangers!

We meet the first Monday of each month at 6 pm in the indoor area of the Portland Mercado.

Plant Trees in Your Planting Strip

Sign up with Friends of Trees to get the best deal and have an expert team plant your tree during their yearly planting. Visit www.friendsoftrees.org for details. The Tree Team can also discuss additional options and specific neighborhood needs.

Water Your Young Trees

In the first two years after planting, trees need 15-20 gallons of water per week in the dry spring and summer months.

Replace Your Dead or Dying Trees

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

Maintain Trees Throughout Their Lifecycle

Trees need occasional pruning to remove dead wood, provide clearance for sidewalks and streets, and to promote good form. Not sure how to prune? Contact PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit or the Tree Team for guidance.

Volunteer

Volunteer for local community groups that support Lents and Brentwood-Darlington's valuable tree resources. Participate in a native tree planting with Johnson Creek Watershed Council, plant a pollinator garden with Green Lents, or sign up for a neighborhood planting with Friends of Trees.

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Meetings are 1st Wednesdays at 6 pm at Portland Mercado, 7238 SE Foster Rd.

Lents Neighborhood Association

lentsneighborhoodassociation.com

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

www.portlandoregon.gov/trees

503-823-TREE (8733)

Friends of Trees

www.friendsoftrees.org

503-282-8846

Download the complete map and report

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory



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