

Rose City Park 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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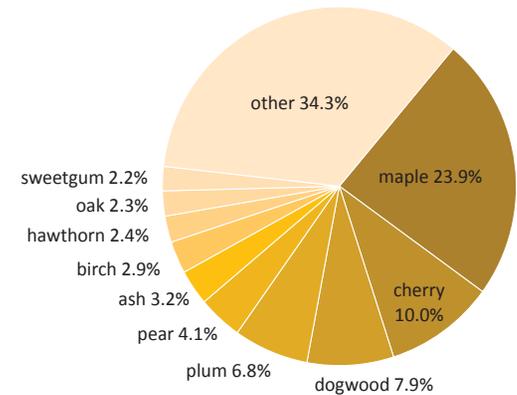
In 2016, the Rose City Park Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to conduct an inventory of all street trees in our neighborhood. After analyzing the results, the Rose City Park Tree Team created a vision statement, set goals, and identified objectives that will improve the health of our neighborhood's urban forest. The Tree Plan will guide the stewardship activities of not only street trees, but yard trees as well.

The Rose City Park 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 Rose City Park



Inventory Findings

- Rose City Park has 5,723 trees of 106 types.
- The neighborhood's street tree population is dominated by cherry, maple, dogwood, and plum and does not meet recommended species diversity guidelines.
- Only 18% of trees in Rose City Park are large form varieties, and less than a third of planting sites contain appropriately sized trees for the site. Large form trees provide many times more benefits over their lives than small form trees.
- There are many young trees in Rose City Park, which presents an opportunity for inexpensive young tree maintenance, and will create a healthier age distribution in the future.
- 73% of street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees, and more than 40% of available sites are large, providing an opportunity to plant more large form trees.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$18.9 million. Rose City Park's street trees provide \$813,000 annually in environmental services and aesthetic benefits.

Rose City Park Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

The Rose City Park Tree Coalition commits to developing beautiful, diverse, and healthy community trees for the neighborhood.

GOALS

1. Educate the public about planting the right tree in the right place, to maximize tree benefits.
2. Encourage citizens to care for newly planted trees and provide education on general tree care.
3. Increase the diversity of Rose City Park urban trees.
4. Remove dead, dying, dangerous, invasive, or undesirable trees and replace. Promote free tree inspection as part of the process and education effort.
5. Identify and pursue funding options to support tree coalition projects.
6. Identify potential heritage tree nominations and nominate at least one tree.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Encourage proper planting techniques and root barriers to decrease sidewalk buckling.
2. Develop a high visibility tree planting project with Douglas-firs along a major Rose City Park thoroughfare.
3. Partner with elementary schools in Rose City Park for potential planting projects.
4. Partner with Depave to develop a new green space for trees.
5. Develop community awareness of the Rose City Park Tree Coalition.
6. Coordinate a Rose City Park tree walk, with attention paid to notable and beautiful trees.
7. Gather tree stories of the Rose City Park residents.

How you can help

Join the Rose City Park Tree Team!

Take a leadership role and help us to achieve our goals, plan tree events and advocate for tree planting and maintenance in Rose City Park. Contact us for more information.

Plant

Call PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit, and partner with Friends of Trees during their annual 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 dry spring and summer months for three years after planting.

Mulch

Add mulch to the base of street trees 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.

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.

Replace Your Dead or Dying Trees

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

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