



PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

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Amy Chomowicz
Bureau of Environmental Services
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Dear Amy:

PP&R Urban Forestry is pleased to issue the attached programmatic permit to the Environmental Services Tree Program (ESTP).

In addition to the language provided in the permit, Urban Forestry wishes to provide the following comments and recommendations to ensure this partnership continues to provide maximum benefits to the City's urban forest.

- Urban Forestry understands that the availability of nursery stock presents challenges to meeting ESTP's planting volume goals as well as certain permit requirements. Obtaining suitable tree stock is subject to external factors such as economic conditions, market demand, and changing growing conditions. ESTP is encouraged to address this situation through the design of their program. For example, Urban Forestry has recommended ESTP establish tree stock growing contracts. These can help ESTP more-reliably secure suitable stock at the times and in the volumes ESTP desires. Please let us know when growing contracts are established and with whom, as well as other measures ESTP is undertaking to address stock supply fluctuations.
- Portland's forest continues to be at risk of catastrophic loss to pest or pathogen infestation due to insufficient tree diversity. To improve forest resilience Urban Forestry intends to reduce the taxonomic targets in 3.8.b.iii in future permits as detailed below.
 - Single species - maximum of 5% of all trees planted
 - Single genus - maximum of 10% of all trees planted
 - Single family - maximum of 20% of all trees planted

Sincerely,

Jenn Cairo,
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