

Austin's Urban Forest Plan



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Code Mandated Initiative*

§ 6-3-5 and 2-1-183 COMPREHENSIVE URBAN FOREST PLAN.

- The Urban Forester shall provide administrative staff services to the Board in connection with the plan.
- The Environmental Board and Parks and Recreation Board shall review the plan and make recommendations to the Urban Forestry Board.
- Urban Forestry Board required to seek City Council approval before implementation

Staff Contributions:

- *2,700 hours to date*
- Number of City staff that have provided input so far: 45+ and counting
- Approximately 33 meetings and counting

*(Mandated by Austin City Code in 1992)



Plan Overview

STATE OF AUSTIN'S URBAN FOREST

History and Regional Context

Performance Indicators

THE URBAN FORESTRY PLAN

Vision Statement and 6 Vision Components

Guiding Principles

Policy Elements

Implementation Timeline, DOP's, and Support

Public Engagement

APPENDIX

Operational Plan Template, Supporting Documents



Performance Indicators


Include Vegetative Resource, Community Framework, Resource Management:

Example: Community Framework

Criteria	Key Objective	Performance Indicators				Figure for Most Recent Year
		Low	Moderate	Good	Optimal	
Public agency cooperation	Insure all city departments cooperate with common goals and objectives.	Conflicting goals among departments and/or agencies.	Common goals but no cooperation among departments and/or agencies.	Informal teams among departments and/or agencies are functioning and implementing common goals on a project-specific basis.	Municipal policy implemented by formal interdepartmental/interagency working groups on all municipal projects.	N/A



Policy Elements – *The Urban Forest Management Framework*

- Strategic framework to achieve the Plan’s vision
 - Will Influence Implementation & Departmental Operational Plans
 - Grouped into policy element categories based on topical category
 - Includes ***Education and Outreach***
 - ***Preservation*** is a Key Component
 - Inform ***Planting, Care & Maintenance*** Operations
 - Collaborative and Strategic ***Planning & Design Elements***
 - Advancing a ***Sustainable Urban Forest***
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Community Engagement

April 2012 | Public Meeting and Opinion Poll

July/August 2013 | Engagement Opportunities

- Mobile Engagement – July 27th Kick-Off
 - Leaf the Tree Activity
 - 6 Locations
- Community Workshop/Open House – August 13th
- Online Resources – www.austinurbanforestry.org



Board and Commission Review

July 23, 2013 – Parks and Recreation Board briefing

August 6, 2013 – Joint Committee (Parks and Recreation / Environmental Board) briefing

August 7, 2013 – Environmental Board briefing (memo)

August/September –

Parks and Recreation Board recommendation,

Environmental Board recommendation,

Urban Forestry Board approval

October/November – City Council approval



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Thank You!

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