

**TEMPLATE FOR BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**



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**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD**

**Recommendation Number: 20140917-G02**

**Master Plan For Public Property**

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's Code, sections 6-3 and ordinances 031023-10 and 031211-11, mandate the establishment of the Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan, hereinafter referred to as the Austin Urban Forest Plan.

WHEREAS, the development of the Austin Urban Forest Plan is a direct implementation of ImagineAustin via the Green Infrastructure Priority Program and 20 Priority Actions, including Priority Action CE A22 which directs the City to create an urban forest plan.

WHEREAS, in February 2011 the Urban Forestry Board and City Urban Forester initiated the development of the Austin Urban Forest Plan.

WHEREAS, Austin's City Council adopted the *Austin Urban Forest Plan: A Master Plan for Public Property* on March 6, 2014.

WHEREAS, implementation of the Austin Urban Forest Plan has been initiated by the City Urban Forester with an eighteen-month timeline to develop operations plans for fourteen departments involved with managing and regulating public lands.

WHEREAS, it is critical that the following key departments are involved in the development of these Departmental Operational Plans: Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Planning and Development Review, Austin Water Utility, Austin Transportation, Austin Energy, and Watershed Protection.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

City Council recommends the City Manager to identify executive level sponsors and direct staff from the following key departments to work with the City Urban Forester to implement the Austin Urban Forest Plan: Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Planning and Development Review, Austin Water Utility, Austin Transportation, Austin Energy, and Watershed Protection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

City Council recommends the City Manager to consider and report on funding sources and partnership opportunities related to implementing the Austin Urban Forest Plan and Departmental Operational Plans, and report back to Council within 60 days.

**Date of Approval:** September 17, 2014

**Record of the vote:** For: (7) Board Members Kite, Maceo, Brewer, Brown, Classen, Fleming, Newsom  
Against: (0) None

Attest:



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