

FY18 Work Plan for DSD's Urban Forestry Program Implementing the recommendations from the Urban Forest Sustainability and Management Review			
Item + Description	Justification	Projects/Actions	Update (8/30/18)
Climate Change Addresses the long-term health and productivity of the natural resource.	The City's Community Climate Plan is an established planning tool to reach net-zero goals. Our program has an opportunity to leverage this plan to further plan for urban forest resiliency.	1) Develop an urban forest climate change adaptation strategy for the Austin area. This will be done in conjunction with the Climate Resilience Plan for City of Austin Assets and Operations. 2) Partner with the Office of Sustainability to pilot tree planting projects with the Urban Forest Carbon Registry protocol.	1) Team established to begin work on assessing the vulnerability of tree species in the Austin area. This is the first step of a larger endeavor. 2) Done.
Public trees (other than park and street trees) Is there a recent (5-year) inventory and/or urban forest managmeent plan for trees growing in public facility landscaped areas, industrial parks, green space?	We are unaware of organized urban forest management for public trees growing on property other than parks and public right of way. There is an enormous opportunity here.	Partner with Austin Public Library and Austin Fire Department to pursue tree inventory and tree care on their properties.	All Austin Public Library sites now have tree inventories, tree care plans, and we expect for the tree care operations to be complete for all sites by the end of the year. The next city department that we are working with is Austin Public Health. We have a prioritized list of their properties and have begun work.
Urban Forestry Disaster Plan A separate/specific plan within the urban forestry management program.	The City of Austin lacks a coordinated urban forest disaster response plan. This ties in with preparation planning work as we get ready for the Emerald Ash Borer.	1) Scope project and begin implementation for Emerald Ash Borer preparedness. 2) Scope project and begin implementation of urban forest disaster readiness plan.	1) Project research and scoping has begun. This task will carry over to next fiscal year. 2) We have submitted a request for additional staff resources to meet this need.
Active Communications Press releases, regular news articles, "State of the Urban Forest" reports, periodic analysis of threats and opportunities.	A key component of our urban forestry program is communication. This is an area that will be further developed by the Community Tree Information and Planning Team.	Actively promote programs, initiatives, and projects that relate to the urban forest.	Done/ongoing
Green Infrastructure Is there a plan for green infrastructure?	Watershed Protection Department is leading efforts for an Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan; this is a timely and relevant item.	Contribute to the Integrated Green Infrastructure Plan to ensure that urban forestry goals are included where appropriate.	Our staff are serving as leads for content related to the urban forest. This project will continue into the next fiscal year.