

Urban Forest Program

Updates for
Urban Forestry Committee



February 2020



Topic Highlights

- Urban Forest Health
- Climate Change Planning
- Youth Engagement
- Coordination
- Urban Forest Grant

Urban Forest Health



- Neighborhood level oak wilt suppression
- Emerald Ash Borer planning

Climate Change Planning

- June 2019 Workshop: Vulnerability Assessment
- November 2019 Workshop: Planning and Adaptation
- Summer 2020: Final Report Published

Climate Change Planning

Vulnerability Assessment of Austin's Urban Forest and Natural Areas

Chapter 1: The Contemporary Landscape describes existing conditions, providing background on the physical environment, ecological character, and current management of developed and natural areas in the Austin region.

Chapter 2: Climate Trends, Projections, and Impacts summarizes our current understanding of past and projected future changes in climate in the Austin area.

Chapter 3: Vulnerability of Austin's Trees summarizes the projected changes in habitat suitability and adaptive capacity for trees found in the Austin region.

Chapter 4: Vulnerability of Austin's Urban Forest summarizes the vulnerability of the urban forest in three developed areas and four natural community types in Austin.

Chapter 5: Management Implications

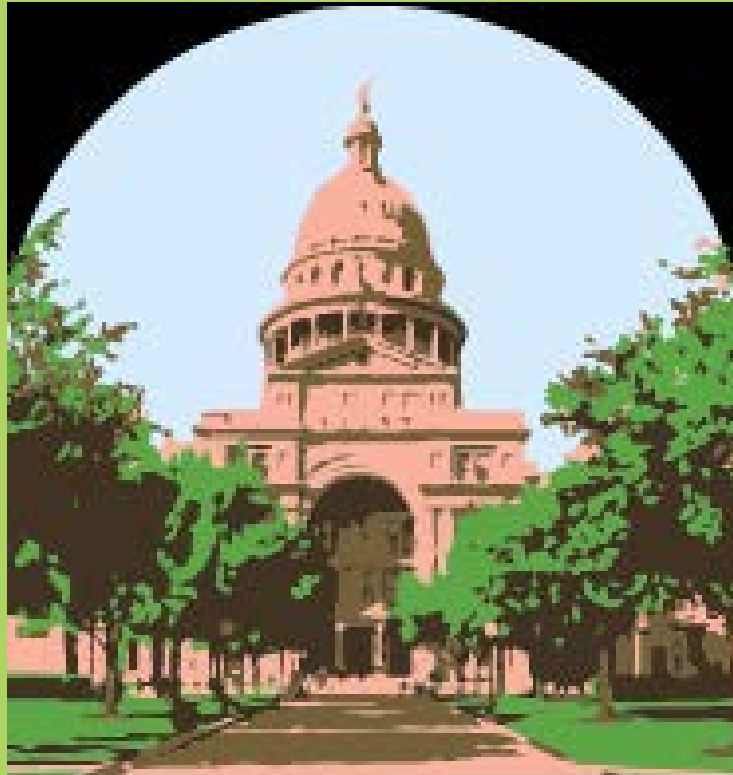
Youth Engagement – Program Launch

- 12 interns hired in January
- 1st meeting held in February
- National Arbor Day
- See handout



Coordination

- Forestry Leadership Team
- Public Land Management
- Interdepartmental Tree Working Group



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FY19 Report (handout)

COA Projects Supported (FY20)

- Rain Catcher Pilot Program
- 2020 Bright Green Futures Grant
- 2016 Mobility Bond

Community Driven Projects (2020)

- 10 applications under review

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