



# Wildland-Urban Interface Code Stakeholder Outreach

Shown here is key stakeholder involvement that drove development of the proposed Wildland-Urban Interface Code. The Austin Fire Department (AFD) engaged with numerous stakeholders through general outreach and education programs on Wildfire risk and preparedness and through involvement and integration with Austin and Travis County programs and initiatives. Other groups and individuals were identified through a flexible process building on previous adoption efforts. Presentations and one on one meetings were offered. AFD anticipates continued outreach through an educational program prior to implementation of the code.

## Boards and Commissions Recommendations

Public Safety Commission – June 3, 2019, endorsed draft and recommended Council appropriate necessary funds to implement.

Environmental Commission – September 18, 2019, recommended support with conditions to be addressed in a rules development process.

Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals – October 23, 2019, technical board responsible for review per Land Development Code section 25-1-502, recommended Council adoption.

## Stakeholder Input

Internal Stakeholders Information meeting – July 6, 2016, comments incorporated in draft where possible. Included December 19, 2012 extensive comments from WPD based on an earlier draft.

Homebuilders Association of Greater Austin – January to October 2018, multiple meetings led to revision of draft to simplify ignition resistant construction components and to fit with Austin area building standards.

Real Estate Council of Austin – June 27, 2018, concerns over increased permit review complexity and time were addressed through simplification of process and proposed dedicated team in AFD for review and inspection.

Internal Stakeholders focus group meetings – June to August 2018, obtained leadership support from AFD and DSD and resolved issues related to code enforcement authority.

City Environmental Officer and Urban Forester – June 10, 2019, City of Austin environmental officers expressed concern over retroactive enforcement component in draft. AFD ultimately revised draft to delete most of the requirement.

WUI Code – Stakeholders involved December 2012 – September 2019

- Urban Forestry Board (now Environmental Commission Urban Forestry Committee)
- Fire Chief Advisory Board
- Public Safety Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building and Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Zoning and Platting Commission
- Environmental Commission
- Wildfire Symposium Collaborators
- Austin Neighborhoods Council
- Texas State University Environmental Geography Graduate Class
- Austin Infill Coalition
- Grow Green Professional Landscapers Training
- Greater Austin Homebuilders Association
- Real Estate Council of Austin
- International Code Council
- Professional Landscape Training
- Randy Jamieson – Riverplace Firewise Representative
- Austin Heritage Tree Foundation
- Ron Thrower – Riverplace Rezoning case
- Eleanor McKinney – local landscape architect
- Development Services Department Stakeholders
- Watershed Protection Department
- Internal Stakeholders – City, County, State key Department and Agency Representatives
- Austin Code Department
- Code Adoption Planning Group
- COA Environmental Officer and Urban Forester
- ATC Wildfire Coalition
- Austin Firewise Alliance
- Austin Forestry Leadership Team
- Interdepartmental Tree Working Group – City staff with tree care and/or urban forest responsibilities sharing information
- Land Development Code rewrite team
- Green Infrastructure Priority Program Implementation Team
- Public Land Management Team
- Resilient Subdivision Team