Seattle Urban Forest Management Plan
2012 Workplan

Goal	Objective
	TREE RESOURCE
Manage trees to promote health and longevity	Continue restoration on 590 acres of forested parkland. Begin restoration on 70 new acres. (Parks)
	Maintain 1,800 trees on developed parkland on an 18-year cycle Inspect 300 trees for risk. (Parks)
	Maintain 3,000 Department of Transportation-managed street trees on a 14-year cycle. (SDOT)
	Prune trees away from 600 miles of electrical distribution lines for electrical safety and reliability. (SCL)
Increase canopy cover and environmental benefits	**Trees planted and maintained by the City:** Plant 400 trees in developed parks. Meet 2 for 1 Tree Replacement Policy. (Parks)
	Plant 800 street trees with Bridging the Gap levy funding. Plant trees as a component of capital projects and preserve and protect existing mature trees. Meet 2 for 1 Tree Replacement Policy. (SDOT)
	Plant 90 trees at Chihuly Garden and Glass project. Plant 11 trees and remove 18 trees at Mural Landscape renovation project. (Plantings will fulfill 2011 2 for 1 Tree Replacement Policy). Meet 2 for 1 Tree Replacement Policy. (Seattle Center)
	Removal of two significant trees will take place at the Asian Tigers and Bears project. Planting for 2 for 1 replacement policy will take place in 2013. (Zoo)
	Trees planted and maintained by residents: Trees for Neighborhoods: Assist community members in residential areas with low canopy cover to plant and care for 1,000 trees. (SPU)
	MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK
Improve management of trees on private property through incentives & regulations	Right-of-way: Adopt updated street tree codes to strengthen regulations related to maintenance of privately maintained trees in the right-of-way. (SDOT) Private property: Draft tree regulations update and facilitate public discussion. (DPD)
	Work with City Council and Mayor to determine preferred private property tree regulations approach and adoption timeline. (DPD)
Track implementation of the Urban Forest Plan	Monitor performance annually and issue an annual Progress Report. (OSE)
Implement resource management tools	Incorporate iTree survey data into 2012 Urban Forest Management Plan update. (OSE/SPU)
	Develop citywide tree care metrics: - Continue to refine tree care metrics and reports on the long-term impact on trees. Prune new and mature street trees. Target resources to prevent deterioration over time. (SDOT) - Integrate tree crew work into Parks work load management system. (Parks)
	Assess current vegetation management conditions across SCL electrical grid to identify opportunities to improve tree management for safety and reliability. (SCL) Continue to work with SCL on annual revisions to the street tree list; update ROW Vegetation Management Plan to add best management practices. (SDOT)
Facilitate interdepartmental cooperation	Urban Forest Interdepartmental team to update the City's reLeaf website. (SPU lead)

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	Convene Urban Forest interdepartmental team monthly. (OSE)
	Identify opportunities for better coordination and efficiencies in managing ROW trees through monthly meetings and established procedures: - Continue monthly meetings with SCL to discuss issues related to trees under power lines. (SDOT) - Continue to work collaboratively to improve street tree management. (SCL)
	COMMUNITY FRAMEWORK
Enhance awareness of the urban forest as a community resource	Engage 100 youth in Summer Youth Program with Green Seattle Partnership and Trails. Deliver three clusters of K-12 program (9 schools). Deliver program in two SE schools (two Nexus sites). Evaluate K-12 program. Train five Forest Stewards in native plant identification in partnership with Washington Native Plant Society. (Parks)
	Support community awareness and engagement foundation necessary to meet canopy goal. (reLeaf/SPU) <u>Urban Orchard Stewards:</u> Support City Fruit in efforts to maintain and stabilize orchard stewardship program. (SPU/Parks) <u>Tree Ambassadors:</u> Recruit and train ten new volunteers in five neighborhoods, focusing on south Seattle. Support existing volunteers in project implementation. (SPU/SDOT)
Increase community engagement in urban forest management	Recruit and manage 95,000 volunteer hours with 500 GSP volunteer events. Support over 20,000 of youth employment programs to work at restoration sites. Expand volunteer outreach programs to ensure 50,000 volunteer hours total. Maintain paid youth employment program with non-profits. Develop four new volunteer Forest Stewards and hold eight trainings with expansion into monitoring protocols as well as new forest certification program. Pursue grants for over $100,000. Integrate work plans with Planning and Development at seven targeted parks: Kinnear, Lewis, Thornton Creek #6; Capehart, West Seattle Reservoir, Jefferson, and Soundway properties in the West Duwamish. (Parks)
	Continue to support neighborhood groups who apply for grants to plant trees or install landscapes. (SDOT)
	reLeaf program to coordinate participation in Arbor Day. (SPU/SDOT/SCL)
	Staff the Urban Forestry Commission and facilitate their advice on policies, programs, and regulations to the Mayor and City Council. (OSE)
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