

Brentwood-Darlington Street Tree Inventory and Tree Plan

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Street Tree Inventory Findings

Why Street Trees?

Street trees are a valuable asset to the community. Beyond aesthetic benefits, street trees improve air and water quality, provide shade, increase property value, and contribute to the safety and livability of the neighborhood.

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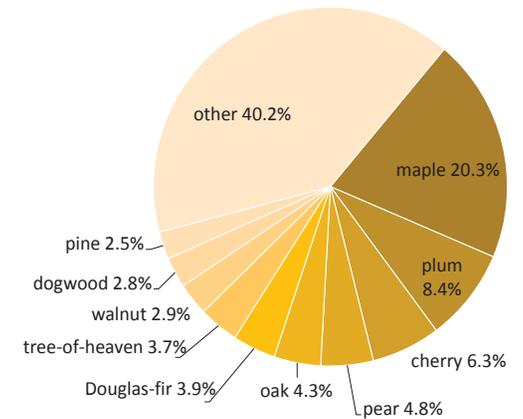
In 2016, the Brentwood-Darlington Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to conduct an inventory of all street trees in our neighborhood. After analyzing the results, the Brentwood-Darlington Tree Team created a vision statement, set goals, and identified objectives that will improve the health of our neighborhood's urban forest. The Tree Plan will guide the stewardship activities of not only street trees, but yard trees as well.

The Brentwood-Darlington Tree Plan is part of a citywide effort to improve Portland's urban canopy. Together, the neighborhood plans will protect our existing trees and will create a resilient and thriving urban canopy.

Many thanks to the neighbors who have already helped shape the inventory and our neighborhood canopy.



Most Common Street Trees in Brentwood-Darlington



Inventory Findings

- Brentwood-Darlington has 2,820 trees of 96 types.
- The neighborhood's street tree population is dominated by plum, maple, and cherry, and does not meet recommended species diversity guidelines.
- Only 28% of trees in Brentwood-Darlington are large form varieties, and more than half of large planting sites contain trees too small for the site. Large form trees provide many times more benefits over their lives than small form trees.
- There are many young trees in BD, which provides an opportunity for inexpensive young tree care, such as structural pruning.
- 39% of all street tree planting spaces are currently stocked with trees, and 3,190 sites are available for planting.
- Over 80% of available planting sites are unimproved areas without sidewalks. On side streets, these sites are often used for parking or otherwise appropriated by the adjacent resident, presenting a challenge for increasing canopy through the neighborhood.

BD Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

We love BD and BD's trees. Neighborhood trees contribute to healthy communities, high air quality, and enhanced neighborhood beauty. We strive for a thriving tree canopy in BD and to educate our neighbors about its importance.

GOALS

1. Provide neighbors with resources and support to enhance the community value of trees.
2. Act as a resource to the BDNA and all BD residents. Represent BD as an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environmental and community group.
3. Increase the diversity of trees in BD with special attention to evergreens, natives, and appropriately sized trees for their sites.
4. Increase numbers of large trees by incentivizing planting of large trees in large planting spaces.
5. Maintain the health and aid the establishment of young trees by providing pruning and watering resources.
6. Remove and replace dead and dying trees.
7. Reach out to local businesses and homeowners to provide resources on tree selection during property development.
8. Acquire funding to further the goals of the Lents and Brentwood-Darlington Tree Team.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Preserve existing young trees through pruning and watering workshops with Friends of Trees, Urban Forestry, the BDNA, and other groups.
2. Incentivize residents to sign up for the annual Friends of Trees (FOT) Neighborhood planting, and work with FOT to make these events successful.
3. Compile information on planting areas. Work with Urban Forestry to identify key planting priorities, especially in unimproved areas.
4. Begin building relationships with emerging businesses in BD that may be interested in planting projects.

How you can help

Join the Brentwood-Darlington Tree Team!

Take a leadership role and help us to achieve our goals, plan tree events and advocate for tree planting and maintenance in Brentwood-Darlington. Contact us for more information.

Plant

Call PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit, and partner with Friends of Trees during their annual planting for the best deal. For details, visit www.friendsoftrees.org.

Water

Water your young trees. Newly planted trees need 15-20 gallons of water each week during the dry spring and summer months for three years after planting.

Maintain Trees Throughout Their Lifecycle

Trees need occasional pruning to remove dead wood, provide clearance for sidewalks and streets, and to promote good form. Not sure how to prune? Contact PP&R Urban Forestry for your free permit or the Tree Team for guidance.

Volunteer

Volunteer for local community groups that support Brentwood-Darlington and Lent's valuable tree resources. Sign up for a Green Space or neighborhood tree planting with Friends of Trees, help out at the Portland Fruit Tree Project's Green Thumb Orchard, work a work party to restore Errol Heights Park, or join a native tree planting with the Johnson Creek Watershed Council.

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Contacts

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Meetings are 1st Wednesdays at 6 pm at Portland Mercado, 7238 SE Foster Rd.

Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association

brentwood-darlington.org

Meetings are 1st Thursdays at 7 pm at Brentwood-Darlington Community Center, 7211 SE 62nd Ave.

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees

503-823-TREE (8733)

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www.friendsoftrees.org

503-282-8846

Download the complete map and report

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory



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