

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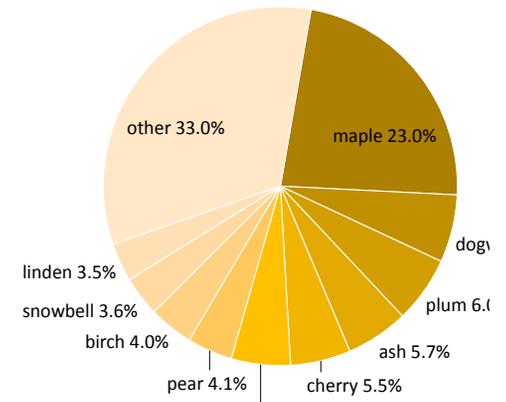
In 2016, the Creston-Kenilworth Tree Team worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to conduct an inventory of all street trees in our neighborhood. After analyzing the results, the Creston-Kenilworth Tree Team created a vision statement, set goals, and identified objectives that will improve the health of our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

The Creston-Kenilworth 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 Creston-Kenilworth



### Inventory Findings

- Creston-Kenilworth has 2,341 trees of 92 types.
- The neighborhood's street tree population is dominated by dogwood, plum, and maple and does not meet recommended species diversity guidelines.
- Only 12% of trees in Creston-Kenilworth are large form varieties, and just half of large form planting sites contain trees large enough for the site. Large form trees provide many times more benefits over their lives than small form trees.
- There are many young trees in the neighborhood. This provides an opportunity for inexpensive young tree maintenance and will create a healthier age distribution in the future.
- 83% of available street tree planting spaces are small or medium. Expansion and creation of planting sites or more private plantings may be necessary to meet canopy goals.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$5.6 million. Creston-Kenilworth's street trees provide \$252,000 annually in environmental services and aesthetic benefits.

# Creston-Kenilworth Tree Plan

## VISION STATEMENT

To protect and enhance Creston-Kenilworth's urban forest for now and into the future.

## GOALS

1. Increase the number of tree plantings and the diversity of tree species.
2. Increase community involvement, connections, engagement and education through the lens of urban forestry.
3. Increase the care and maintenance of our trees, from young aged through maturity.
4. Increase the rate of removal of dead, dying, and dangerous trees to ensure a healthy, safe, and optimally functioning urban forest.

## OBJECTIVES

1. Promote the Friends of Trees plantings in our neighborhood, specifically large sites, by hosting a Tree Diversity workshop in 2016.
2. Host a young street tree pruning workshop on an annual basis.
3. Work with Urban Forestry to inventory Creston Park as part of the 2017 Park Inventory.
4. Partner with Tree-of-heaven Eradication Now! (TEN!) to educate our neighbors about the issues and impacts of tree-of-heaven.

## How you can help

### Join the Creston-Kenilworth Tree Team!

Take a leadership role and help us to achieve our goals, plan tree events and advocate for tree planting and maintenance in Creston-Kenilworth. 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](http://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.

### Mulch

Add mulch to the base of street trees each year. Apply a 3" depth in a 3' radius around the tree. Make sure to keep mulch and soil away from direct contact with the trunk, as it can result in disease and decay of the tree.

### 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.

### Replace Your Dead or Dying Trees

Keep our urban forest growing by replacing dead trees with young healthy trees. Contact the Tree Team for help or questions.

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## Contacts

### Creston-Kenilworth Tree Team

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### Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association

[creston-kenilworth.org](http://creston-kenilworth.org)

Meetings are 4th Mondays check website for details

### Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

[www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees)

503-823-TREE (8733)

### Friends of Trees

[www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org)

503-282-8846

### Download the complete map and report

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