



URBAN FORESTRY

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Be Heard. Take the Tree Code Amendment Survey Now!



Ponderosa pines, redwoods, and Douglas-firs grow tall and strong in Portland. What kind of protections do you want for trees like these? Now until August 3, 2020, is your chance to be heard.

Your opinion matters. Tell Portland City Council where YOU stand on tree preservation today. Learn more and take the survey! You have until 8/3/2020.

[Take the Tree Code Survey Here!](#)

Development takes place all over the City. You probably notice it most often when it is in your neighborhood, or right next to your home.

But what about the development that you do not see? Some parts of town that are called industrial or commercial areas are currently *not* required to protect trees the way they are in other places.

If we want this to change, then we all need to speak up right now.

Protecting more Portland trees in development means:

- Stronger tree preservation rules in industrial and commercial areas
- Stronger tree planting requirements in industrial and commercial areas
- Lowering the size requirements to 20 inches of tree diameter (from 36 inches) for tree preservation in all development areas

We need trees. Trees clean the air we breathe, they provide wildlife habitat, and they are important in reducing the effects of climate change.

Please do not let this chance to speak up pass you by. Portland trees need us now.

Learn more about the Tree Code Amendments and take the survey [here](#). Please share this message with others. We need to hear from you, and everyone you know.

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/workshops



The native Douglas-fir (Pseudotsuga menziesii) is often a great choice for large spaces.

Your Tree, Right Place

Tuesday, August 11, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Offered Online via Zoom

Are you thinking about planting a tree? Learn more about what to consider before choosing your tree.

Choosing the right tree is a decision that lasts a lifetime. Join Urban Forestry staff to discuss planting locations and species selection. We will demonstrate how to perform a site evaluation and may even introduce you to new tree species!

The workshop will take place online from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

Please **pre-register**, Zoom details to participate will be sent by email.

Register here.

Pop-Up Arboreta in August

Ongoing through all of August

For the month of August, Urban Forestry will be showcasing trees with fun, informational signs in Portland parks.

The August Pop-Up Arboreta Parks are:

- **Argay Park**
- **Cherry Park**
- **Farragut Park**
- **Sellwood Riverfront Park**

You can explore the tree signs at these local parks throughout August. Click the park links above for a map of the tree signs at each park.

Remember to bring your **Tree Journal** or **Scavenger Hunt** guide from our **Activities** page.

Complete either activity and send a photo to receive a special tree prize.



Claim your prize here!

More Upcoming Events

Ongoing:

August Pop-Up Arboreta: Have you visited a **Pop-Up Arboretum** in a Portland park yet? Well, there are brand new trees to discover! Going on now, Argay Park, Cherry Park, Farragut Park, and Sellwood Riverfront Park have interactive and informational signs installed on trees! If one of these is your local park, be sure to visit before the signs are gone. While you are out there, tag [@portlandparks](#) on Instagram or [@Urban Forestry - Portland Parks & Recreation](#) on Facebook and let us know which tree is your favorite park tree. To see the summer Pop-Up Arboreta schedule, click [here](#).

Rigler Elementary School Pop-Up Arboretum: Pop-Ups are not just for parks anymore! We are excited to share that Bruce Nelson, a dedicated volunteer in the Cully neighborhood, has created a neighborhood Pop-Up Arboretum at Rigler Elementary School. You can visit the school grounds at 5401 NE Prescott Street to see 70 signs, translated into English and Spanish, with information about the trees on campus.

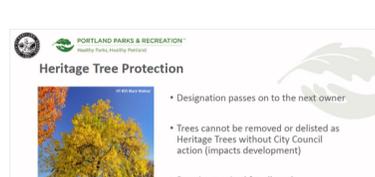
Remember – do not go into parks or onto trails if you cannot stay at least 6 feet away from other people. Respect park facility closures, such as playgrounds and athletic fields. Current information is posted at PortlandParks.org.

Portland Parks & Recreation has monitored the COVID-19 situation since it began. We continue to be in communication with and to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County Health Department, and the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management regarding the situation.

Event Highlights

See photos from recent events!

www.flickr.com/photos/urbanforestry



Heritage Trees of Portland

Portlanders are proud of their trees, and those listed as Heritage Trees are some of the best in our City.

Last Tuesday, Heritage Tree fans joined an online workshop to learn more about the Heritage Tree Program.

They learned what qualifies these 300+ trees to be designated as Heritage Trees, the protections that they receive, and how to volunteer with the Heritage Tree program.

There is nothing like seeing the trees for yourself though! Check out the Heritage Trees in your neighborhood by using our [online map!](#)

Seeking Applications: Community Trees Award



Among the past winners of the Bill Naito Community Trees Award are Save Our Elms in 2010, and the Tree Inventory Volunteers in 2017.

Magnificent trees may be designated as Heritage Trees. But what about all the volunteers who protect, care for, and advocate for our trees?

There is an award for that! Since 1997, Portland has celebrated community volunteers, both individuals and groups, who dedicate their time to Portland's trees with the **Community Trees Award**.

Almost 40 groups or individuals have been recognized through the years for their hard work. And every year the **list** grows longer!

From now until **September 1, 2020**, you can turn in a Community Trees Award **nomination** of your own.

Do you know someone, or a group of people, that you think deserves to be awarded for their work with trees, but are not sure how to get started? Take a look at our [eligibility](#) page for some helpful tips.

We cannot wait to see who the next Community Trees Award winners will be!

In Other News

Applications for the Urban Forestry Commission Accepted Through 8/31/2020: The Urban Forestry Commission is a group of volunteers that hears about plans affecting trees in Portland. They make informed recommendations to the City Forester, Parks Director, and City Council, and they are currently seeking new members. All ages and levels of experience are welcome. Community members that can represent **low income and low canopy** neighborhoods are encouraged to apply. Learn more and apply [here](#).

Urban Heat Island Effect and Equity: Cities are heating up! Pavement, concrete, and buildings all add up to higher temperatures in urban areas. However, not everyone is experiencing the effects of elevated heat in the same way. Underserved neighborhoods are often hit the hardest. Read more about the urban heat island effect and what cities can do to turn down the heat [here](#).