

Sunnyside 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.

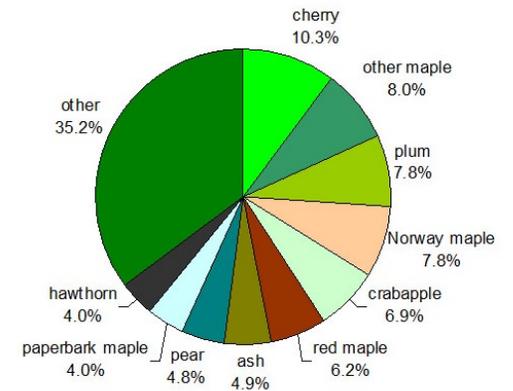
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In 2012, the Sunnyside Tree Team (S2T2) worked with PP&R Urban Forestry to organize volunteers and conduct a street tree inventory. Working together, 51 trained volunteers and staff recorded and mapped tree species, size, tree condition, and site characteristics for all 2,995 trees in the neighborhood.

After analyzing the results, S2T2 created a vision statement, set goals, created objectives, and made property owner recommendations designed to improve the health of the community's urban forest. The result is the Sunnyside Tree Plan, which will guide the team's stewardship activities in future years.



Ten Most Common Street Trees in Sunnyside



Inventory Findings

- Sunnyside has 2,995 street trees of 87 types.
- Just 10 tree types make up 65% of street trees; planting a greater variety of trees is recommended.
- 97% of street trees are broadleaf, deciduous trees; a better balanced treescape would include more broadleaf evergreens and conifers.
- 7% of trees are rated as in poor health, and less than 1% are dead and in need of replacing.
- 25% of spaces in residential areas are available for planting, representing an opportunity to add at least 759 new trees.
- The replacement cost of the street tree population is valued at \$10 million (<http://itreetools.org>).
- Sunnyside's street trees provide over \$216,000 annually in environmental and aesthetic benefits (<http://itreetools.org>).

Sunnyside Tree Plan

VISION STATEMENT

Create a more diverse, healthy, well-maintained urban canopy in all parts of Sunnyside

GOALS

1. Focus plantings in areas with little to no canopy.
2. Increase tree species diversity.
3. Consider competing needs (e.g. solar panels, gardening, views).
4. Encourage tree stewardship by residents through education.
5. Support proper tree maintenance at all life stages.
6. Partner with others to implement the Tree Plan.

SHORT TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Establish a team to plan and execute neighborhood stewardship objectives.
2. Educate residents through articles in local publications and participation in neighborhood events.
3. Encourage property owners to replace trees that are dead or in poor condition.
4. Maintain a recommended planting list to improve diversity of species.
5. Educate and encourage proper planting and maintenance by partnering with residents.

LONG TERM OBJECTIVES

1. Focus on more difficult to plant areas: commercial and rental properties and planting strips requiring concrete removal.
2. Partner with PP&R Urban Forestry, Friends of Trees, and Sunnyside Neighborhood Association on planting and pruning programs.
3. Provide tree-related information and a forum for community concerns.
4. Develop plans and seek funding for larger planting and maintenance projects.
5. Review progress periodically and revise the Tree Plan as needed.

How you can help

Join the Sunnyside Tree Team (S2T2)

Join us at our monthly meetings! See email/website for date, time and location.

Plant a Tree!

Sign up for the annual Friends of Trees Sunnyside planting to get the best deal and have an expert team plant your tree. Visit www.friendsoftrees.org for details. Questions? The Tree Team can also discuss additional planting options and specific neighborhood needs.

Water Your Young Trees

In the first three years after planting, trees need at least 10 gallons of water per week in dry spring and summer months.

Replace Your Dead or Dying Trees

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

Maintain Your Street 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.

Look for Advice From Your Tree Team

Contact the Tree Team to find neighbors who need your assistance. Ask your neighbors with new or declining trees if they would like a hand.

Contacts

Sunnyside Tree Team (S2T2)

<http://sunnysideneighborhood.wordpress.com/trees/>

Email: s2t2@googlegroups.com

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Sunnyside Neighborhood Association

<http://sunnysideneighborhood.wordpress.com/>

General meetings are at 7 pm on second Thursdays at SE Uplift at 3534 SE Main St.

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/trees

503-823-4489

Friends of Trees

www.friendsoftrees.org

503-282-8846

Download the complete map and report

www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/treeinventory



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