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Plan to Improve Tree Code Approved by City Council



A view of Portland looking east. Urban Forestry is working to update and improve the rules that protect Portland's trees.

You asked, and we listened! Changes to Portland's Tree Code are coming soon.

On May 26, 2021, City Council approved a plan for improvements to Portland's Tree Code, **Title 11 Trees**. Portland's **Urban Forest Management Plan** will also be updated. The changes you have been asking for will help protect the trees that do so much for us.

Here is a brief overview of the plan:

- [Phase 1](#) (2021-2022): Technical and minor Title 11 amendments
- [Phase 2](#) (2022-2024): Urban Forest Management Plan update
- [Phase 3](#) (2024-2025): Title 11 improvements based on updated Urban Forest Management Plan

Phase 1 of the plan will take place in the first year. It will make much-needed technical fixes and minor policy updates.

After that, more complex updates will follow. These updates will need more funding and analysis to complete properly. In the meantime, the Urban Forest Management Plan will be updated.

The updated Urban Forest Management Plan will continue to provide guidance for Title 11 and overall urban forest management. The update will focus attention on:

- Climate change
- Tree protection and preservation
- Increased access to the **services that trees provide**

For more information, email: trees@portlandoregon.gov.

Upcoming Events

Opportunities to learn and volunteer!

www.portland.gov/trees/workshops



Delta Park Orchard Care
Saturday July 24 *and* August 7, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

10910 N Denver Ave. at Urban Forestry

Are you a fruit tree fanatic? Did you know Urban Forestry has an educational fruit tree orchard?

Join us on a Saturday in July or August to learn different types of fruit tree pruning. You will also discover new species that thrive in Portland and take a taste of a few early ripening fruit!

With over 50 trees planted, the orchard needs special care to maintain the trees and support fruit production and harvesting. Volunteers will practice their pruning skills with guidance specializing in fruit trees.

Learn more about the orchard trees and register for one of [two opportunities online](#).



Photo courtesy of Ken Rumbaugh and PP&R.

Tree Thursday Volunteer at Free Lunch + Play

Multiple dates and locations

During the school year, 57% of young Portlanders qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. Without school lunches, summer becomes the time when nearly 50,000 Portland children face hunger daily.

Portland Parks & Recreation will serve over 100,000 meals in Parks this summer through the **Free Lunch + Play** program.

Join Urban Forestry at Free Lunch + Play events to share tree activities at a different park each

week on Thursdays through the end of summer.

Visit the [Tree Thursday Volunteer](#) webpage to check out when we will be in a park near you, and learn about the three volunteer roles available.

More Upcoming Events

8/25/21, 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Keeping Cool Under the Canopy: Take a walk with us beneath the leafy canopy of Columbia Park during the heat of summer. You will learn how these great green giants are working hard to keep you cool. Discover more about the trees of Columbia Park, and about urban heat islands, on our [registration page](#).

8/26/21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm: Seedling Weeding at Irving Park Nature Patch: Have you been to Portland's largest Nature Patch? The installation at Irving Park is a growing treasure for the community – including some tree seedlings that need to go! Join PP&R to learn to identify unwanted plants and help remove them from taking over the native plantings. **Registration is required.**

9/18/21, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Find Your Flare! Help the Fifth Annual Yard Tree Giveaway prepare trees to find their forever homes this fall! Knowing where the root flare is on your tree is one of the best ways to give a new tree its best chance to thrive. Learn more about root flares and how to [register online](#).

Event Highlights

See photos from recent events

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Elementree Care

Last week, Urban Forestry volunteers gathered once again at Ventura Park Elementary School.

They gave much needed pruning maintenance to the trees along the north side of the school.

Removing low-growing branches and increasing visibility for pedestrian safety was a priority for the group.

These awesome folks even realized there were some overhanging branches blocking the sign for drivers to know there was a crosswalk ahead!

Thank you to these great volunteers for keeping our streets and students safe!

Nominate a Tree-mendous Volunteer in Portland



The **Bill Naito Community Trees Award** recognizes the hard work of individual community members and groups who care for, protect, and advocate for Portland's trees.

Give thanks to an individual or a group this year who has shown dedication and passion for the trees in our community.

Each year, Portland's **Urban Forestry Commission** honors an outstanding group and individual who have created an ongoing legacy of appreciation for our community's trees.

Learn about [past award recipients](#) who have recognized the possibilities for trees in our community, and have acted to instill greater value for trees.

Projects over the years that have received this recognition include [Save Our Elms](#), [Canopy Stories](#), the [Tree Emergency Response Team](#), and many more of our community's most passionate tree people.

Nominations are due September 1, 2021. Learn more about [eligibility](#) criteria online, and how to submit your nomination today!

In Other News

Update to Street Tree Ornamental Lighting Permit: The **Street Tree Ornamental Lighting Permit** timeline and application process will be updated beginning August 1, 2021. Non-Seasonal lighting permits are now valid for 3 years. Existing permits will be extended to the new 3-year timeline from time of permit issuance. New permits and permit renewals should be applied for in September. What is the difference between Non-Seasonal and Seasonal Ornamental Lighting? What is the application fee for a Street Tree Ornamental Lighting Permit? For answers to these questions and more, please visit the [Ornamental Lights for Street Trees – FAQ](#).

Urban Forestry is Hiring: Join our team! Two positions are now open at Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry. Learn about the [Urban Forestry Planting Program Supervisor](#) position and apply by 7/26/2021. Also available is a [GIS Technician II](#) position, apply by 7/19/2021. These positions, in addition to many others [now available](#) at PP&R, are the result of Portland voters approving an operating levy to fund the City's parks system and green infrastructure assets. We hope to hear from you soon!

Willamette Week Article Describes Hottest Place in Portland: Dr. Vivek Shandas, a professor at Portland State University, and chair of the Urban Forestry Commission, explains how fewer trees and more concrete lead to hot spots in our cities. Read the article [here](#).

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