

Portland Urban Forest Plan



Portland Freight Advisory Committee | February 6, 2025

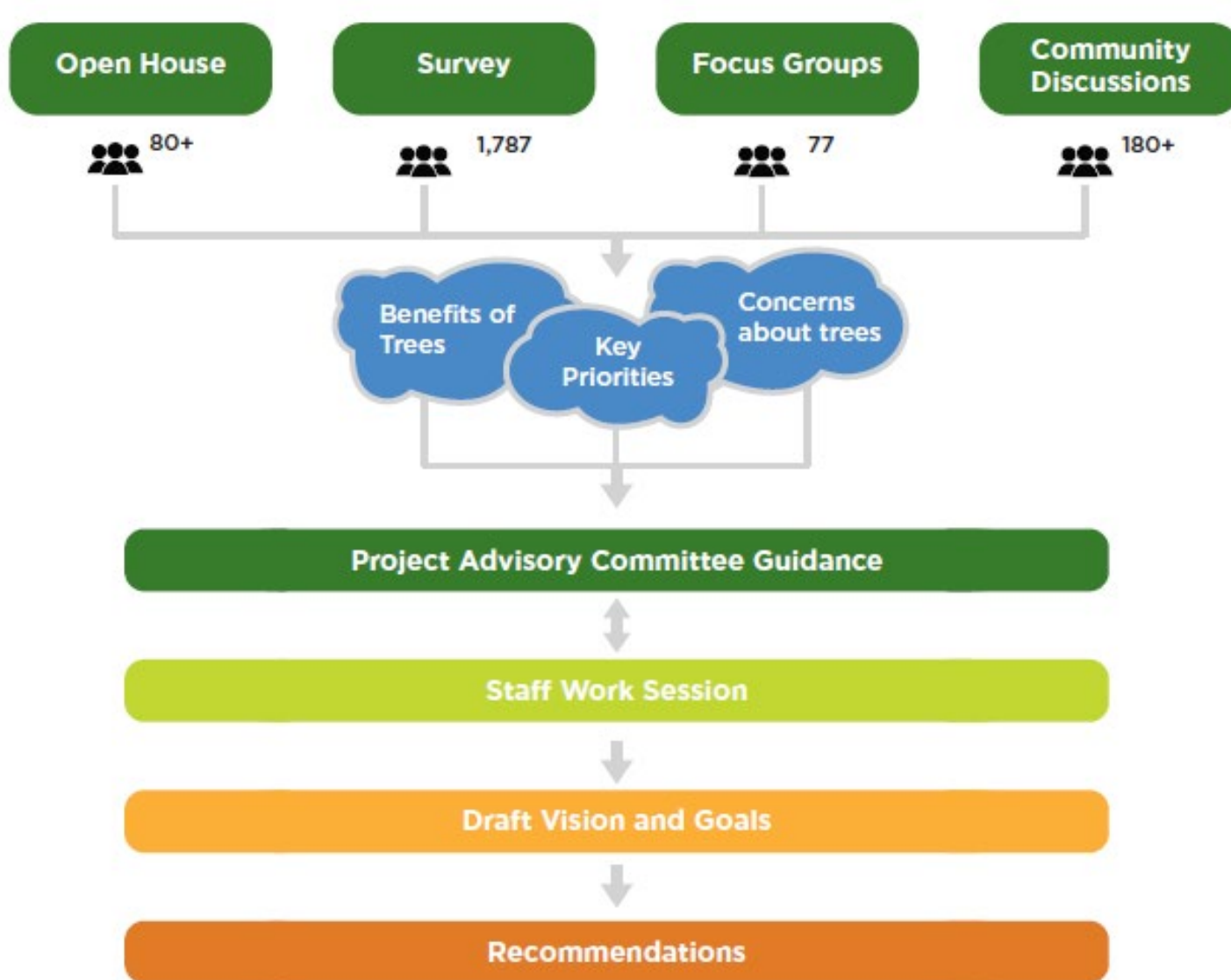


Agenda

1. Draft Plan Overview
2. Next Steps and Opportunities to Provide More Feedback
3. Discussion

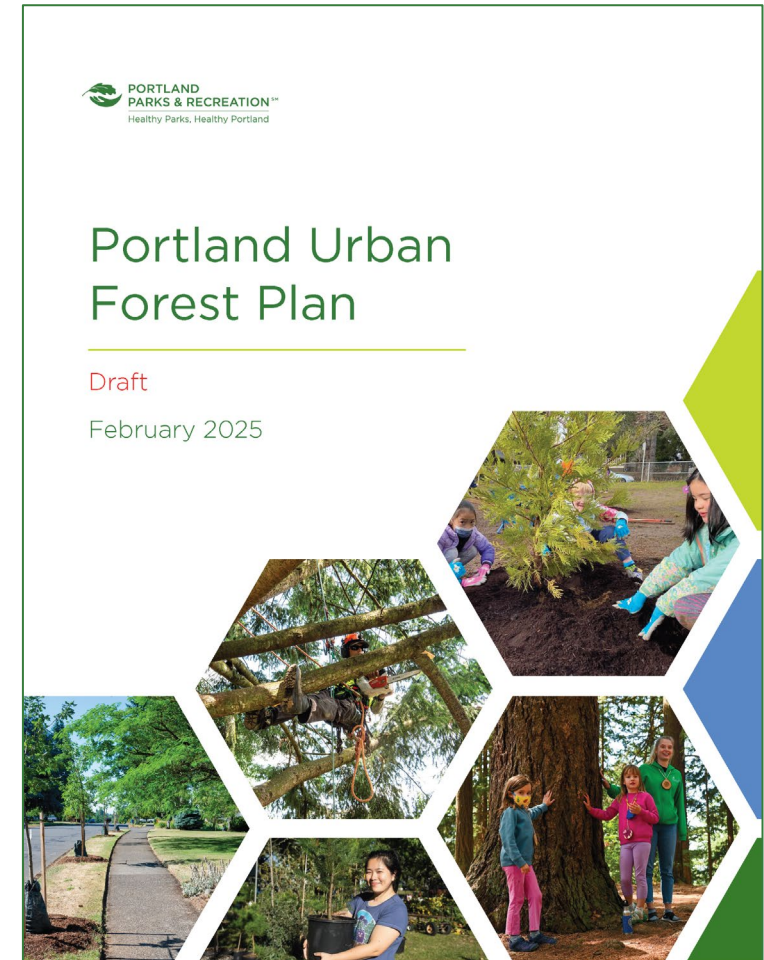
Draft Plan Overview

Plan Process



Key Sections in the Plan

1. Background and Plan Purpose
2. Plan Process
3. Portland's Urban Forest Today
4. Community Vision and Goals
5. Tree Canopy Goals
6. Recommendations and Implementation Strategy
7. Tracking Progress and Accountability



Recommendations

1

Prioritize the preservation and care of the urban forest ★

2

Reduce the cost of tree care for Portlanders ★

3

Design and create new space for trees and other vegetation

4

Expand the urban forest through planting, stewardship, and collaboration

5

Provide inclusive communication, training, and education about the urban forest and tree care ★

6

Use data, tools, and monitoring to support climate adaptation, meet canopy goals, and equitably distribute canopy ★

7

Improve City codes, standards, and guidelines to support community resilience and urban forest health ★

Implementation Strategy

Key Actions

- City responsibility and funding for street tree maintenance
- Financial assistance for tree care on private property
- Comprehensive community education strategy about trees and tree care
- Update policies and standards, including Title 11: Tree Code and Street Tree Planting Standards



Prioritize the preservation and care of the urban forest

Relates to goals: **G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6 G7**

Action	Lead & Support	Timeline	Cost Estimate
1-1 Improve inter- and intra-bureau coordination to implement citywide best management practices for tree care in Portland's parks, natural areas, and rights-of-way.	Lead: PP&R and BES	Ongoing	\$
1-2 Preserve healthy trees through updated City policies, programs, and practices.	Lead: PP&R Support: BPS	Ongoing	\$
1-3 Improve compliance with the City's Tree Code (Title 11) to protect, preserve, and expand the urban forest on public and private property during development and non-development	Lead: PP&R and PP&D	Ongoing	\$\$\$



Reduce the cost of tree care for Portlanders

Relates to goals: **G1 G2 G3 G4 G5 G6 G7**

Action	Lead & Support	Timeline	Cost Estimate
2-1 Develop and implement a tree care program to provide financial assistance to Portlanders for planting and maintaining trees, as well as removing dead, dying, or dangerous trees on private property.*	Lead: PP&R and BPS (Portland Clean Energy Fund)	1 to 3 years	\$\$\$
2-2 Develop a street tree maintenance program including a pilot project to inform program and cost specifics prior to citywide implementation.	Lead: PP&R and BPS (Portland Clean Energy Fund)	1 to 3 years	\$



Design and create new space for trees and other vegetation

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Action	Lead & Support	Timeline	Cost Estimate
3-1 Incorporate trees and vegetation into medians as part of roadway projects on wide streets where roadway reconfiguration is feasible.	Lead: PBOT Support: PP&R	Ongoing	\$\$\$\$
3-2 Create a permanent Trees in the Curb Zone program for streets without space for trees in the furnishing zone (i.e., planting strip).	Lead: PBOT Support: PP&R	1 to 3 years	\$\$\$
3-3 Develop standards and processes to allow the City or private property owners to widen narrow planting strips or depave parking spaces to create opportunities for trees in the right-of-way. Opportunities could include installing Trees in the Curb Zone treatments as part of City Capital projects or through permits, local improvement districts, or other means.	Lead: PBOT and PP&R	3 to 5 years	\$
3-4 Identify where Trees in the Curb Zone facilities or widening narrow planting strips by expanding them into the street should be required as part of street improvements completed during development.	Lead: PBOT Support: PP&R	3 to 5 years	\$
3-5 Create a design guide or similar resource that illustrates ways to integrate buildings, streets, trees, and vegetation on residential, commercial, and industrial properties to support City and private development projects, highlight innovative strategies, tools, and successful examples for above and below ground	Lead: BPS Support: PP&R, PP&D, BES, and PBOT, PWB	3 to 5 years	\$\$\$

Next Steps

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Open House at
June Key Delta
Center on
February 26
5:30 to 7pm

Draft Plan Public
Comment Period
Mid-February to
April 2025

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