

2008 Work Plan

Urban Forestry

Goal 1: Meet standards to become Tree City USA

Strategy: Form Tree Subcommittee from Community Services Board to revise the existing Street Tree ordinance, organize an Arbor Day celebration, and ensure that all other standards are met.

Action: Tree subcommittee will meet monthly to develop tree ordinance with a goal of adoption by the City Council in October 2008.

Action: Tree subcommittee will plant trees in front of City Hall and Fire Station to replace trees lost to storm. This will be a part of the Arbor Day celebration.

Strategy: Continue to educate the community and all city staff about the goal of becoming a Tree City USA.

Action: Educate City Staff about proper tree maintenance practices and recognizing hazardous trees.

Action: Engage the Hoquiam School District and other service groups to support our goals.

Goal 2: Conduct a street tree inventory

Strategy: Investigate the possibility of using Americorps personnel to conduct a street tree inventory

Strategy: Work with DNR Urban and Community Forestry to provide training and assistance to Americorps personnel

Strategy: Acquire funding to obtain equipment necessary to complete street tree inventory

Goal 3: Maintain our existing green infrastructure while expanding opportunities for planting

Strategy: Emphasize proper maintenance of existing trees.

Strategy: Remove trees only if they are hazardous or diseased.

Strategy: Work with the City Council to communicate the need for green gateways into our community. Funding for trees in the 2009-2010 budget will be vital.

Action: Determine how much funding will be needed to plant trees in downtown and along Sumner and Emerson Avenues by conducting an informal inventory.

Strategy: Incorporate trees into the 2009 downtown sidewalk replacement plan.

Strategy: Work with DNR to determine suitable trees for downtown.