

2009 Work Plan

Urban Forestry

Goal One: Preserve existing trees and institute maintenance that improves canopy health for long term vitality.

Action: Provide training to the Street/Sewer and Parks crews on proper pruning and tree care to improve management of our public trees.

Action: Enforce the revised Street Tree Ordinance and conduct outreach to inform citizens about the new rules.

Action: Establish and enforce rules that guide the placement of trees in the planting strip.

Action: Complete the Street Tree Inventory with assistance from Americorps. Use this inventory to facilitate effective management and improve customer service. Identify and prioritize hazard trees to be removed.

Goal Two: Restore and enhance our urban tree canopy through tree planting to provide healthy and aesthetically pleasing gateways through Hoquiam.

Action: When the City removes a tree in a public park it shall be the policy of the City to replace the tree in-kind. When the City removes a hazardous street tree it shall be the policy of the City to replace the tree with a more suitable variety in the same location. If conditions make it difficult or impossible to replace the tree in the same location, the City shall find a more suitable location to plant a new tree.

Action: Establish Master Tree List as required by the revised Street Tree ordinance.

Action: Plant trees wherever possible in downtown in conjunction with the sidewalk replacement project. Target: 30 trees.

Action: Plant trees along Sumner Avenue at an average of 3 trees per block on each side of Sumner. Target: 40 trees.

Action: Ensure proper maintenance and monitoring of all trees throughout the spring and summer. Coordinate with AmeriCorps, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and surrounding neighbors to ensure adequate watering.

Action: Encourage residents along Simpson Avenue to plant trees on their private property to promote a healthy urban canopy on this heavily travelled highway. Target: 20 trees.

Goal Three: Ensure that all Tree City USA Standards are met for 2009

Action: Ensure that any changes made to the Street Tree Ordinance are acceptable by Washington State Department of Natural Resources and the Arbor Day Foundation.

Action: The Urban Forestry Advisory Board shall recommend that the City Council make an Arbor Day Proclamation in April.

Action: Proactively plan an Arbor Day celebration in April in conjunction with the street tree planting project.