

# Urban Forestry Advisory Board

## 2010 Annual Work Plan

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### **Goal One: Preserve existing trees and continue 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: Continue to conduct outreach through the City Newsletter, facebook and website to inform citizens about tree removal and alteration regulations.

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

Action: Apply for grant funding to complete a street tree inventory and management plan. Investigate the feasibility of purchasing software that can be networked to various department computers and will aid in the management of trees and public utilities.

Action: Implement a monthly work party schedule at Elton Bennett Park and other city parks in need of English Ivy Removal. Continue to support and foster volunteer involvement for this important issue. Continue to educate the public about the importance of eradicating English Ivy from their property.

### **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: Plant trees along Emerson Avenue in Fall 2010. Flowering trees such as flowering cherry and pear trees shall be put in areas where there are utility lines overhead. Taller and wider trees such as oak and maple trees shall be planted in suitable areas with no utilities overhead. Target: 40 trees.

Action: Plant fruit trees at the Community Garden to encourage Healthy Hoquiam Lifestyles and to provide healthy food for residents and gardeners. Target for 2010: 2 trees.

Action: Ensure proper maintenance and monitoring of all trees that have been planted to date. Partner with the Fire Department in the summer months to water trees.

Action: Develop a residential tree planting partnership program to encourage more residents to plant trees. Offer financial incentives, planting assistance, and education to ensure that trees are planted properly and maintained.

**Goal Three: Ensure that all Tree City USA Standards are met for 2010**

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.

Action: Work to achieve Tree City Growth Award status.

The annual work plan was approved and adopted by the City Council on August 30, 2010.