

# City of Hoquiam

## Urban Forestry Advisory Board

### 2011 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: Complete a street tree inventory and management plan to provide for organized and planned maintenance of existing trees.

Action: Complete a street tree planting plan that will help prioritize tree planting in the City.

Action: Seek grant funding to develop an operations manual for the Public works staff. A sidewalk/curb policy could be incorporated into this manual.

Action: Seek grant funding to develop a strategic plan for the urban forestry program.

Action: Implement a quarterly 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 Levee Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street and J Street as part of the sidewalk replacement project. Plant trees along Karr Avenue if sidewalks are replaced through grant funding. Target: 100 trees.

Action: Investigate the feasibility of planting more trees at the Community Garden.

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

Action: Investigate ways to encourage tree planting on private property.

**Goal Three: Ensure that all Tree City USA Standards are met for 2011**

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.