

Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan | Timeline | December 19th, 2012

1992 | City Code mandates the creation of a Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan for Austin.

1992-2011 | Several attempts were made to complete the Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan. None result in a final product

November 2011 | Staff Brainstorming Session

- Brainstorming session held for staff from several different City of Austin departments and facilitated by professional CoA moderators.

December 2011 | Two meetings of the Comprehensive Urban Forestry Board Working Group Meeting

- Review of an initial outline developed by staff. Revisions made on working group consensus.
- Further revisions to draft outline on working group consensus.

January 2012 | CUFP UFB Working Group Meeting and Annual Urban Forestry Board Retreat

- Outline prepared for the Retreat where it was commented on by entire Urban Forestry Board and staff.
 - UFB members and staff participate in 8-hour brainstorming session to characterize ideal urban forest, then challenges and threats in reaching that goal. The Board also further revised the definitions of the Visions Components and Guiding Principles

April 2012 | Public Meeting

- The public was invited to review and comment on CUFP Vision Statement, Components, and Guiding Principles. Urban Forest Opinion Poll conducted—900 responses generated

June 2012 | Two CUFP UFB Working Group Meeting and regular monthly UFB meeting

- Progress reviewed to date. Consensus reached: 1) adequate public input has been gathered on the outline; 2) 1st draft should be produced by staff.
- The Urban Forestry Board unanimously approves all content to date.
- UFB working group reviews first draft of the plan, provides revisions. Tasks for each member are assigned. Working Group adds a section including “policy elements” that support Vision Statements

November 2012 | City of Austin Staff Added to CUFP Initiative

- Staff capacity increased for CUFP development
- Plan outline organized into sections
- Revised Plan timeline developed

December 2012 | Two CUFP UFB Working Group Meetings and UFB regular monthly meeting

- Using the Urban Forestry Board’s Retreat results as the ground work for this collaborative process, the working group crafted priority challenges for each of the six vision categories.
- Urban Forestry Board meeting – Dec 19. Review of progress to date.

2013 | Timeline for UFB Working Group created for January through March 2013