



# Austin's Urban Forest Plan

## Departmental Operational Plan Action Matrix Tool

### DRAFT TEMPLATE

Each Department will submit one DOP with each of their Program's information included.

Read and respond to all fields below.

Any strategy you claim must be accompanied by a description of how you achieved the strategy.

Through the public participation process the Policy categories have been prioritized by order of importance. This should be taken into consideration when developing your department's Operational Plan.

Point Total 0

Deferred = 0 Points  
Started = 1 Point  
In Progress = 2 Points  
Completed = 3 Points

Poor = 0 - 178 (0-70%)  
Fair = 179-203 (70-80%)  
Good = 204 - 229 (80-90%)  
Excellent = 230 - 255 (90-100%)

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Section 1. PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION							
Policies related to preservation of the public urban forest resources through regulation and other approaches that enhance preservation.							
PR-1 Comprehensive Regulatory Approaches	Examine existing regulations to ensure the most comprehensive protection and preservation of the natural diversity of the Urban Forest; if needed, develop and implement improved regulatory approaches. Require strict adherence to city tree and vegetation regulations such as the Heritage Tree Ordinance.	Develop and implement comprehensive regulatory approaches in the preservation of the urban forest.	Department examines existing regulations to ensure the most comprehensive protection and preservation of the natural diversity of the Urban Forest.			0	
		Department enforces current regulatory approaches designed to preserve the urban forest	Department develops and implements improved regulatory approaches.			0	
		Department/program examines regulations to identify and modify disincentives for urban forest preservation	Department requires strict adherence to city tree and vegetation regulations such as the Heritage Tree Ordinance.			0	
PR-2 Protection of Tree and Root Zones During and After Development	Evaluate and enhance current policies for public urban forest protection during and after development to promote the long-term health and survival of trees and vegetation retained during development. Evaluate and modify protection and mitigation practices for long-term tree survival.	Department evaluate and enhance current policies to promote the urban forest during and after development.	Department evaluates and enhances current policies for public urban forest protection during and after development to promote the long-term health and survival of trees and vegetation retained during development.			0	
		The department policies promote the long-term health and survival of trees and vegetation retained during development.	Department evaluates and modifies protection and mitigation practices for long-term tree survival.			0	

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PR-3 Protect Steep Slopes	Increase retention of existing trees and vegetation that help stabilize steep slope areas in order to increase public safety, maintain slope stability, decrease soil erosion, and retain environmental function and natural character.	Department works to increase retention of existing trees and vegetation that help stabilize steep slope areas.	Department retains existing trees and vegetation that help stabilize steep slope areas.			0	
PR-4 Partnerships	Partner with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, other City departments, the private sector and others to increase preservation and protection of the urban forest such as mulching, and watering mature trees during periods of insufficient rainfall.	Department partners with other government entities, communities, non-profit organizations, and/or private sector entities to increase preservation and protection of the urban forest.	Department partners with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, other City departments, the private sector and others to increase preservation and protection of the urban forest such as mulching, and watering mature trees during periods of insufficient rainfall.			0	
PR-5 View Obstructions	Establish incentives, regulations and education efforts to reduce conflicts between public and private interests, and prioritize the urban forest in decisions regarding eliminating scenic or commercial view obstructions, except with regard to public safety or in established view corridors.	Department establishes incentives, regulations, and education efforts to reduce public and private interest conflict in prioritizing the urban forest regarding decisions eliminating scenic or commercial view obstructions.	Department establishes incentives, regulations and education efforts to reduce conflicts between public and private interests, and prioritize the urban forest in decisions regarding eliminating scenic or commercial view obstructions, except with regard to public safety or in established view corridors.			0	
PR-6 Vegetation Valuation	Support and update tree valuation methods to closely reflect the complete functional value of vegetation for use when assessing fines, determining damages or estimating loss.	Department supports and update tree valuation methods to reflect complete functional value of vegetation when assessing fines, determining damages, or estimating loss.	Department supports and updates tree valuation methods to closely reflect the complete functional value of vegetation for use when assessing fines, determining damages or estimating loss.			0	

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PR-7 Recovering Vegetation Value	When preservation of trees and vegetation is not feasible, require the complete replacement of the functional value of the removed resource, and mitigate as close in proximity to the loss and as soon as possible. Evaluate and modify protection and ineffective mitigation practices and policies as necessary.	Department requires functional value of lost vegetative resources to be recovered completely and the loss mitigated as close in proximity to the instance of loss as soon as possible.	When preservation of trees and vegetation is not feasible, the department requires the complete replacement of the functional value of the removed resource, and mitigates as close in proximity to the loss and as soon as possible.			0	
		Department evaluates and modifies protection and ineffective mitigation practices and policies as necessary.	Department evaluates and modifies protection and ineffective mitigation practices and policies as necessary.			0	
PR-8 Prominent Rare Urban Forest Elements	Provide additional protection for prominent, sensitive, native, and/or rare urban forest elements during and after development. Protect trees based on species types and habitats.	The department provides additional protection for rare or desirable urban forest species types in specific habitats during and after development.	Department provides additional protection for prominent, sensitive, native, and/or rare urban forest elements during and after development. Department protects trees based on species types and habitats.			0	

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Section 2. SUSTAINABLE URBAN FOREST							
Sustainable Urban Forest Policies are related to sustainability of the urban forest resource itself and the resources							
S-1 Species, Age, and Geographic Diversity	Increase species diversity, a regionally appropriate mix of vegetation, mixed-age populations and a varied distribution of species throughout the City to protect and improve the vigor and the resilience of our urban forests. Align urban forest composition with consideration of predicted climate patterns. Plant appropriate native species in appropriate habitats.	Regionally appropriate vegetation is protected and planted to allow for mixed ages and diverse vegetation.	Department increases species diversity, a regionally appropriate mix of vegetation, mixed-age populations and a varied distribution of species throughout the City to protect and improve the vigor and the resilience of our urban forests.			0	
			Department aligns urban forest composition with consideration of predicted climate patterns.			0	
			Department plants appropriate native species in appropriate habitats.			0	
S-2 Urban Wood Utilization	Recycle green waste generated by urban forest maintenance and encourage the highest and best sustainable uses of removed trees and woody material, including reuse on site. Strive for 100% green waste recycling or reuse.	The department recycles green waste generated by urban forest maintenance.	Department recycles green waste generated by urban forest maintenance and encourages the highest and best sustainable uses of removed trees and woody material, including reuse on site. Department strives for 100% green waste recycling or reuse.			0	
		The department encourages the best sustainable uses of removed trees and woody material including on site reuse.					
		The department strives for 100% green waste recycling or reuse.					
S-3 Integrated Pest Management	Incorporate Integrated Pest Management principles into land management practices.	The department incorporates integrated pest management principles into land management practices.	Department incorporates Integrated Pest Management principles into land management practices.			0	
S-4 Urban Wildlife Habitat	Enhance urban wildlife habitat to the maximum extent based on site use through urban forestry policies, design and management practices.	The department enhances wildlife habitat to the maximum extent based on site use through urban forestry policies, design, and management practices.	Department enhances urban wildlife habitat to the maximum extent based on site use through urban forestry policies, design, and management practices.			0	
S-5 Wildfire Risk	Achieve a balance between community desires for wildfire risk reduction and responsible vegetation management, especially within the Wildland Urban Interface .	The department successfully balance community desires for wildfire risk reduction with responsible vegetation management especially within the Wild land Urban Interface.	Department successfully balances community desires for wildfire risk reduction with responsible vegetation management especially within the Wild land Urban Interface.			0	

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S-6 Invasive Species Management	Identify and suppress non-native invasive species according to the Invasive Species Management Plan. Provide public education about the detriment of non-native invasive species to the urban forest, particularly when related to other management policies.	The department identifies and suppresses non-native invasive species.	Department identifies and suppresses non-native invasive species according to the Invasive Species Management Plan.			0	
		The department provides public education about the detriment of non-native invasive species as related to other management policies of the urban forest.	Department provides public education about the detriment of non-native invasive species to the urban forest, particularly when related to other management policies of the urban forest.			0	
S-7 Water Conservation and Design and Maintenance Planning	Maximize the use of non-potable sources (e.g., storm water, reclaimed water) and adopt practices that conserve potable sources. During design and maintenance planning evaluate the need for supplemental irrigation of public trees and vegetation to reduce water waste. Minimize the use of potable water on turf.	The department minimizes the need for irrigation of public trees/vegetation during design and maintenance planning.	Department maximizes the use of non-potable sources (e.g., storm water, reclaimed water) and adopt practices that conserve potable sources.			0	
		The department maximizes the use of non-potable sources when utilizing water for irrigation.	During design and maintenance planning, the department evaluates the need for supplemental irrigation of public trees and vegetation to reduce water waste.			0	
		The department adopts practices to conserve potable water.	Department minimizes the use of potable water on turf.			0	
S-8 Urban Forest Pests	Using the principles and practices of Integrated Pest Management, identify, plan for, and respond to critical urban forest pests to reduce their impact on the community's urban forest.	Integrated Pest Management is used to identify, plan for, and respond to critical urban forest pests to reduce their impact.	Department uses Integrated Pest Management to identify, plan for, and respond to critical urban forest pests to reduce their impact on the community's urban forest.			0	
S-9 Partnership	Partner with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, the private sector and others to accomplish the sustainability goals of Austin's urban forest ecosystem.	The department partners with other government entities, communities, non-profit organizations, and/or private sector entities to accomplish the sustainability goals of Austin's urban forest ecosystem.	Department partners with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, the private sector and others to accomplish the sustainability goals of Austin's urban forest ecosystem.			0	

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Section 1. PLANTING, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE							
Planting, care and maintenance policies are related to the consideration of existing public urban forest resources							
PCM-1 Planting Priorities	Prioritize tree planting and landscaping on public property particularly in parks and along sidewalks and transit corridors, planting long lived native trees where possible to maximize environmental, social, and economic benefits and the longevity of the urban forest.	The department/program prioritizes tree planting and landscaping in highly visible locations maximizing environmental, social, and economic benefits.	Department prioritizes tree planting and landscaping on public property particularly in parks and along sidewalks and transit corridors, planting long lived native trees where possible to maximize environmental, social, and economic benefits and the longevity of the urban forest.			0	
PCM-2 Species Selection	Encourage the selection of appropriate native species based on project, location, site conditions, and potential future changes in climate patterns.	The department/program encourage the selection of appropriate native species based on project, location, site conditions, and potential future changes in climate patterns.	Department encourages the selection of appropriate native species based on project, location, site conditions, and potential future changes in climate patterns.			0	
PCM-3 Urban Forest Planting and Maintenance Plan Program	Establish and maintain a strategic planting and maintenance program (including pruning, mulching, and watering of mature trees during insufficient rainfall) based on national standards and best management practices.	The department establishes and maintains strategic maintenance programs based on national standards and best management practices.	Department establishes and maintain a strategic planting and maintenance program (including pruning, mulching, and watering of mature trees during insufficient rainfall) based on national standards and best management practices.			0	
	Ensure the long-term survival of the urban forest by prioritizing proactive maintenance to reduce resources expended on reactive or emergency response. Maximize urban forest benefits, and reduce urban forest mortality.	The department promotes long-term survival of the urban forest through proactive maintenance to reduce resources expended on reactive or emergency response.	Department ensures the long-term survival of the urban forest by prioritizing proactive maintenance to reduce resources expended on reactive or emergency response. Department maximizes urban forest benefits, and reduces urban forest mortality.			0	
PCM-4 Planting Stock	Utilize high-quality planting stock originating from Central Texas seed sources or grown in nurseries that simulate Central Texas growing conditions.	The department/program uses high-quality planting stock from Central Texas sources grown by nurseries that simulate Central Texas growing conditions.	Department uses high-quality planting stock from Central Texas seed sources or grown by nurseries that simulate Central Texas growing conditions.			0	

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PCM-5 Tree Canopy Cover	Identify canopy goals according to site, land use designation and ecosystem capacity, and develop a plan to achieve them. Include canopy cover goals in Departmental Operational Plans.	The department identifies canopy goals according to site and ecosystem capacity.	Department identifies canopy goals according to site, land use designation and ecosystem capacity, and develops a plan to achieve them.			0	
		The department develops plans to achieve identified canopy goals.	Department includes canopy cover goals in Departmental Operational Plans.			0	
PCM-6 Landscape Maintenance Management Plans	Ensure that trees and vegetation are properly cared for and survive, both during the time the plant is becoming established and in perpetuity. Means for doing this include landscape management plans, maintenance agreements, Standards of Care, and/or monitoring, especially during periods of insufficient rainfall.	The department ensures that trees and vegetation are properly cared for and survive during and after establishment by means of landscape management plans, maintenance agreements, and/or monitoring.	Department ensures that trees and vegetation are properly cared for and survive during the time the plant is becoming established through landscape management plans, maintenance agreements, Standards of Care, and/or monitoring, especially during periods of insufficient rainfall.			0	
PCM-7 Partnerships	Partner with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, City of Austin departments, the private sector and others to increase the replenishment, maintenance, and care of Austin's urban forest while complying with the City's planting priorities.	The department partners with other government entities, communities, non-profit organizations, and/or private sector entities to increase the replenishment, maintenance, and care of the urban forest.	Department partners with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, City of Austin departments, the private sector and others to increase the replenishment, maintenance, and care of Austin's urban forest while complying with the City's planting priorities.			0	
PCM-8 Public Safety	Take reasonable measures to reduce risks of urban forest elements that impact public health and safety.	Reduce risk of urban forest elements negatively impacting public safety.	Department takes reasonable measures to reduce risks of urban forest elements that impact public health and safety.			0	
PCM-9 Prominent Trees	Due to the community value of prominent trees, additional watering, care and maintenance, and protection shall be provided according to the Standards of Care and Best Management Practices.	Department/program provides additional watering, care and maintenance, and protection of prominent trees according to Standards of Care and Best Management Practices.	Due to the community value of prominent trees, the department provides additional watering, care and maintenance, and protection according to the Standards of Care and Best Management Practices.			0	

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Section 4. URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK							
Policies related to City organizational structure and staffing levels, staff qualifications, involvement of City							
UF-1 Management Priorities	Evaluate and document the ecosystem services and benefits of the urban forest. Consider the value of those services and benefits when seeking a balance between multiple and potentially competing needs of the environment, utilities and infrastructure, safety, the rights of property owners, budget priorities, and the desires of the public.	The department includes the value of the urban forest when balancing between the competing needs of the environment, budget limitations, utilities and infrastructure, safety, the rights of property owners and the desires of the public.	Department evaluates and documents the ecosystem services and benefits of the urban forest. Department considers the value of those services and benefits when seeking a balance between multiple and potentially competing needs of the environment, utilities and infrastructure, safety, the rights of property owners, budget priorities, and the desires of the public.			0	
UF-2 Resource Needs	Ensure adequate resources are dedicated to the management of Austin's urban forest and its ecosystem functions to support the City's vision for its urban forest. Identify and quantify gaps in urban forest management funding compared with national benchmarks and incorporate those needs in the Departmental budgeting process.	The department/program ensure adequate resources are dedicated to the management of Austin's urban forest and ecosystem to support the City's urban forest vision.	Department ensures adequate resources are dedicated to the management of Austin's urban forest and its ecosystem functions to support the City's vision for its urban forest. Department identifies and quantifies gaps in urban forest management funding compared with national benchmarks and incorporates those needs in the Departmental budgeting process.			0	
UF-3 Urban Forestry Funding Allocation	Allocate an appropriate proportion of funding for urban forest management.	The department allocates funding for maintenance of the urban forest.	Department allocates funding for maintenance of the urban forest.			0	
		The department allocates funding for preservation of the urban forest.	Department allocates funding for preservation of the urban forest.			0	
		The department allocates funding for the education/ training related to the urban forest.	Department allocates funding for the education/ training related to the urban forest.			0	



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UF-4 Funding Sources for Maintenance	Utilize existing funds or develop new funding sources such as assessment districts, user fees, fundraising, donations, grants, tax benefit financing, and/or an urban forest utility fee to fund urban forest management.	The department utilizes existing funding sources to fund urban forest management.	Department utilizes existing funding sources to fund urban forest management.			0	
		The department utilizes new funding sources such as assessment districts, user fees, fundraising, donations, grants for projects, or an urban forest utility fee to fund urban forest management.	Department utilizes new funding sources such as assessment districts, user fees, fundraising, donations, grants for projects, or an urban forest utility fee to fund urban forest management.			0	
UF-5 Departmental Urban Forest Management Plan	Create a Departmental Operational Plan (DOP) for departmental urban forest management, consisting of an analysis of existing conditions and regulatory framework, desired future conditions, and a work plan based on the DOP Action Matrix. Update the DOP to reflect changing policies and regulations, standards of care, best management practices, and accomplishments.	The department has a DOP for urban forest management.	Department creates a DOP for departmental urban forest management, consisting of an analysis of existing conditions and regulatory framework, desired future conditions, and a work plan based on the DOP Action Matrix.			0	
		The department follows current conditions and regulatory framework and plans for future conditions.	Department updates the DOP to reflect changing policies and regulations, standards of care, best management practices, and accomplishments.			0	
UF-6 Standards of Care for Trees and Plants	Incorporate City of Austin Standards of Care for Trees and Plants into Departmental Operational Plans. Regularly contribute recommendations to City of Austin's Standards of Care for Trees and Plants revisions, coordinated by the Urban Forester, according to the best available science and current best management practices, accepted standards, and guidelines to support the DOP.	The department incorporated City of Austin Standards of Care for Trees and Plants into departmental policies and operations.	Department incorporates City of Austin Standards of Care for Trees and Plants into Departmental Operational Plans.			0	
		The department regularly contributes recommendations to City of Austin's Standards of Care for Trees and Plants revisions, coordinated by the Urban Forester, according to the best available science and current best management practices, accepted standards and guidelines to support the DOP.	Department regularly contributes recommendations to City of Austin's Standards of Care for Trees and Plants revisions, coordinated by the Urban Forester, according to the best available science and current best management practices, accepted standards and guidelines to support the DOP.			0	

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UF-7 Coordination of Efforts and Partnerships	Develop partnerships with other City departments and coordinate with federal, state, regional and local governmental jurisdictions, local community nonprofits and the private sector, to preserve, restore, manage, and design our urban forest.	The department has developed partnerships and coordinated with federal, state, regional and local governmental jurisdictions, local community non-profits and the private sector, to preserve, restore, manage, and design Austin's urban forest.	Department develops partnerships and coordinates with federal, state, regional and local governmental jurisdictions, local community non-profits and the private sector, to preserve, restore, manage, and design Austin's urban forest.			0	
UF-8 Staff Qualifications and Training	Employ qualified individuals for all staff engaged in urban forest management, care, and maintenance, and provide regular training to maintain qualifications up to and above recognized standards and best practices. Ensure that decisions are being made and maintenance is being performed according to City of Austin Standards of Care and industry best practices.	The department has employed only qualified individuals engaged in urban forest management and tree maintenance decisions.	Department employs qualified individuals for all staff engaged in urban forest management, care, and maintenance, and provides regular training to maintain qualifications up to and above recognized standards and best practices.			0	
		The department provides regular training for staff engaged in urban forest management and tree maintenance decisions that are up to and above industry-recognized standards and best practices and ensure that decisions are being made and maintenance is being performed according to industry-recognized standards and best practices.	Department ensures that decisions are being made and maintenance is being performed according to City of Austin Standards of Care and industry best practices.			0	
UF-9 Contracts	Retain contractors who have demonstrated qualifications to perform urban forest management according to City of Austin Standards of Care and industry best practices when outsourcing tree care and maintenance. Incorporate such standards and best practices into contract specifications.	The department contracts with firms qualified to perform urban forest management according to industry-recognized standards and best practices.	When outsourcing urban forest management on public property, the department includes contract provisions requiring demonstrated experience and qualifications.			0	
		The department incorporates Standards of Care and best practices into contract specifications related to or impacting the urban forest.	Department ensures that contracts include specifications that align with the City of Austin Standards of Care and urban forest best practices.			0	
UF-10 Urban Forester Support	Provide support to the Urban Forester and other departments to meet mandated directives assigned to the Urban Forester.	The department provides support to the Urban Forester to meet code mandated directives.	Department provides support to the Urban Forester and other departments to meet mandated directives assigned to the Urban Forester.			0	

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UF-11 Data Collection and Management	Collect data regarding Austin's urban forest to support the creation of Departmental Operational Plans (DOP) and inform urban forest management decisions. Data collection methods should follow nationally-recognized best management practices in acquiring vegetation information for purposes of maintenance, planning, canopy goal establishment, and other comprehensive urban forest management efforts. Data should be collected and stored in formats easily shared between departments and stakeholders. Collaborate with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofits, and the private sector to collect and manage data.	The department collects data regarding Austin's urban forest such as quantity of canopy cover, forest condition and diversity of species, to support the creation of a Departmental Operational Plan (DOP) and inform urban forest management decisions.	Department collects data regarding Austin's urban forest to support the creation of Departmental Operational Plans (DOP) and inform urban forest management decisions.			0	
		Data collection methods follow nationally-recognized best management practices in acquiring vegetation information.	Department follows data collection methods and nationally-recognized best management practices in acquiring vegetation information for purposes of maintenance, planning, canopy goal establishment, and other comprehensive urban forest management efforts.			0	
		The department collaborates with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community non-profits, and the private sector to collect and manage data.	Department collects and stores data in formats easily shared between departments and stakeholders. Department collaborates with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofits, and the private sector to collect and manage data.			0	
UF-12 Urban Forest Risk Management	Consider and incorporate urban forest risk into city functions related to emergency management planning.	The department incorporates urban forest risk into city functions related to emergency management planning.	Department incorporates urban forest risk into city functions related to emergency management planning.			0	
UF-13 Land Classification	Develop and adopt a common land classification system for properties owned/managed by the City. The classification system will provide the framework for development of class-specific Standards of Care for Trees and Vegetation.	The department has a common land classification system for properties owned/managed by the City.	Department develops and adopts a common land classification system for properties owned/managed by the City. The department ensures the classification system will provide the framework for development of class-specific Standards of Care for Trees and Vegetation.			0	
UF-14 Regulatory Review	Identify and modify City regulations that conflict with or otherwise hinder achievement of the vision for the urban forest. Where possible, work with intra- and inter-departmental partners and external stakeholders to better align the City regulations with the City's urban forest vision.	The department identifies and modifies City regulations that hinder the vision of the urban forest.	Department identifies and modifies City regulations that conflict with or otherwise hinder achievement of the vision for the urban forest.			0	
		The department works with partners to align City regulations with the urban forest vision.	Department works with intra- and inter-departmental partners and external stakeholders to better align the City regulations with the City's urban forest vision where possible.			0	

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Section 5. PLANNING AND DESIGN							
Policies related to the consideration of existing public urban forest resources and planning for sustainable future							
PD-1 City Design Coordination	Establish coordination among City departments and utility providers when planning and designing public projects that include landscaping, urban forest protection, planting, supplemental irrigation, maintenance, and urban forest impacts.	The department coordinates with other City departments and utilities when planning and designing public projects.	Department coordinates among City departments and utility providers when planning and designing public projects that include landscaping, urban forest protection, planting, supplemental irrigation, maintenance, and urban forest impacts.			0	
PD-2 Infrastructure Design	Design streets, sidewalks, utilities, and other infrastructure with a thorough consideration of existing and proposed vegetation, site use, and standards of care during the planning, design, and construction processes.	The department, when designing infrastructure, considers existing and proposed vegetation, site use, and standards of care during the construction process.	Department designs streets, sidewalks, utilities, and other infrastructure with a thorough consideration of existing and proposed vegetation, site use, and standards of care during the planning, design, and construction processes.			0	
PD-3 Soil Quality	Encourage retention and use of native soils for areas in new developments. Where native soils and growing conditions are not sufficient or optimal, encourage use of soils engineered to be supportive of long-term urban forest health that also provide a sustainable growing environment for the urban forest.	The department encourages native soil retention and use in new development areas.	Department retains and uses native soils for areas in new developments.			0	
		The department uses supportive soils in areas where native soil or growing conditions are not optimal for long term healthy urban forest development.	Where native soils and growing conditions are not sufficient or optimal, the department uses soils engineered to be supportive of long-term urban forest health that also provide a sustainable growing environment for the urban forest.			0	
PD-4 Soil Volume	Increase the dedicated airspace and soil volume available for trees and vegetation to account for long-term desired growth and to assist with achieving the canopy coverage and maintenance goals.	The department increases the dedicated "Total growth area" for urban forest soil & air space elements to account for long-term desired growth to achieve canopy coverage and maintenance goals.	Department increases the dedicated airspace and soil volume available for trees and vegetation to account for long-term desired growth and to assist with achieving the canopy coverage and maintenance goals.			0	

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PD-5 Reduce Soil Compaction	Avoid the compaction of soils and protect soils during and after development to increase or maintain infiltration of storm water on-site and reduce run-off. Design for site uses that minimize soil compaction in critical areas.	The department actively avoids compacting soil and encourage soil protection and enhancement during and after development to increase or maintain permeable infiltration of storm water on-site and reduce run-off.	Department avoids compacting soils and protects soils during and after development to increase or maintain infiltration of storm water on-site and reduce run-off.			0	
		The department designs for site uses that minimize soil compaction in critical areas.	Department designs for site uses that minimize soil compaction in critical areas.			0	
PD-6 Landscaping and storm water Management	Align the City's landscape regulations and specifications with the integration of landscaping elements and low-impact development storm water management approaches. Incentivize the use of techniques that can effectively achieve multiple urban forestry and storm water management objectives. Some examples include native vegetation preservation, native soil retention and soil amendment, storm water dispersion and bio-engineering.	The department aligns landscape regulations and specifications with the integration of landscaping elements and low impact development storm water management approaches.	Department aligns the City's landscape regulations and specifications with the integration of landscaping elements and low-impact development storm water management approaches.			0	
		The department develop incentives for using techniques that can achieve multiple urban forestry and storm water management objectives.	Department incentivizes the use of techniques that can effectively achieve multiple urban forestry and storm water management objectives. Some examples include native vegetation preservation, native soil retention and soil amendment, storm water dispersion and bio-engineering.			0	
PD-7 Partnerships	Partner with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, the private sector and others to enhance the planning and design of public and private development and improvements in Austin.	The department partners with other government entities, communities, non-profit organizations, and/or private sector entities to enhance the planning and design of public and private development and improvements in Austin.	Department partners with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, the private sector and others to enhance the planning and design of public and private development and improvements in Austin.			0	
PD-8 Planning Infrastructure Maintenance	Consider the needs and benefits of Austin's urban forest in conjunction with other infrastructure systems when planning for the long-term maintenance of infrastructure and utilities.	The department considers the urban forest in other infrastructure systems when planning for long-term maintenance of infrastructure and utilities.	Department includes the needs and benefits of Austin's urban forest in conjunction with other infrastructure systems when planning for the long-term maintenance of infrastructure and utilities.			0	
PD-9 Tailored Incentives	Develop incentives, programs and/or regulations that are tailored to the needs and characteristics of differing land uses.	The department develops incentives, programs, and/or regulations for specific needs and characteristics of differing land use.	Department develops incentives, programs and/or regulations that are tailored to the needs and characteristics of differing land uses.			0	
PD-10 Urban Forest and Transportation	Utilize urban forest elements in transportation designs to improve flow and traffic safety and encourage alternative transportation.	The department utilize or enhance urban forest elements in transportation designs to improve flow and safety of traffic and encourage alternative transportation.	Department utilizes urban forest elements in transportation designs to improve flow and traffic safety and encourage alternative transportation.			0	

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PD-11 Designing for Human Health	Establish or retain urban forest elements during planning and design to maximize physical and mental human health as well as social health benefits.	The department establishes or retains urban forest elements during planning and design to maximize physical, mental, and social health benefits.	Department establishes or retains urban forest elements during planning and design to maximize physical and mental human health as well as social health benefits.			0	
PD-12 Design with Maintenance in Mind	Incorporate pre-planning site assessments and design vegetation plans with consideration for long-term maintenance and resource use.	The department incorporates pre-planning site assessments and design vegetation plans with consideration for long-term maintenance and resource use.	Department incorporates pre-planning site assessments and design vegetation plans with consideration for long-term maintenance and resource use.			0	
	Design for minimal long-term maintenance and resource use while still meeting site use goals.	The department designs for minimal long-term maintenance and resource use while still meeting site use goals.	Department designs for minimal long-term maintenance and resource use while still meeting site use goals.			0	

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Section 6. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH							
Policies related to public education, outreach, stewardship, and training of citizens, private entities, and non-							
EO-1 Education	Provide appropriate resources (e.g., staff, technical, and educational materials) to communicate with the public about the vision, goals, objectives, policies, incentives, standards, and regulations related to the management of Austin's urban forest. Increase awareness of urban forest ecosystem issues and support citywide urban forest education efforts.	The department/program provides educational resources to the public regarding the management of Austin's urban forest.	Department provides appropriate resources (e.g., staff, technical, and educational materials) to communicate with the public about the vision, goals, objectives, policies, incentives, standards, and regulations related to the management of Austin's urban forest.			0	
		The department's/program's educational resources increase awareness of the urban forest ecosystem issues and support citywide urban forest educational efforts.	Department increases awareness of urban forest ecosystem issues and supports citywide urban forest education efforts.			0	
EO-2 Promote Stewardship	Develop programming that utilizes the commitment of citizen volunteers to engage in stewardship of Austin's urban forest. Promote events for mulching and watering for young and mature trees.	The department promotes citizen volunteers to engage in stewardship of the urban forest.	Department develops programming that utilizes the commitment of citizen volunteers to engage in stewardship of Austin's urban forest. Department promotes events for mulching and watering for young and mature trees.			0	
EO-3 Incentives	Develop voluntary and incentive-based programs to build broader community support for the urban forest.	The department develops voluntary programs to build broader community support for the urban forest. The department develops incentive-based programs to build broader community support for the urban forest.	Department develops voluntary and incentive-based programs to build broader community support for the urban forest.			0	
EO-4 Partnerships	Partner with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, the private sector and others in education and outreach efforts to improve collaboration, leverage resources, and ensure consistent messaging.	The department partners with other government entities, communities, non-profit organizations, and/or private sector entities in educational outreach efforts to improve collaboration, leverage resources, and ensure consistent messaging.	Department partners with federal, state, regional, and local governmental jurisdictions, community nonprofit organizations, the private sector and others in education and outreach efforts to improve collaboration, leverage resources, and ensure consistent messaging.			0	
EO-5 Records and Information	Collect and make available urban forestry information to the public.	The department collects information about urban forestry and make it available to the public.	Department collects and makes available urban forestry information to the public.			0	
EO-6 Education of Urban Forest Service Providers	Ensure that private urban forest service providers, individuals who wish to provide professional urban forest maintenance services and others whose work may impact the urban forest are educated about Austin's policies, regulations, and Standards of Care.	The department provides educational outreach to private urban forest service providers/individuals to inform them of Austin's policies, regulations, and Standards of Care.	Department ensures that private urban forest service providers, individuals who wish to provide professional urban forest maintenance services and others whose work may impact the urban forest are educated about Austin's policies, regulations, and Standards of Care.			0	
EO-7 Public Demonstration Projects	Develop and support publicly accessible demonstration projects of sound urban forest management; examples include innovative design, mulching, watering and pruning of young and mature trees. Document and promote effective strategies.	The department develops and supports public pilot projects that demonstrate sound urban forest management.	Department develops and supports publicly accessible demonstration projects of sound urban forest management; examples include innovative design, mulching, watering and pruning of young and mature trees. Department documents and promotes effective strategies.			0	
		The department documents and implements effective demonstration projects and their strategies.					