

Austin's Urban Forest Plan: A Master Plan for Public Property

Departmental Plans | TIMELINE

Research Phase Sept – Dec 2014	Completion of Action Matrix. ~ Six topical meetings with key departmental stakeholders	08-28-2014 DRAFT
Develop Departmental Plans Jan – May 2015	Summary of Action Matrix ~ <i>Strengths and weaknesses</i> Departmental goals aligned with departmental mission, Urban Forest Plan and ImagineAustin Recommended work plan created to reach goals ~ <i>Action Items</i> ~ <i>Available Resources</i>	
Plans submitted to Departments June – Aug 2015	Draft Urban Forest Departmental Plans submitted to Departments ~ <i>Departments review drafts and provide feedback/revisions</i>	
Urban Forestry Board Sept 2015	Urban Forest Departmental Plan drafts presented to the Department Directors and Urban Forest Board. ~<i>Departmental Plans share via public meeting and Urban Forest Plan website.</i>	

Goal

Every land-managing/land-regulating department has a draft Plan, based on the Austin Urban Forest Plan and Action Matrix, by September 2015.



COMPONENTS
of the Urban Forest Departmental Plans

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Department Urban Forest Plan

Parks & Recreation
Department

2015

City of Austin



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Action Matrix Summary

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Goal Alignment

Parks & Recreation Department Mission Statement

The purpose of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin community.

Austin Urban Forest Plan:

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Parks and Recreation Departmental Action Matrix

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Appendix A - Department Operational Plan Template

Policy Element	Strategy	Department	Division/Program	Action	Contact	Citation/References
Section 1. PLANTING, CARE, AND MAINTENANCE						
Planting, care, and maintenance policies are related to the consideration of existing public urban forest resources and proactive planning for sustainable future urban forest resources, while understanding inherent conflict between active site use and healthy forests.						
PCM-1 Planting Priorities	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.	PARD	Urban Forestry	It's My Park Day	PARD - Jesse Neumann	
				Austin Community Trees (PDRD)		
				Arbor Day (Tree Plantings)		
				Annual park tree plantings throughout the city (Min= 375 container trees annually, Goal=5000 container trees annually)		
				Plantings on other public properties (i.e. AISD)		
PCM-2 Species Selection	Department encourages the selection of appropriate native species based on project, location, site conditions, and potential future changes in climate patterns.	PARD	Urban Forestry	Neighborhoods	PARD - Lara Schuman	
				Planting prioritization for city at-large		
				Planting prioritization for parks, streets and trails.		
				Citizen initiated planting requests		
				Site conditions are considered when any plantings occur. Planting program that follows stipulations of the Environmental Criteria Manual		
PCM-3 Urban Forest Planting and Maintenance Plan Program	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.	PARD	Urban Forestry	Tree master agreement?	PARD - Manuel Flores PARD - Emily King PARD/OOS - Leah Haynie	
				Planting sites are analyzed to support age and species diversity.		
				Young trees are pruned for long term health and are irrigated for three years		
				Proactive maintenance planning		
				Proactive maintenance sweeps		
PCM-4 Planting Stock	Department uses high-quality planting stock from Central Texas seed sources or grown by nurseries that simulate Central Texas growing conditions.	PARD	Urban Forestry	Ready, Set, Plant plants 12,000 seedlings annually, 90% of seedlings are regionally sourced.	PARD - Jesse Neumann	
				Austin Community Trees		
				Programmatic goals based on Planting Prioritization		
				Neighborhoods		
				UF Program plants in parks and on public property each year using Planting Prioritization to target high need areas.		
PCM-5 Tree Canopy Cover	Departments identify canopy goals according to site and ecosystem capacity.	PARD	Urban Forestry	Young tree care for 3 years after planting. Includes annual application of Double Decker mulch and irrigation.	PARD - Manuel Flores	
				Tree care: Applications of mulch mixed with Dillo Dirt provided for all trees to increase tree vigor and retaining soil moisture (As needed, usually 3 year rotation.)		
				Treefolks. Keep Austin Beautiful. Trail Foundation. ACT. APF. Grow Zones. AE. AWU (Dillo Dirt). ARR (Tub grinding). PWD (Emergency response)		
PCM-6 Landscape Maintenance Management Plans	Department ensures 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.	PARD	Urban Forestry		PARD - Manuel Flores	
PCM-7 Partnerships	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.	PARD	Urban Forestry		PARD - Leah Haynie	