

Grow, maintain, preserve, and enhance a sustainable urban forest.

Goal 1: Preserve trees whenever possible.

- **Objective 1:** Develop a Private Protected Tree or Heritage Tree Ordinance to protect specific species, native trees, trees larger than 12-inches DBH, specimen trees, or trees of historic value from damage or unpermitted removal.
- **Objective 2:** Greater preservation of trees on public property.
- **Objective 3:** Explore alternative designs to avoid removals during construction or renovations.
- **Objective 4:** Ensure all newly planted trees have the necessary resources to be maintained throughout the lifetime of the tree.
- **Objective 5:** Encourage preservation of trees on private property.
- **Objective 6:** Improve everyday care of trees, to prevent future removals.

Goal 2: Reach 15% canopy cover by 2040.

- **Objective 1:** Greater and more equitable distribution of environmental benefits from trees.

Existing Policy 1: Plan for trees.

- **Objective 1:** Invest in trees for the long-term environmental benefits they provide to the community.
- **Objective 2:** Allow for flexibility in planting considerations for new development.
- **Objective 3:** Encourage new industries within the city to expand the tree canopy.

Existing Policy 2: Foster current partnerships with local non-profits and continue to explore opportunities with additional non-profit groups.

- **Objective 1:** Continue to provide support for local non-profit organizations.
- **Objective 2:** Continue to explore partnerships with non-profit and environmental advocacy groups.

Existing Policy 3: Promote the longevity of trees as a public resource.

- **Objective 1:** Provide trees water to encourage establishment of newly planted trees, as well as, prolong the life of mature trees.
- **Objective 2:** Educate the community about property owner responsibilities for the care of City trees.