

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Accept the Citywide Tree Planting Strategy (Report)

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Portland Parks & Recreation partnered with Portland State University (PSU) to conduct a one-year project identifying barriers, opportunities, and recommendations for growing a more equitable urban forest. Findings from this project provide critical guidance for future planting efforts, as well as for updating the city's Urban Forest Management Plan.

The resulting report, titled *Growing A More Equitable Urban Forest*, provides Urban Forestry with a strategy to direct its limited tree planting funds to low-income, low-canopy neighborhoods where trees are needed most.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

While there are no direct financial or budgetary impacts resulting from the adoption of this report, additional resources above current levels will be necessary in order to fully implement its recommendations.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Extensive outreach and community engagement was conducted to hear from community members including:

Community Advisory Committee (CAC): 13 community members served on the CAC, and included people of color, immigrants, refugees, and residents from low income, low-canopy communities. The CAC reviewed project outcomes; identified barriers to tree planting for communities of color, low-income, refugee, and immigrant communities; provided recommendations on how to best work with communities to plant trees and gain community support; and reviewed city bureaus' priorities around tree planting.

Culturally-specific focus groups: Community Engagement Liaisons (CELs) conducted five focus groups with African, Bhutanese, Latino, Slavic, and Vietnamese communities.

Public survey: PSU administered a public survey to 3,000 respondents to assess barriers and opportunities to tree planting, understanding of city and resident responsibility for tree maintenance, and preferred locations for tree planting.

City Bureaus: PP&R partnered with multiple bureaus in this effort, including the Bureau of Development Services, Bureau of Environmental Services, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Office of Equity and Human Rights, Portland Bureau of Transportation, Portland Housing Bureau, and Portland Water Bureau.

100% Renewable Goal:

N/A

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount



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