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Title 11 Improvements Update

Report to Portland City Council

May 26, 2021



Trees, City Infrastructure:

- Produce oxygen
- Improve air quality
- Absorb greenhouse gases
- Reduce heat island effect
- Reduce stormwater runoff
- Improve traffic safety for cars, pedestrians, and bikes
- Improve physical and mental health outcomes
- Support wildlife, pollinators





Portland's Urban Forest

- 30.7% Canopy Coverage
- 220,000 street trees
- 1.2 million park trees
- 2.9 million private trees
- \$5 billion structural value (2007)

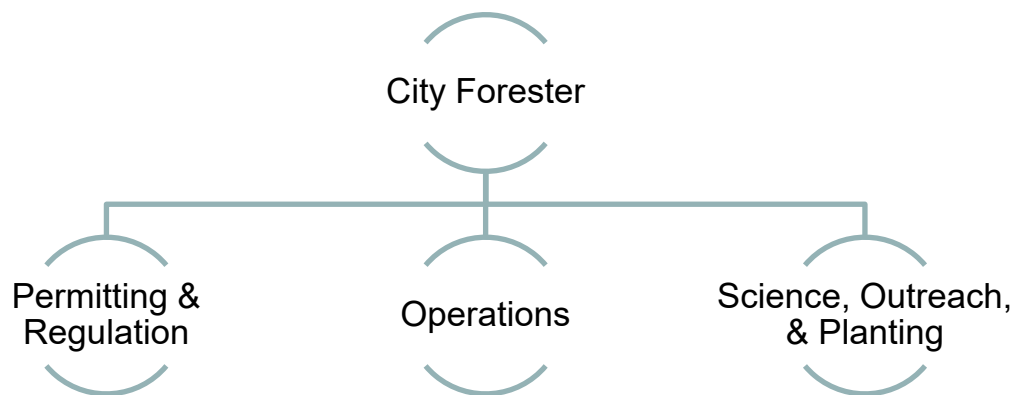




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PP&R Urban Forestry





Title 11, City Tree Code

	Development	Non-Development
Private Trees	 Bureau of Development Services <small>FROM CONCEPT TO CONSTRUCTION</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation/mitigation• Planting• Protection (UF)	 PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION <small>Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal/Replant• Heritage Trees
Street + City Trees	 PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION <small>Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preservation• Planting requirements	 PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION <small>Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Removal/Replant• New Planting• Maintenance• Heritage Trees



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City of Portland Urban Forest Management Plan (2004)

Goal 1: Protect, Preserve, Restore and Expand Portland's Urban Forest

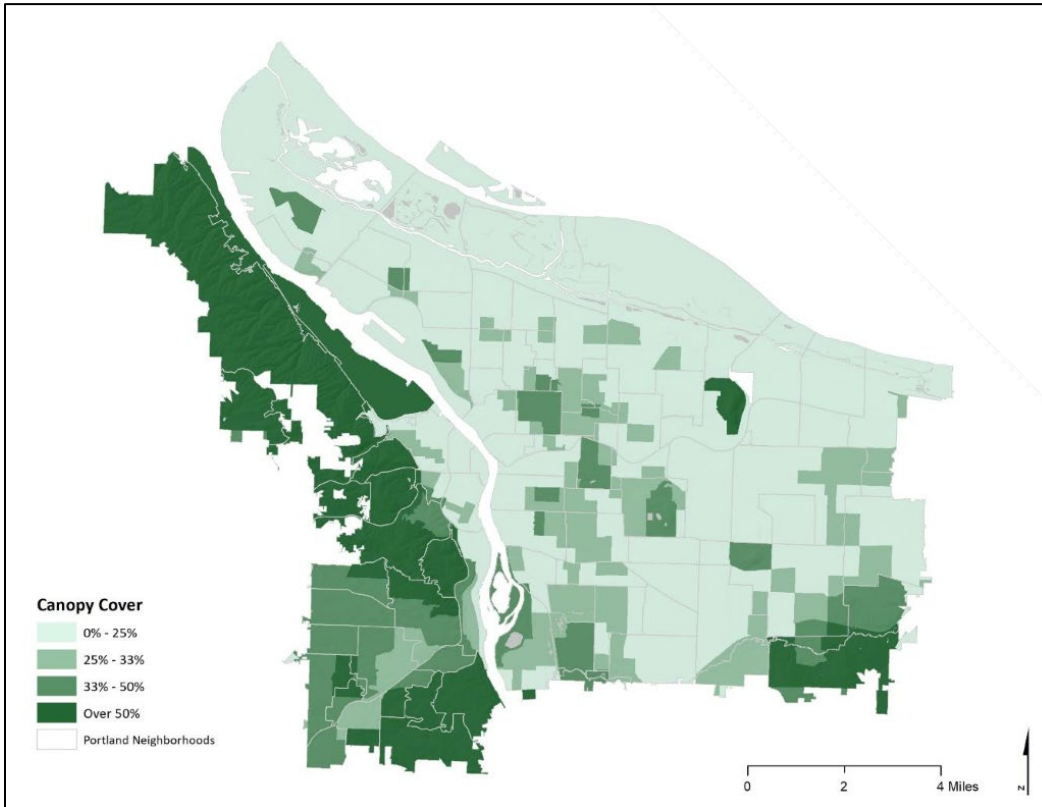
Goal 2: Develop and Maintain Support for the Urban Forest

Goal 3: Manage the Urban Forest to Maximize Community Benefits for All Residents





Key Challenges



- Canopy disparity
 - East = 21%
 - West = 56%
 - Climate change
 - Management
 - Environmental justice
 - Street tree maintenance
 - ROW space allocation for street trees
- **All of the above disproportionately affect Black, Indigenous, People of Color, and low-income communities**



Title 11 Amendments: Background

City Council directed the following actions in Resolution 37473 and Ordinance 190200 (2020):

- BDS and PP&R shall coordinate with BPS to develop a scope of work for additional updates to strengthen Title 11
- Council will consider funding for the Scope of Work defined for the Title 11 update during the FY 2021-22 City Budget Process



Community Guidance (2015 – 2020)

- Title 11 Implementation Oversight Advisory Committee
- First year Implementation Data Report
- Stakeholders, bureau partners, and community members
- *Growing a More Equitable Forest*
- PP&R annual/levy-related surveys
- Public comment from Title 11 amendment work in 2020
- Urban Forestry Commission
- Planning & Sustainability Commission
- City Council





Goals

- Improve efficiency in regulation
- Resolve inconsistencies within Title 11 and with other City Codes
- Provide tools for better implementation
- Align Tree Code with other policies





Scope of Work

- **Phase 1 (2021 – 2022)**
Technical and minor Title 11 amendments
- **Phase 2 (2022 – 2024)**
Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) update
- **Phase 3 (2024 – 2025)**
UFMP-informed amendments





Phase 1 – Technical & Minor Amendment Examples

- Allow City Forester to approve removal of dead Heritage Trees
- Clear up discrepancy between T11 and T33 regarding pruning trees in greenway zones
- Allow certain extensions for Administrative Review processes
- Include “public nuisance” in definitions





Next Steps

- Phase 1
 - July 2021: Project start
 - Winter 2021/22: Urban Forestry Commission and Planning & Sustainability Commission Public Hearings
 - Early 2022: Return to City Council with proposed amendments
- Phases 2 & 3
 - Hire staff
 - Continue project plan and budget development





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Questions?

