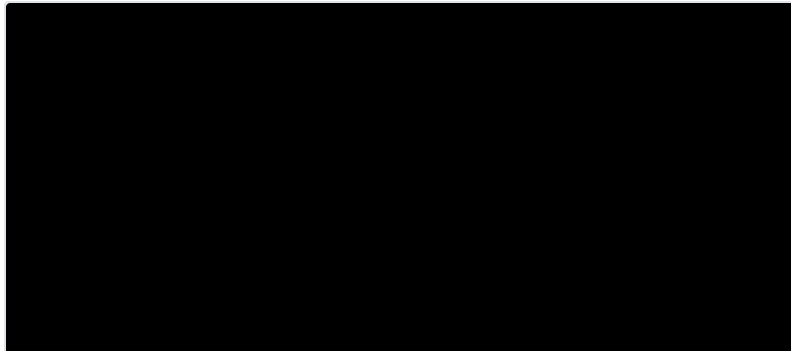


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1. Thank you City of Portland and Urban Forestry staff for investing in Title 11 updates that will make it more effective in helping preserve and enhance our urban forest. Trees can save lives as we face climate crisis, and recent studies ([here](#) and [here](#)), show city canopy loss.



**City Study Finds Canopy Loss from 2015 to 2020
— Trees For Life**

“Canopy growth has slowed or reversed over the past 5 years.” That’s the conclusion of a new measure of Portlan...

2. I Recommend approval of these amendments.

These amendments clarify that trees are critical infrastructure and they improve code transparency and enforceability.

3. I Ask that the City Council initiate and fund a comprehensive Title 11 update *sooner rather than later*.

That update is currently scheduled to start in 2024. There’s no time to waste! Every day Portland is losing precious large trees because of a weak, outdated code. Urge the UFC and PSC to ask the City Council to move forward quickly to update its 2004 Urban Forest Management Plan, a process slated to start in mid-2022 that will guide the subsequent tree code revisions.

Thank you,
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