

**From:** [Mary Hill](#)  
**To:** [Planning and Sustainability Commission](#)  
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**—Thank you to the 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.

**—Recommend approval of the technical amendments to the title 11 Tree Code.** They clarify that trees are critical infrastructure and they improve code transparency and enforceability.

**—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 Every day Portland is losing precious large trees because of a weak, outdated code. Please 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.

Not knowing about these hearings, I did testify, in person, when the BPS submitted RIP2 to the Portland City Council, about my concerns about the preservation of trees, with so much development.

Thanks for reading this.

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