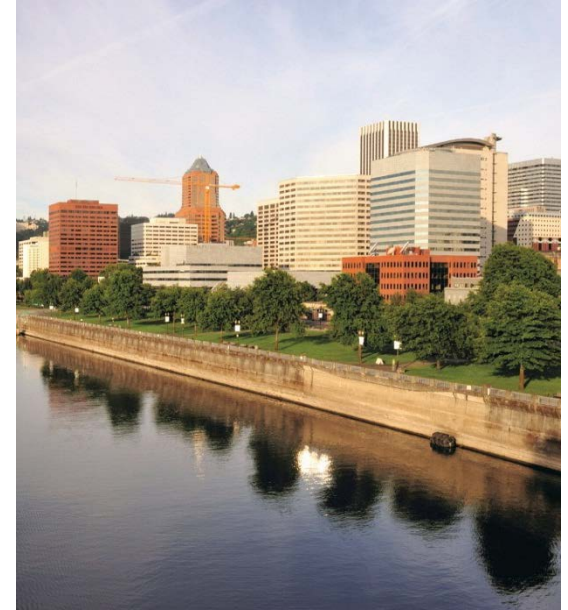


Report to Council Year One Implementation Citywide Tree Project

June 29, 2016
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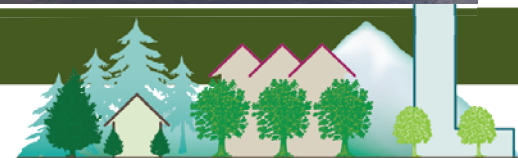


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Overview



- Title 11, Trees became effective Jan 1, 2015
- Joint BDS and Parks Urban Forestry report on 1st year of implementation:
 - Challenges
 - Next steps

Challenges



Implementation Challenges

- Applicants are relied upon to provide accurate tree plans for most development permits (no arborist report required).
- Building inspectors are expected to confirm tree-related information on development sites.
- Possible unintended incentives to remove trees during demolition phases.
- Compliance is largely complaint-driven in non-development.
- Parks UF staff workloads result in response rates at less than acceptable levels in some cases.

Challenges

Overall Canopy Impacts

- Data suggest that trees being planted will not fully replace tree canopy lost, resulting in long-term canopy implications.
- Questions about ability of tree preservation standards to incentivize preservation of high-quality trees.
- Data to assess long-term effects of Title 11 on the urban forest are limited.

Next Steps



- Continue Bureau coordination and staff training
- Parks UF review of planting compliance for tree permits (currently complaint driven)
- Title 11 code amendments
 - RICAP 8 and 9 to address implementation issues
 - Potential future project to address larger policy issues

Next Steps

Examples of issues to be addressed by RICAP 8

City Council, Feb 2017

- Exceptions to fencing requirement
 - Minor ground disturbance (window wells, deck footings)
 - Tree is far from development
- Clarification of protection requirement
 - Construction staging
 - Trees near designated Development Impact Area*
- Definitions (tree, building, attached structure, tree removal*, ground disturbance*)
- Add lien authority consistent with other City enforcement policies
- Increase 1/4" pruning permit threshold*

**Items potentially added to current workplan*

Other Title 11 Code Issues

Categories	Examples
Tree preservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incentives / flexibility for tree preservation in development situations• Private tree preservation requirements (sunsets after 2019)
Tree removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Large, healthy tree removal when structure is within 10 ft. of attached structure in non-development situations• Public notice/appeal for large, non-nuisance, healthy tree removal
Tree planting & mitigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Incentives for planting large and conifer trees• Equitable tree planting requirements
Technical / Clarification	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requirements for trees that straddle lot lines• Allowances to remove trees within a grove