

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: 2016 Report on the Title 11 Trees Urban Forestry Trust Funds (Report)

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Purpose of report and background information: The purpose of this report is to review and share the current status and future plans for the two trust funds established on January 1, 2015 by Title 11 Trees. Since that time, Parks & Recreation (PP&R) Urban Forestry has laid the foundation for accountable, successful and wise use of the trust funds including establishing payment receipt, revenue and expenditure accounting systems; made modest expenditures in accordance with code, City goals, and demonstrating how the funds can be used; and initiated the creation of the first city-wide tree planting strategy to guide and prioritize future funds use.

As of June 30, 2016 the Urban Forestry Funds has accumulated \$11,650 with no funds expended, leaving a balance of \$11,650. These funds are from fees paid for violations of city code pertaining to City and Street trees. The Tree Planting and Preservation Fund has accumulated \$677,000 with \$85,683 expended leaving a balance of \$591,317. These funds are from fees paid in lieu of tree planting required by tree permits (tree mitigation fees), and fees paid for violations of city code pertaining to Private trees. Expenditures were used for planting 2,562 trees through existing PP&R programs around the city including with the Learning Landscapes education program, a partnership with Portland Public and other city schools; Neighborhood Tree Team Plantings in their own neighborhoods; and in developed and hybrid parks and natural areas.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

There are no financial or budgetary impacts directly resulting from the presentation of this report.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Neighborhood Tree Teams and Learning Landscapes are long-standing volunteer programs that, among other things, engage residents in tree planting and education at the local level, in neighborhoods and schools, on public and private property and in street rights-of-way. Tree planting in parks and natural areas are according to park master and desired future conditions plans which were created with resident input and review, such as Citizen Advisory Committees. All tree planting undertaken furthers the goals of the city's Urban Forest Management Plan including preference for native, evergreen and large form trees in appropriate locations, and focus on low-income and low-canopy areas of the city.

Parks and Recreation Urban Forestry has begun developing a city-wide tree planting strategy that will help identify high-priority areas for tree planting using resources including the new Tree Planting and Preservation Fund. Developing and implementing the strategy will be funded from the trust funds, and will include a partnership with the Portland State University's Sustaining Urban Places Research Lab in the College of Urban and Public Affairs (PSU) and stakeholder involvement including low canopy, low-income and under-represented neighborhoods and the

Urban Forestry Commission. Council will also be presented with an ordinance to authorize a formal relationship with PSU to support this work.

The report was presented at the August 18, 2016 public meeting of the Urban Forestry Commission.

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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Finance Manager Approval/Jeff Shaffer

Date