

EASTMORELAND TREE PLAN GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Goal 1 -- Data Collection and Management. Maintain and update neighborhood street tree database by means of periodic inspection of all street trees. These data will be used to monitor our canopy improvement goal and to inform our education and outreach goal.

Objectives:

- A. Conduct a review of the neighborhood street trees every two years for planting and removals. Update diameter (dbh) and condition ratings every five years.
- B. Query database when needed to identify changes in:
 - a. age distribution,
 - b. condition of street tree population, and
 - c. species, genus, and family percentages for diversity.
- C. Yearly, review tree diversity percentages.
- D. Every year in September, the members of the committee will examine all data pertaining to the changes in neighborhood trees and decide whether more analysis is necessary to quantify perceived trends.
- E. Update the website streettrees.eastmorelandpdx.org as needed to provide street tree data to the neighborhood.

Goal 2 -- Canopy Improvement. Maintain a healthy and diverse street tree population that respects site conditions and reflects the large-species, historic character of the neighborhood. In addition, the tree committee will encourage the establishment of a diverse tree population in the entire neighborhood, including the Berkeley addition, and yard trees.

Objectives:

- A. Evaluate American elm losses due to Dutch Elm Disease annually. Periodically, report results to the ENA.
- B. Neighborhood Planting: The objective is to maximize the canopy size and tree diversity while respecting site conditions.
 - a. Upon request, the committee will provide advice on planting new trees.
 - b. The committee will continue to finance the planting of large trees in the public right of way, based on the 100 tree for 100 years criteria. In other locations, such as yard trees or where the public strip is too narrow, the committee can offer advice and recommend nurseries.

Goal 3 -- Foster a productive relationship with other organizations. The Tree Committee will work with other local tree groups, the city, county, and state administrations to establish long term partnerships that benefit the neighborhood tree canopy.

Objectives:

- A. Work with Reed College Place committee, as requested, to review plans to maintain Reed College Place allee, replacing removed trees and pruning for street clearance, tree health, and removing potentially hazardous conditions.
- B. Contact and coordinate activities with adjoining neighborhood tree organizations.
- C. Lobby the city to have Portland Urban Forestry take charge of the maintenance of the public trees.

Goal 4 -- Education & Outreach. Increase opportunities for neighborhood's members of all ages to understand the biology of trees, their role in mitigating climate change, the evolving nature of the street tree population, the importance of participating in planning for the future of trees, and to take part in activities that support our collective vision.

Objectives:

- A. Hold educational workshops for all ages.
 - a. The children workshops should be discussed each year with the schools and will depend on committee members availability and aptitude. It could include tree walk and identification, tree biology, role of trees in nature and in cities, maintenance of trees.
 - b. Should neighbors express an interest, the committee could offer workshops on pruning young trees, maintaining mature trees, preparing planting sites, evaluating condition, reviewing the City Tree Code Rules.
- B. The committee will use available media, including the neighborhood newsletter, email blasts, Nextdoor website, etc., to disseminate pertinent information.
 - a. The committee wants to inform residents regarding pruning trees to maintain street and sidewalk clearance mandated by City Code,
 - b. present information regarding pruning trees throughout their life cycle, considering both tree health and resident safety,
 - c. publish seasonal reminders regarding watering, optimal pruning times, planting information, and tree lists.
- C. Continue recruiting new members for Eastmoreland Tree Committee.