



# Urban Forestry 2024 Annual Report

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# Vision, Mission and Goals

## Introduction

Vancouver's Urban Forestry Program is part of the City's Department of Public Works and works closely across all departments.

Urban Forestry seeks to improve the quality of life in our city by enhancing tree canopy to provide clean air and water for current residents, visitors and future generations. Aesthetic, economic, social and environmental benefits associated with a healthy tree canopy significantly influence overall community health. Tomorrow's community vitality is closely linked with today's prudent management of the urban tree canopy, or green infrastructure.

Vancouver Urban Forestry continues to improve both the level and quality of service it provides to the community. In 2024, these efforts have grown through the participation of volunteers donating more than 3,000 hours of service, the strong support of Urban Forestry's many partners and the continued interest and dedication of the community to improving Vancouver's tree canopy.



## Vision

Vancouver's urban forest is a healthy, dynamic, diverse and cohesive ecosystem that is valued and cared for through community stewardship because it balances economic vitality with the conservation of natural resources now and for future generations.

## Mission

The mission of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Program is to maximize the aesthetic, environmental and economic benefits that trees provide to City residents and visitors by preserving, managing and enhancing existing trees and other vegetation and promoting the reforestation of the urban area through an active integrated program with community support and participation.

## Goals

Preserve existing trees and continue planning, maintenance and operating principles that improve canopy health. Restore canopy-deficient areas through tree planting to provide equitable distribution of urban forest benefits to all Vancouver residents. Promote an urban forest stewardship ethic within the community. Adhere to the City of Vancouver's Operating Principles and establish Vancouver Urban Forestry as a leader in Pacific Northwest municipal forest management.

# Program Information

## Vancouver Urban Forestry

Urban Forestry is supported by the Urban Forestry Commission, a seven-member volunteer commission appointed by the Vancouver City Council. The Commission helps the City to develop good management practices to conserve the community's trees and forests, organizes tree plantings, and educates community members on the importance of urban trees and proper tree care.

In 2024, the City of Vancouver's estimated population was 202,600. Increasing urbanization presents ongoing impacts to the health of Vancouver's tree canopy, as well as opportunities to enhance, expand, and appreciate our urban forest benefits.

In 2024, the Urban Forestry Program employed six full-time staff, which equates to about one full-time employee per 33,767 community members. The program is also supported by two AmeriCorps members, seasonal staff members and interns.

Vancouver's urban forest comprises all the trees in parks, in natural areas, along streets and on private property. In addition to improving the livability and vitality, our community's trees - quantified as tree canopy - provide numerous environmental benefits, including reductions in air pollution, greenhouse gases and stormwater runoff.

**In 2024, Vancouver's tree canopy covered approximately 20 percent of the City, helping to preserve watershed health and reduce runoff, while improving the livability of our neighborhoods.**



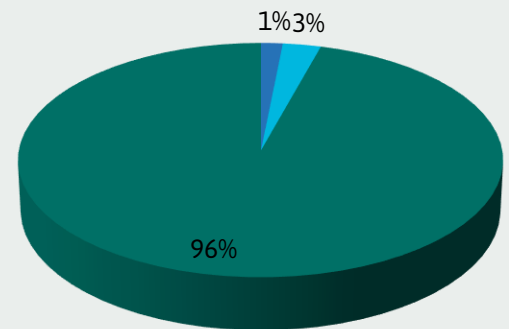
# Focused Funding

Vancouver's Urban Forestry benefits from a mix of revenues. These include the City's Department of Public Works Stormwater Utility Fund and the City's Tree Fund, for a total budget of \$2,070,887.00 in 2024. Funding sources and the expenditures for 2024 are summarized in the following charts.

Including Urban Forestry in the City's Surface Water (stormwater) Management Plan represents a comprehensive watershed approach to improving water quality. These dedicated funding sources are vital to the success of Urban Forestry. The sound public investment will pay dividends for many years to come by effectively improving water quality, decreasing runoff and flooding, improving fish and wildlife habitat and assisting the municipality in meeting state and federal regulations.

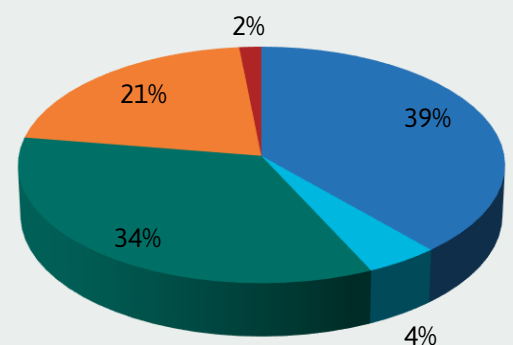
In addition to these dedicated funding sources, Urban Forestry receives thousands of hours of volunteer time and in-kind contributions from our many partners (see page 19). These factors allow the program to be much more accomplished through an active, integrated program that has grown with support and participation at all levels within the community. The in-kind dollars do not include contributions from other City programs based on their impacts related to the urban forest. Without such strong support, the City's Urban Forestry Program would not be able to accomplish its mission. In 2024, these in-kind contributions, along with grants and donations (including those for Witness Trees), totaled \$237,907.00.

## 2024 Funding



- Realized Savings
- City Tree Fund
- Stormwater Utility

## 2024 Expenditures



- Staff
- Operating Expenses
- Professional & Contracted (Projects)
- Internal Services
- Realized Savings

# Accomplishments

## Program Developments

- The new **Hazard/Invasive Tree Assistance Program** supported 5 property owners to remove 8 hazardous trees and replant with quality long lived trees. This income-based tree care assistance program addresses hazards and long-term needs including invasive species, hazard abatement and planting of new, quality trees on both public and private property.
- With community support, staff began to implement Vancouver's 2023 Urban Forestry Management Plan. The plan recommends directions and actions for Vancouver to optimize the benefits of trees. The plan incorporates an integrated, equitable and sustainable approach to preserving and enhancing the City's urban forest resources over the next 25 years.
- As part of the ambitious goals set by the Climate Action Framework (CAF), in 2024 Urban Forestry increased tree planting, community engagement and tree maintenance goals to ensure an equitable urban forest for all community members.
- Urban Forestry developed the **Environmental Youth Corps**, a workforce development program that provides paid job training for youth 16 – 18 years old. The grant-funded project improves the health of Vancouver's urban natural systems, creates green job opportunities, addresses climate change impacts and environmental justice and enhances community health, safety and quality of life. 20 youth participated in one of four 60-hour crews throughout the year.
- Urban Forestry completed the second year of the **Proactive Street Tree Management**

**Program** to address city priorities of climate, equity and safety.

- Urban Forestry supported Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Volunteer Program to implement the **Naturespaces Program**. Naturespaces brings the community together to help restore and enhance select sites within the Vancouver parks system with a focus on preserving and expanding native habitat.
- Urban Forestry was awarded a grant from the Washington Department of Natural Resources to conduct a street tree inventory. This comprehensive inventory will be completed in 2025 and provide data on the health, structure, diversity and stocking levels of street trees for better management.

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

*"Very grateful for the response time and the professionalism from not just Jesse with City, but everyone that has touched this project. Jesse was kind enough to meet on site and discuss the project. This city truly cares not just about its green canopy but about its community and its members."*

# Accomplishments

## Program Developments (Cont.)

- Urban Forestry hosted the **Pop-Up Arboretum** series at six parks during the summer and two parks during Arbor Month celebrations in April. Our parks have wonderful collections of trees, the arboretum series showcases specimen trees with fun, informative signs in multiple languages. Community members were encouraged to explore and learn about the trees in our urban forest.
- Urban Forestry coordinated **educational workshops** to educate property owners, homeowners, and landscapers on how what they do in their landscapes has a direct impact on water quality and watershed health. Urban Forestry coordinated 51 presentations and workshops in 2024 and one month-long comprehensive volunteer training, Tree Stewards, annually. Participants learn about how actions in their landscapes can improve water quality, such as removing high maintenance lawns, planting native trees and shrubs, using organic mulch and fertilizers, preserving existing trees, reducing pesticide use and picking up pet waste.
- **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)**, an invasive beetle, was detected in nearby Forest Grove, Oregon in June 2022, the first detection on the West Coast. EAB has killed hundreds of millions of ash trees in North America since it's arrival in 2002. EAB has not been detected in Vancouver yet. Staff continued to implement Vancouver's EAB management plan to guide the response which included developing a website and outreach materials, presentations to stakeholders, inventory of

ash trees, treating priority ash trees with an insecticide and removing and replacing declining ash trees.

- Urban Forestry received funding from the Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to assist with **implementation of the EAB Management Plan**. Staff purchased treatment supplies, removed 28 ash trees, and replanted with 40 quality replacement trees, presented two EAB awareness workshops to community groups, hosted a trap tree workshop with DNR for tree care providers, and created EAB treatment and removal signs.





# Accomplishments

## Program Developments (Cont.)

- The Urban Forestry Commission's corridor subcommittee continues to identify and implement a 'corridor planting' program. The subcommittee collaborates with Transportation Planning to identify locations. In 2024, the group identified the **NE 39<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor** to plant 26 street and yard trees for property owners along the corridor.
- Partnered with Friends of Trees to host an intern through their **Adult Urban Forestry Internship program**, that trains individuals from underserved communities in the green jobs sector. After the successful internship, they continue to work with Urban Forestry and the City's Naturespaces Program.
- The City celebrated Arbor Month in April and was **recognized as Tree City USA for the 35<sup>th</sup> year and received the Growth Award for the 24<sup>th</sup> year**. The entire month of April was dedicated to celebrating our communities' trees with Pop-Up Arboretums at two parks, family-friendly online activities and an Arbor Day celebration at Hough Elementary School. The celebration was planned in collaboration with the Hough Student Equity Team. The event began with a school-wide assembly on the many benefits of trees and included a ceremony to recognize Vancouver's Tree City USA achievements, presented the annual **Gordon and Sylvia MacWilliams Evergreen Award** (Mac Award) to dedicated community volunteer Jane Tesner-Kleiner, and a school tree planting. The Mac Award honors longtime, dedicated volunteers who have contributed significantly to Vancouver's urban forest, planting and nurturing trees for the next generation.



# Accomplishments

## Awards and Recognitions

Vancouver was named “Tree City USA” for the 35th year and received the prestigious Tree City USA Growth Award for the 24th year

All six full-time staff members achieved 100 percent arborist re-certification through the International Society of Arboriculture.

Four staff members hold Tree Risk Assessor Qualification and three hold Urban Forest Professional certification through the International Society of Arboriculture.

Vancouver hosted the first Emerald Ash Borer Trap Tree Workshop in conjunction with the Washington Department of Natural Resources.

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

*“Jesse Batty showed excellent professionalism as well as knowledge about all things tree-related. Did not know about how good of service we get from the city of Vancouver for protecting our trees and making sure we replant the ones that have reached the end of their life cycle.”*



# Accomplishments

## Urban Forestry in the Headlines

- ‘Should you shake the ice off those trees and shrubs? WSU Master Gardener, other experts weigh in,’ *The Columbian*, January 17, 2024.
- ‘City of Vancouver prepares for pavement projects across 20 neighborhoods,’ *The Columbian*, April 29, 2024. The Pavement Management Program and Urban Forestry staff will prepare for construction by trimming trees and vegetation throughout the designated areas.
- ‘Vancouver parks to feature pop-up arboretums,’ *The Columbian*, July 26, 2024. Program showcases fun facts about city’s urban canopy.
- ‘OSU study compares ways to manage forest regrowth for climate migration,’ *The Columbian*, August 6, 2024. Vancouver reports tree canopy increase.
- ‘Old Apple Tree Festival,’ *PDX Parent*, August 27, 2024. Providing fun, food, music and history of Vancouver’s Old Apple Tree.
- ‘Emerald Ash Borer Trap Tree Creation Workshop,’ *DNR Tree Link News*, October 2, 2024. This workshop was designed for municipalities and urban foresters to learn the process of trap tree creation.
- ‘Should you leave leaves? In the Northwest, there are are much better options than bagging them for landfills,’ *The Columbian*, October 29, 2024. Experts offer advice on how to find happy middle ground.



# Accomplishments

## Education & Outreach

- Responded to more than 1,793 requests for service and completed more than 929 site visits for residents with **99% customer satisfaction**.
- **795 adults and 257 youth volunteers** contributed a total of **4,133 volunteer hours** at tree planting and restoration events.
- The Urban Forestry Commission volunteered a total of 296 hours to further Urban Forestry's mission.
- Hosted eight TreeTalk workshops on tree planting and pruning, tree walks, Heritage Tree tours, and Emerald Ash Borer workshops attended by 149 individuals devoting 253 hours to tree education.
- Hosted 51 educational presentations or events throughout the community on proper tree care, tree benefits, tree pests and diseases and more reaching 1,183 people.
- Incorporated Community Based Social Marketing strategies into outreach and education programs to promote sustainable behavior change and increase public tree stewardship.
- Continued an outreach strategy to raise awareness of tree permit requirements and proper tree care. The strategy included ads in The Columbian and The Messenger, media releases, social media posts and articles in neighborhood newsletters.
- 14 community members completed the Neighborhood Tree Stewards educational program. Stewards received free education from professionals on tree-related topics with the goal to empower them to be liaisons to their communities. The series took a hybrid approach, with virtual presentations and in-person field days.
- Surveys at Tree Stewards workshops showed 33 percent of participants reported an increased awareness of the role trees have in improving our water quality the active steps they can take to improve watershed health.
- The AmeriCorps team partnered with Fourth Plain Forward and Vancouver Bee Project to host an Earth Day festival at the Grandmother Camus site along Fourth Plain Blvd.
- Staff tabled at the Vancouver Farmers Market and the annual Eastside National Night Out to share information on tree planting and benefits of trees.
- Hosted the annual Heritage Tree Bike Ride and two Heritage Tree walking tours along the five-mile loop through downtown highlighting 12 trees and their historical and arboricultural significance.
- Partnered with Cascade Park Library to host a display at the library entrance highlighting the benefits of trees in our watersheds.

## COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

*"I appreciate that Drew not only came to my home and inspected the trees that were in question but he personally called me and explained his findings. I found him to be extremely helpful!"*

# Accomplishments

## Tree Planting

In 2024, Urban Forestry planted 2,038 trees at more than 65 sites throughout the Vancouver community to ensure equitable benefits of our urban forest. Urban Forestry utilized the 2021 Tree Canopy Report and GIS data to identify low canopy and under resourced communities to prioritize for tree plantings. Following is a snapshot of tree plantings throughout the Vancouver community, in partnership with volunteers, contractors, partner programs and neighborhood associations:

- **Partnered with Friends of Trees** and 48 Neighborhoods to plant 533 street and yard trees at six large-scale neighborhood plantings (crew leader training, central-north, central-south, westside, northeast and southeast).
- Planted 26 trees at the campus of **Washington State School for the Blind** with volunteers; the new trees represent a variety of species, providing ongoing educational opportunities for engaging students and teachers.
- Planted seven trees at the **Volunteer Grove** in partnership with the Volunteer Program to recognize dedicated volunteers who have given their time serving with the City of Vancouver.
- Planted 22 new trees and 303 pollinator plants at Sam Brown natural area with community volunteers as part of **Martin Luther King, Jr Day of Service** event.
- Planted 21 trees at the East Evergreen stormwater facility with community volunteers to provide shade and manage stormwater.



# Accomplishments

## Tree Planting (Continued)

- **Partnered with Vancouver School District** to plant 36 new trees at the Vancouver Tennis Center and Fort Vancouver High School with students from Fort Vancouver High School.
- **Partnered with Fourth Plain Forward** to plant free street and yard trees to residential property owners, planting 24 new trees in Rose Village and Meadow Homes Neighborhoods.
- Planted 10 new trees at **Hough Elementary School** with students as part of Arbor Day celebrations.
- Planted 26 new trees at **Marrion Elementary School** with volunteers to provide shade to the playground and track for students.
- Planted 95 trees along **SE 34<sup>th</sup> St** to replace ash trees with pest and climate tolerant trees over three days with support from Master Gardeners and community volunteers.
- Through the **Proactive Street Tree Management Program** staff, volunteers and contractors planted 397 trees along 16 recent Pavement Management projects.
- Planted a **Witness Tree** at Bella Vista Park with neighbors to recognize Bob Rowe and his many years of service to the neighborhoods.
- Hosted a **Yard Tree Giveaway** to distribute 85 native and climate-adaptive trees to residential property owners to plant in their yards to grow the urban forest and improve air and water quality, increase shade and provide habitat.
- 18 new street and yard trees were planted through the **Treefund Program**, which

incentivizes planting on private property through a dedicated fund. Property owners who qualify for the Utility e-billing program and purchase and plant an approved tree on their residential properties are eligible to apply for a refund toward a portion of the tree cost.

- **Partnered with multiple local private contractors** to plant 254 trees at ten project sites, including McGillivray Blvd, Hudson's Bay High School, and Vancouver Mall. Worked closely with contractors to ensure quality standards are met on all urban forestry projects.
- Conducted an opt-out project with outreach to **rental properties in Rose Village** to plant and maintain 46 trees for renters.



# Accomplishments

## Tree Maintenance and Monitoring

- Achieved **98 percent survival** of newly-planted large caliper trees through the critical first summer. The region continues to endure unprecedented drought summers impacting trees.
- Maintained and monitored all 2019 through 2024 plantings to ensure survival rates.
- After five years of monitoring, the tree survival rate was 93 percent for 2019 planting projects, which was down from the survival rate of 96 percent for 2018 planting projects.
- Partnered with volunteers from 10 community groups, resulting in 204 donated hours on Urban Forestry tree maintenance and restoration projects.
- Pruned 408 young trees with staff, interns, AmeriCorps members and volunteers to improve structure, provide clearance, reduce storm damage and improve the health of trees as they mature.
- Urban Forestry continued partnership with Friends of Trees on the street tree pruning program in Vancouver. Volunteers are trained on proper pruning practices of young trees, then work in groups to prune trees in identified neighborhoods.
- Urban Forestry continued the partnership with the Parks Department and Public Works' Operations department on the proactive park pruning program. This program has moved the City from reactively to proactively maintaining public trees to increase longevity, reduce hazards and emergency care and maximize the many benefits of this public asset.



# Performance Measures

	2023 Actual	2024 Goal	2024 Actual
<b>Outcome:</b> The public is involved in environmental stewardship			
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b> Urban Forestry is responsive to community needs			
Output: Calls for assistance & information	2,159	Workload	1,793
Output: Site inspections	979	Workload	929
Output: Average response time (site inspections)	13 days	10 days	11 days
Output: Customer satisfaction as rated by program participants (new)	90%	75%	99%
Output: Presentations and educational events	43	25	51
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b> Urban Forestry administers a viable volunteer program			
Output: Volunteers trained (unique)	14	10	14
Output: Volunteers participating (adults)	907	300	795
Output: Youth participating (youth)	233	200	257
<b>Outcome:</b> The public trees management program is effective			
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b> The existing mature tree canopy is preserved			
Output: Total tree canopy acres in latest GIS Report (2023)	6,604	6,066	6,604
Output: Technical reviews projects completed on time	651	500	794
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b> Young tree survival is improving			
Output: Trees monitored (all projects)	7,452	3,750	7,975
Output: Survival rate of new trees	96%	≥ 95%	98%
Output: Trees pruned to improve health	731	≥ 500	408
Output: Estimated acres of canopy at maturity	121	60	129
<b>Intermediate Outcome:</b> New trees are added to the existing canopy			
Output: Restoration projects (contractor, volunteer, youth)	50	10	65
Output: Trees planted	1,817	1,700	2,038
Output: Tree seedlings and shrubs planted	170	500	253
Output: Other plants distributed or planted	0	500	0
Output: Native species composition of new plants	>50%	50%	>50%
Output: Estimated increase in tree canopy this year in feet	22,713.00	21,250	25,475.00
<b>Outcome:</b> Urban Forestry is a good investment			
Output: Value of grants/donations/sponsorships and reductions	\$180,660	\$35,000	\$237,907
Output: Estimated value of benefits provided by newly planted trees over 40 years*	\$3.6m	\$1.6m	\$4.1m
Output: Value of program per tree cost (planted and maintained for 5 years)	\$1,047	\$700	\$1,016

\*based on data from Western Washington and Oregon Community Tree Guide: Benefits, Costs and Strategic Planting

\*\*due to increase tree costs and program costs



# Benefits of Trees



A healthy urban forest in Vancouver builds a strong sense of community and improves quality of life for all community members.

Urban trees can help the City manage stormwater as part of an integrated stormwater management plan to improve water quality, reduce pollutants and enhance wildlife habitat. Increased tree canopy aids in Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act and Endangered Species Act compliance.

Other benefits of urban trees include city beautification, downtown revitalization, increased civic pride, outdoor recreation opportunities, natural resource education, air quality improvement, energy conservation, shading and cooling and many other environmental, social and economic benefits. Tree benefits can be optimized by reversing the trend of declining tree canopy within the city.



The 2,038 new trees planted in 2024 can be expected at maturity to intercept approximately 1,548,880 gallons of stormwater annually, equal to more than eight Marshall Center swimming pools, and absorb more than 20,380 lbs. of pollutants each year from the air we breathe.

Overall, these 2,030 new trees as they mature will provide greater than \$3 million worth of benefits, a 250 percent return on this wise investment.

# Benefits of Trees

## Did You Know These Tree Facts?

The average tree absorbs 10 pounds of pollutants from the air each year.

Trees reduce the energy needed to heat and cool our homes by 15 to 35 percent nationwide.

The leaves of a mature tree intercept an average of 760 gallons of rainfall a year, reducing flooding, erosion and pollution from runoff.

A typical tree produces about 260 pounds of oxygen each year; two trees can supply a person's oxygen needs each year.

An average tree reduces greenhouse gases by absorbing 26 pounds of carbon dioxide per year.

Trees contribute to neighborhood livability by reducing noise, heat and by calming traffic.

Trees improve habitat for endangered fish, migratory birds and other wildlife.

Trees stabilize soil, reduce erosion and mitigate flooding.

For every dollar spent on Vancouver's urban forest, \$2.50 in value is returned in benefits such as energy conservation, stormwater abatement and pollution reduction.

Unlike many other investments that depreciate, a tree's value increases with each passing year. Houses on tree-lined streets can sell for up to 20 percent higher than houses in like neighborhoods without trees.

Visit [www.naturewithin.info](http://www.naturewithin.info) for more information on the environmental, social, economic and human health benefits of trees.



# Partners

Urban Forestry strongly values our relationships with our community partners. We recognize volunteers and partners to help us achieve our mission.

## Neighborhood Associations

Airport Green Neighborhood Association

Arnada Neighborhood Association

Bagley Downs Neighborhood Association

Bella Vista Neighborhood Association

Bennington Neighborhood Association

Burnt Bridge Creek Neighborhood Association

Burton Evergreen Neighborhood Association

Carter Park Neighborhood Association

Cascade Highlands Neighborhood Association

Cascade SE Neighborhood Association

Central Park Neighborhood Association

Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association

Countryside Woods Neighborhood Association

Dubois Park Neighborhood Association

East Old Evergreen Neighborhood Association

Edgewood Park Neighborhood Association

Ellsworth Springs Neighborhood Association

Emerald Landing Neighborhood Association

Father Blanchet Park Neighborhood Association

Fircrest Neighborhood Association

First Place Neighborhood Association

Fisher's Creek Neighborhood Association

Fisher's Landing East Neighborhood Association

Forest Ridge Neighborhood Association

Fourth Plain Village Neighborhood Association

Fruit Valley Neighborhood Association

Green Meadows Neighborhood Association

Harney Heights Neighborhood Association

Hearthwood Neighborhood Association

Hough Neighborhood Association

Hudson's Bay Neighborhood Association

Image Neighborhood Association

Kevanna Park Neighborhood Association

Landover-Sharmel Neighborhood Association

Lewis and Clark Woods Neighborhood Association

Lincoln Neighborhood Association

Maplewood Neighborhood Association

Marrion Neighborhood Association

Meadow Homes Neighborhood Association

Mountainview Neighborhood Association

North Garrison Heights Neighborhood Association

North Image Neighborhood Association

Northcrest Neighborhood Association

Northwest Neighborhood Association

Northwood Neighborhood Association

Oakbrook Neighborhood Association

Ogden Neighborhood Association

Old Evergreen Highway Neighborhood Association

Parkway East Neighborhood Association

Riverridge Neighborhood Association

# Partners

## Neighborhood Associations

### (Continued)

Rose Village Neighborhood Association  
Shumway Neighborhood Association  
Vancouver Heights Neighborhood Association  
VanMall Neighborhood Association  
Village at Fishers Landing Neighborhood Association  
Walnut Grove Neighborhood Association  
West Minnehaha Neighborhood Association  
Wildwood Neighborhood Association

## Non-Profit and Community

### Organizations

Americans Building Community  
Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Washington  
Cascadia Montessori School  
Clark County Parks Foundation  
Columbia Springs Environmental Education Center  
ELSO, Inc  
Fort Vancouver Lions Club  
Fort Vancouver Historic Trust  
Fourth Plain Forward  
Friends of the Carpenter  
Friends of Trees  
Hardy Plant Society of Clark County  
International Society of Arboriculture  
Latino Leadership Northwest

Lower Columbia Nature Network  
Master Gardner Foundation of Clark County  
NAACP Vancouver Branch  
National Arbor Day Foundation  
Nature Play Designs  
Pacific Education Institute  
Parks Foundation of Clark County  
Portland Vancouver Canopy Collective  
The Confluence  
The Corps Network  
Urban Abundance  
Vancouver Bee Project  
Vancouver Ridge Garden Club  
Vancouver Dawn Lions Club  
Vancouver Downtown  
Vancouver Farmers Market  
Washington Community Forestry Council  
Watersheds Alliance of SW Washington

## Faith-Based Organizations

First United Methodist Church  
Saint Andrews Church  
Mill Plain United Methodist Church  
Unitarian Church

# Partners

## Public Agencies

Bonneville Power Administration  
City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services  
City of Vancouver, City Manager's Office  
City of Vancouver, Community and Economic Development Department  
City of Vancouver Fire Department  
City of Vancouver Neighborhood Traffic Safety Alliance  
City of Vancouver, Office of Neighborhoods  
City of Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Commission  
City of Vancouver Planning Commission  
City of Vancouver, Public Works  
City of Vancouver, Water Resources Education Center  
Clark College  
Clark County Public Health  
Clark Public Utilities  
Clark/Vancouver Television (CVTV)  
Evergreen School District  
Fort Vancouver Regional Library District  
National Parks Service  
USDA Forest Service  
Vancouver School District  
Washington Department of Agriculture  
Washington Department of Natural Resources, Urban & Community Forestry

Washington Department of Transportation  
Washington Service Corps (AmeriCorps)  
Washington State School for the Blind  
Washington State University  
Washington State University Clark County Extension Service, Master Gardeners

## Private Organizations/ Business

Arborscape LTD  
Bartlett Tree Experts  
Cistus Nursery  
Columbia Tech Center  
Crumbl Cookie Co  
Donut Nook  
J. Frank Schmidt & Son Co  
Joe's Farm  
Paper Tiger Coffee  
Seize the Bagel  
Dennis' 7 Dees  
Starbucks Corporation  
The Columbian  
TreeWise, LLC

# Urban Forestry Commission

Established for the purpose of preserving, managing, and increasing the City's urban forest thereby protecting a vital environmental, social and economic resource that benefits all residents and visitors, and for the purpose of assisting property owners and public agencies in improving and maintaining the urban forest in a manner consistent with adopted City policies. Seven members are appointed by City Council to four-year terms.

Meetings are the third Wednesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Vancouver City Hall, 415 W. Sixth Street and virtually. For information, to submit comments, or attend, email [urbanforestry@cityofvancouver.us](mailto:urbanforestry@cityofvancouver.us).

## Current membership of the Commission

Melissa Johnston, Chair

Clif Barnes, Vice-Chair

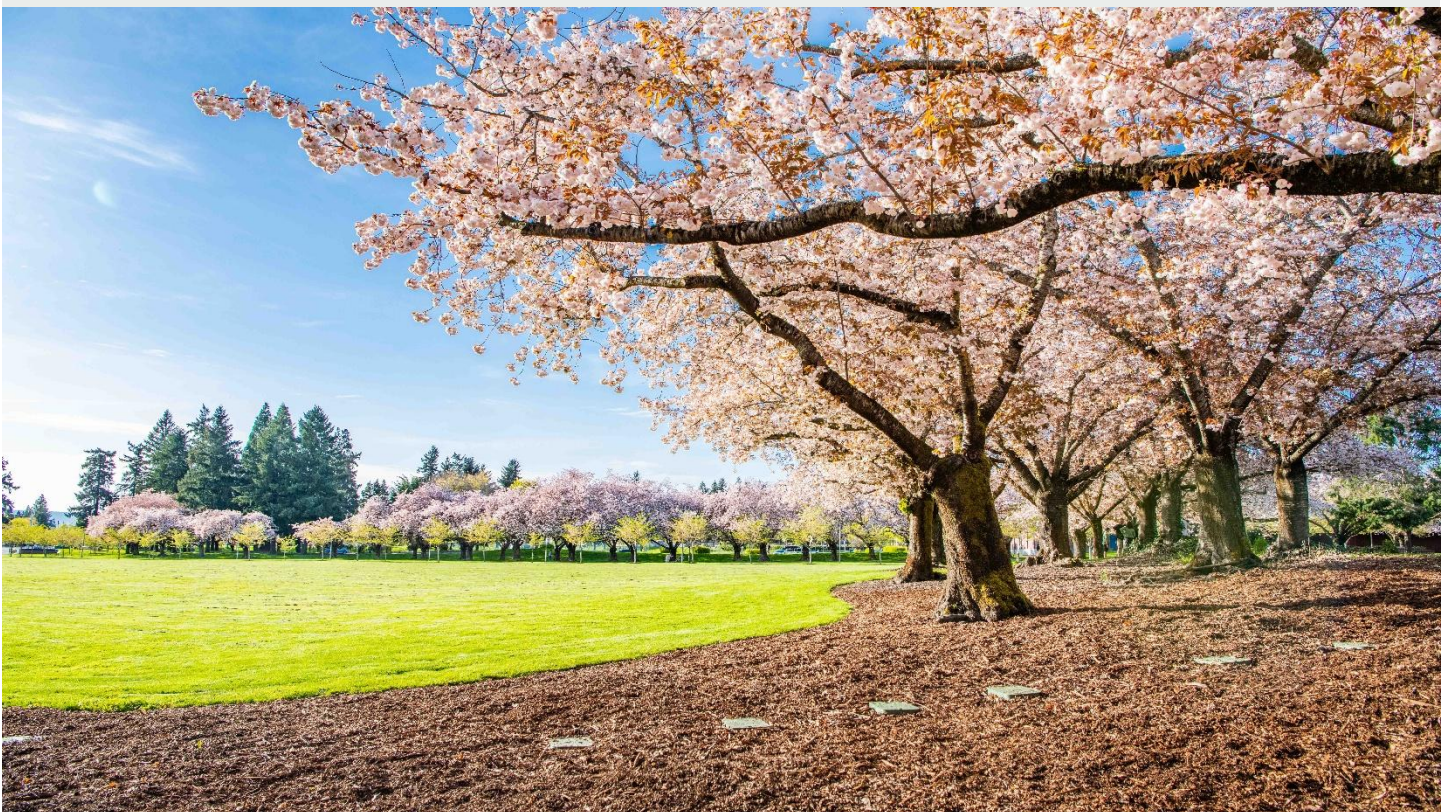
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