

Portland Urban Forest Plan



Agenda

- What is the urban forest and why does it matter?
- What is the Portland Urban Forest Plan and how are we creating it?
- Discussion



Why do trees matter?

Trees clean our air

Trees purify our air by removing pollutants like carbon monoxide, ozone, and particulate matter. These harmful substances can lead to stroke, heart disease, and respiratory issues like asthma.



Trees provide habitat

Trees provide food and shelter for animals and pollinators. Over 100 species of migratory birds and other important wildlife rely on Portland's urban forest.



Trees keep us cool

Trees cool people and urban areas by shading buildings and pavement, lowering surface and air temperatures, and releasing cooling water vapors, like an air conditioner.



Trees store carbon

Trees take carbon dioxide from the air and store carbon in their wood, leaves, and roots. This process helps reduce climate change and can help cool our planet.



Trees improve our health

Trees improve our physical and mental health, and neighborhood aesthetics. Trees promote active living and can make our streets and outdoor spaces more inviting and safe.

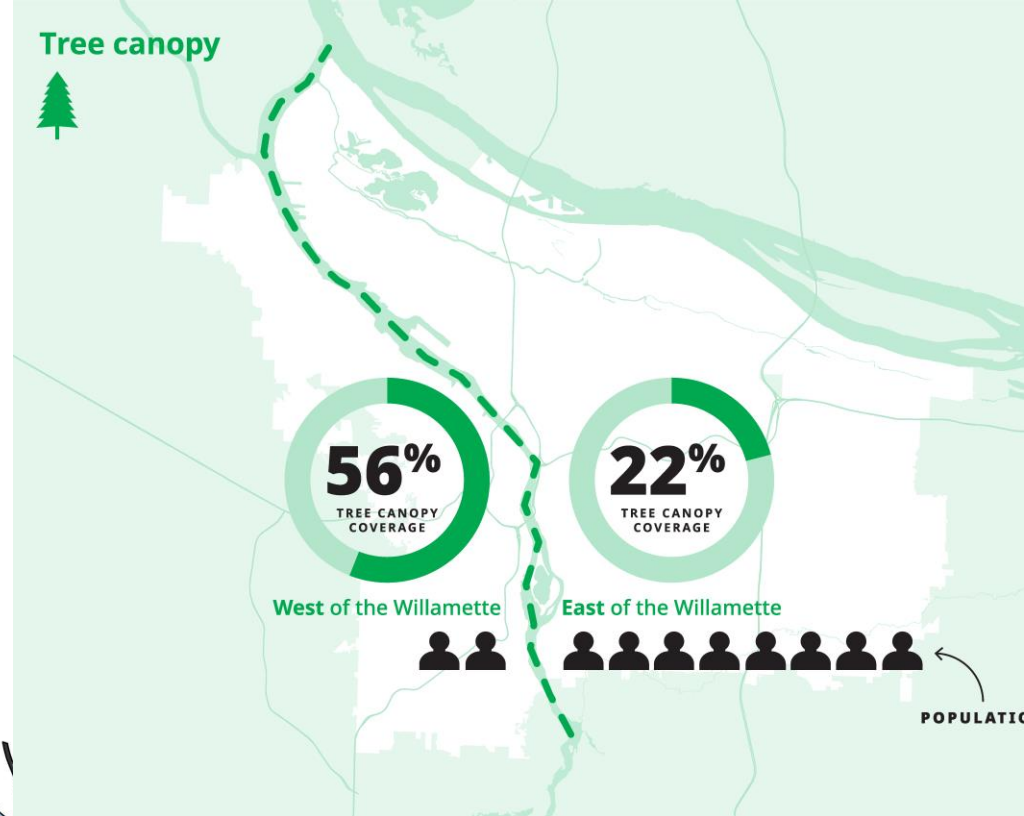
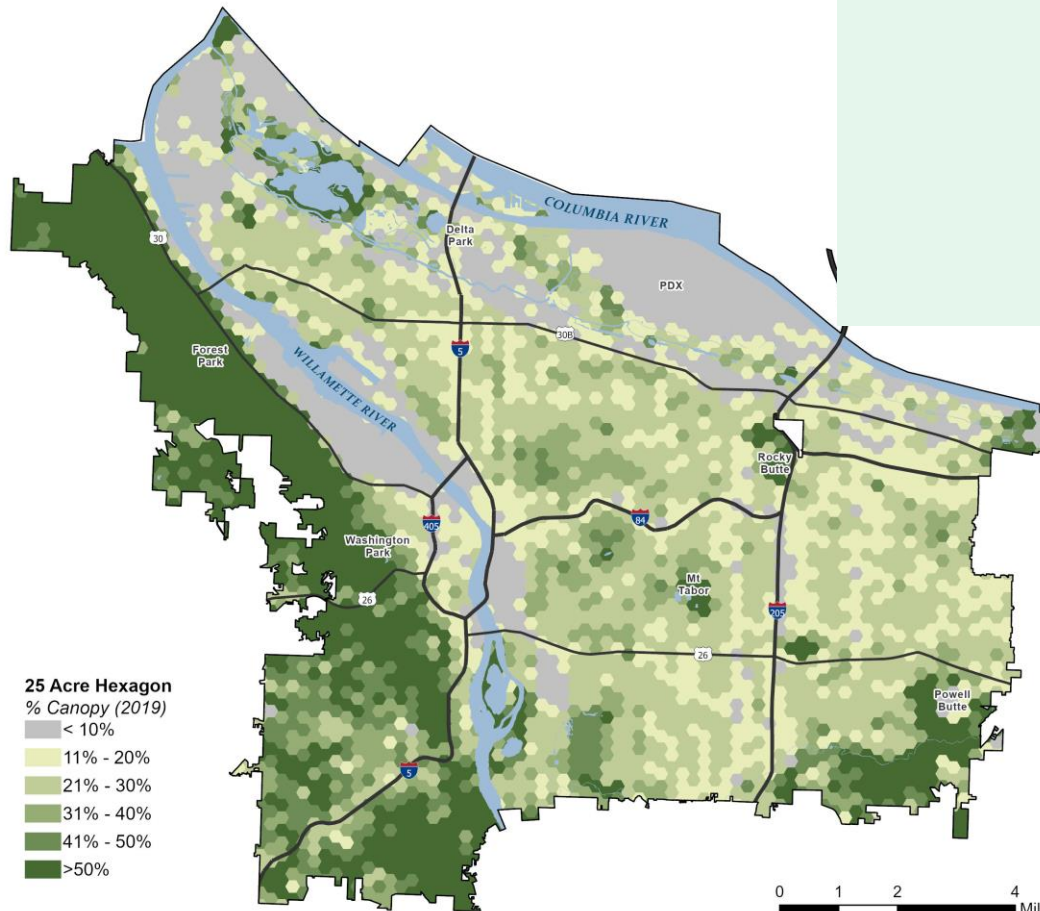


Trees clean our water & reduce flooding

Trees and soil help capture, filter, and slow down water and pollutants that flow into our streets and waterways after it rains. These services improve our water quality and reduce flooding.



Why are we here?



We want to grow
our urban forest
equitably

What is the Portland Urban Forest Plan?



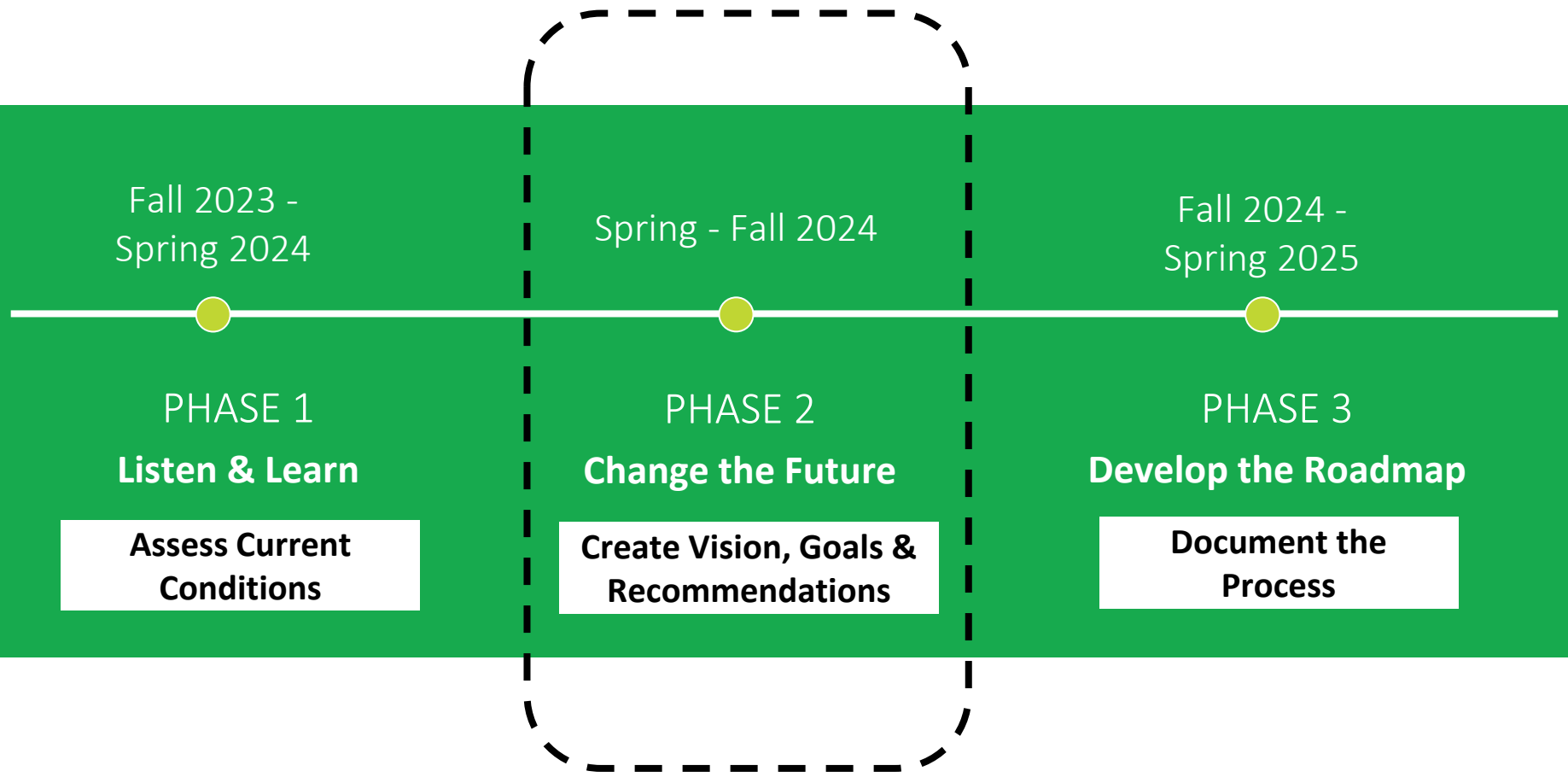
10-year roadmap for preserving, planting, and caring for trees equitably and sustainably



Goals, actions, and priorities to guide City management activities and decisions



When and how are we creating the plan?



How are we creating this plan?

3 Advisory Groups

- Urban Forestry Commission
- Technical Advisory Committee
- Community Advisory Committee

Public Engagement

- Project website & email list
- 2 open houses
- 1 survey
- Discussions & presentations
- Focus groups for underserved communities



Draft Recommendations

- Citywide, City management of street trees
- Explore financial support or funding to help property owners make sidewalk repairs
- Communication strategy about programs, resources, services, activities, and education
- Tree care assistance program for low-income property owners for planting, pruning, removal of dead, dying, or dangerous trees



Draft Recommendations

- Identify opportunities to depave and plant trees on public and private property through partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and residents
- Use innovative design strategies to create new spaces for trees and better support existing trees
- Update tree planting standards
- Provide more guidance to property owners to support tree planting and tree care



Questions?

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1. Do you like or dislike the draft recommendations? Is anything missing?
2. What are your top priorities for trees and tree care in Portland?
3. As a business owner along a commercial corridor, what are the biggest barriers to preserving, planting, or caring for trees?



Stay Involved

- Sign up for the project email list to keep in the loop
- Come to open house #2
- Review and submit comments on the draft plan

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