Renton's Urban Forestry Program

City of Renton

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Urban Forestry

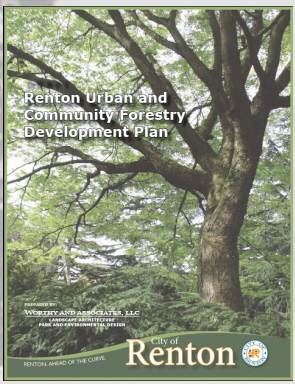
The art, science and technology of managing trees in and around cities, suburbs, and towns for the health and well-being of people.

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

Vision

Renton's urban and community forest is healthy, diverse and sustainable, contributing to Renton's identity in the region.

Urban and Community Forestry Development Plan



Mission

Renton will create a sustainable and exemplary urban forest, enhancing the livability of the community through education, coordination, stewardship and conservation.

Urban and Community Forestry Development Plan

130,000 Public Trees

Community Services—425-430-6600

- **Parks Planning & Natural Resources**
    - **Management of Street & Park Trees & Natural Area Forests**
    - **Tree Maintenance Contracting**
    - **Landscape Maintenance Contracting**
- **Parks and Golf Course**
    - **Street, Park & Natural Area Tree Maintenance Activities**

Public Works—Construction Projects

- **Streets Maintenance—Sidewalks**
- **Transportation—Street Improvements**
- **Water Utility—Stormwater Control**

Community & Economic Development

- **New Development Tree Retention**
- **Landscaping Requirements**
- **Code Enforcement**

Community Services Department

The Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Manager within Community Services consults with all City departments, the general public and outside organizations about tree management.

Management of Renton's urban forest includes:

- **Responding to requests about trees**
- **Inspecting, assessing and evaluating trees**
- **Assisting property owners with tree permits within critical areas and native growth protection easements**
- **Public outreach and education**
- **Planting, pruning and removing public trees**
- **Implementing the Urban and Community Forestry Development Plan**

Tree Request Procedure
For Public and Private Property Owners

- Phone, Email, Meeting

⇓ Tree Work Order

⇓ Site Investigation

⇓ Tree Request Response Form

- Work Scheduling for public trees only

Renton Tree City USA—5 Years

TREE CITY USA®

- Tree Board or Department
- Community Tree Ordinance
- Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least $2 per Capita
- An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation

Why Trees?

Yard Trees

- reduce energy costs
- shade vehicles
- increase home value
- make homes more marketable
- improve physical health
- screen views

Street Trees **within the public right of way**

- add beauty
- soften urban landscapes
- increase property values
- reduce vehicle emissions
- decrease temperature of ten degrees or more
- encourage economic vitality in shopping districts

Park Trees

- control stormwater runoff
- recharge ground water supplies
- provide wildlife habitat
- filter water entering streams, rivers and lakes
- improve mental health

Renton's Public Trees
- Our Working Forest -

Public trees annually save residents

- **$5.5 million in stormwater control costs**
- **add over $11 million to property values**
- **filter over 215 tons of air pollutants**
- **store over 210,000 tons of carbon**

2011 Urban Tree Canopy Assessment Report

For Further Information About Renton's Urban Forestry Program

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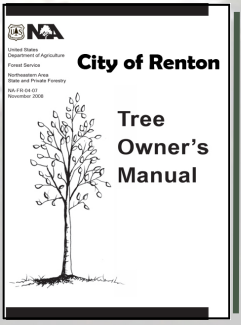
(Online resource for urban forestry including forestry plans, Tree Owner's Manual, tree inventory, mapping and more.)