



AUSTIN'S URBAN FOREST PLAN

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The Urban Forest Plan was mandated by Austin City Code in 1992. A healthy urban forest supports the City's vision to be the most livable city.

§ 6-3-5 COMPREHENSIVE URBAN FOREST PLAN.

- (A) With the assistance of the urban forester, the board shall develop and revise the plan.
- (B) The Environmental Board and Parks and Recreation Board shall review the plan and make recommendations to the board.
- (C) The urban forester shall provide administrative staff services to the board in connection with the plan.

THE GOAL of the Urban Forest Plan is to:

- Establish a broad-scoped, long range vision for Austin's urban forest.
- Provide a roadmap to implementation to reach the vision for the urban forest.
- Provide a framework for City departments to use as a guide for managing their urban forest resources.



The impacts from continuing growth and development, combined with long term drought conditions create an imperative to develop the Urban Forest Plan and Imagine Austin's Green Infrastructure Priority Program. The end result will be a plan that supports Austin's public urban forest resource by identifying positive aspects, responsibilities, and innovations, but also by serving as a model to the abutting neighbor, regional property owner, and the global community.

