



## AUSTIN'S URBAN FOREST PLAN

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### Why does Austin need an Urban Forest Plan?

Impacts from continuing growth and development, combined with long term drought conditions have created an imperative to develop the Urban Forest Plan. With a comprehensive plan in place to support Austin's urban forest the City will be able to better support the health and well-being of the community and its public spaces.

### What is Austin's Urban Forest Plan?

The Urban Forest Plan was mandated by Austin City Code in 1992. City code directed the Urban Forestry Board to develop and subsequently revise the plan with the assistance of the City's urban forester.

More Information:

[City Code 6-3-5 Comprehensive Urban Forest Plan](#)  
[www.austinurbanforestry.org](http://www.austinurbanforestry.org)

### Who is the Urban Forestry Board?

The Urban Forestry Board is made up of 7 City Council appointed members. The Board acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council, the City Manager, and the director of the Parks and Recreation Department in all matters related to the urban forest.

More Information:

[City Code § 2-1-183 Urban Forestry Board](#)  
<http://www.austintexas.gov/ufb>

### Who is the Urban Forester?

The duties of the Urban Forester, listed in Austin City Code, include management of the public urban forest, oversight and supervision of City departments' work involving urban forest management, and ensuring preservation and replenishment of the public urban forest.

More Information:

[City Code § 6-3-4 Duties of Urban Forester](#)  
[About the Urban Forester](#)

