

Here are the Madison Sustainability Plan action goals related to trees:

I am very pleased that the Tree Workgroup has already been able to gather so much information on the Policies, Practices and Problems affecting our tree population, and look forward to our continuing efforts to find ways to grow our urban forest and keep it healthy.

As we have talked, several times I have referred to portions of the Madison Sustainability Plan concerning trees. I feel it is important for this group to assess progress on these city-approved policy goals and actions as we review what has been occurring and as we consider options to recommend for strengthening our canopy.

Please forward to anyone I've missed who may be interested. Our next meeting is Monday, Oct 10, 9am in the Common Council Meeting Room 4th floor, City-County Building.

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Natural Systems - Goal 4 - Improve Storm Water Management

13. Increase the use of tree growth and storm water management systems, such as modular, suspended pavement systems in urban areas, as a way to store storm water and encourage large tree growth to help control storm water.

Natural Systems - Goal 7: Restore and Maintain Natural Habitat

2. Develop cooperative relationships with neighboring communities, Dane County and regional planning bodies for joint planning for permanent preservation of open spaces and woodlands.

5. Create a comprehensive tree program, with tree maintenance, tree preservation ordinance and species variation.

6. Promote tree planting by residents to complement municipal planting through a well-planned and systematic program that includes education.

8. Minimize loss of tree cover and green space in public rights of way.

9. Promote, expand and replace tree canopy trees whenever possible and encourage landowner collaboration on strengthening tree canopy and woodlands.

10. Create a policy to facilitate underground placement of power lines and overhead wires.

11. Promote usage of public rights-of- way (public land) and parks as edible landscapes, sculpture gardens, community gardens, prairie, etc.

13. Follow established IPM (Integrated Pest Management) guides for responsible use of pesticides and continue to look for ways to reduce use.
14. Where appropriate, replace fertilizers from petro-chemicals with natural soil amendments, such as compost, fish meal and composted manure.
15. Review and update the policy regarding pest management every five years.
16. Post information on annual pesticide use and relevant policies on Parks and Public Health websites.

Planning and Design - Goal 4 - Promote and foster local food systems.

3. Plant low-maintenance fruit and nut trees in public areas.

Carbon and Energy - Goal 3 - Improve new buildings and developments.

7. Create and adopt strategies and requirements to minimize urban heat islands, optimize carbon sequestration and promote water retention (e.g., green roof, bio swales, urban tree canopy, vegetative parking).

Here is a link to the whole sustainability Plan:

<https://www.cityofmadison.com/sustainability/documents/SustainPlan2011.pdf>

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