

## **UNIFYING THEME NOTES:**

Maintain, preserve, and grow the canopy (preserving what we have). Set aside resources for additional growth (be able to enhance and grow in the future).

Give special attention to areas that need more tree canopy (have less canopy now and should have more).

City Departments need to be working cooperatively towards the goal of preservation and growth of tree resources in the City of Madison. Collaboration, coordination, and communication. Communication does not necessarily need money.

In certain areas, need additional resources – money.

What is the problem? Low visibility, ignore at your own peril. Peril is insects, disease, flooding, climate change. We need to be proactive in the face of these threats. Without these steps, the tree canopy will, as a whole and individually, be threatened.

A thriving Madison urban forest is essential for the health and livability of our community. Trees provide us many benefits (reduced air pollution, emissions; sustainability); the value is immeasurable. Public education and action.

Commit itself to a number of trees – canopy goal. 40% canopy goal, increasing from every neighbor.