



CITY OF TACOMA

SUSTAINABLE TACOMA COMMISSION

VIRTUAL MEETING

DRAFT AGENDA

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM

To comply with Governor Jay Inslee's [Proclamation 20-28.9](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will not be conducted in-person. The meeting can be attended remotely using the following information:

Meeting phone line: (253) 215-8782

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Meeting password: 09172020

Microphones will be muted and cameras turned off for all participants during the meeting, except for the Commissioners and staff presenters. Public comments on discussion items will NOT be accepted at the meeting. The Commission encourages community members to submit comments in writing prior to the meeting by 4:00 p.m., on September 17th. Please e-mail your comments to PBabbitt@cityoftacoma.org, put in the subject line "STC Meeting 9/17/20", and clearly indicate which agenda item(s), if any, you are addressing.

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- VIII. URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN & PUBLIC INCENTIVE PROGRAMS UPDATE – STAFF PRESENTATION
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- XI. ADJOURNMENT

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

9/17/2020 Virtual Public Meeting

Welcoming

Commissioners

Members of the public

Presenters and Staff Support:

Patrick Babbitt, Kristin Lynett, James Parvey / City of Tacoma, OEPS

Lewis Griffith / City of Tacoma, Solid Waste Utility

Mike Carey, Arin Lewis / City of Tacoma, OEPS Urban Forestry



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- VIII. TREE COUPON AND GRIT CITY TREES PROGRAMS **AND URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION** UPDATES – STAFF PRESENTATION
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Staff Updates

STC annual priorities meetings update:

- CM Hunter and Ushka: 8/24
 - **Shared priorities:**
 - Under-used public lands: parcels, right-of-way
 - Food security
 - City building on/supporting community energy
 - **CM Hunter:**
 - Appreciates role of Commission informing Council
 - CBCs as a source for community organizing and leadership
 - Communication/approach: need to build from successes
 - **CM Ushka:**
 - Electrification of transportation
 - Bicycling
 - Food programming
- Asst. City Manager Wille: pending



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Staff Updates

- Res. 40622 commits City to transformative, anti-racist change
- Urban Food Security presentation to IPS Committee on 9/9
- Action opportunities:
 - Metro Parks Tacoma biennial budget survey
 - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPT2021-22Budget>



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Staff Updates

Commission Subcommittees: thank you!

- Climate Action Plans Review
- Building Electrification
- Equity Norms & Operationalizing Them



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Subcommittee Updates

- Commissioner reports



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Climate Planning Update: Status

Timeline

- Delayed start: September 2020
- Approximately a year-long process

Two-track update process

- Technical plan development
- Community engagement

Current activities

- Contractor and consultant work beginning
- Selecting EJ Leaders Work Group, Plan Ambassadors
- Engagement active starting October



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Climate Planning Update: STC Role

Technical input for plan (7 sectors)

- Buildings and energy
- Mobility and land use
- Consumption and material management
- Natural systems and local food
- Climate adaptation/resilience
- Green economy
- Municipal operations: carbon neutrality strategy

Guidance and support for community engagement

- Recruitment
- Engagement activities and practices
- Fostering participation



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Climate Planning Update: STC Action

Serve on Subcommittees to review Climate Action Plans

- Review and make recommendations for CAPS to staff

Give technical input offline

- Stay tuned!

Serve as informal Plan Ambassadors with fast-track training

- Staff will offer support if there is sufficient interest



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Vice- or Co-Chair Election

Qualifications and Expectations

- **Term:** 1-year (renewable)
- **Hours/month:** 5 - 10
- **Qualifications:** meeting facilitation, agenda building, familiarity with EAP, OEPS, STC
- **Duties:** coordination with staff on work plan, agendas, STC performance, reporting; direct meetings



Vice- or Co-Chair Election

Election Process

- Nominees confirm interest
- Nominees share qualifications (<2 minutes each)
- Vote: roll call voice vote
 - Nominees placed in waiting room
- Motion to elect based on results of vote for Officer term until second meeting of 2021



Staff Presentations

1. Materials Management Update and Planning
2. Urban Forest Management Plan & Public Incentive Programs Update



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Public Comments

- None



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Objectives for Next Meeting (10/15)

- Subcommittee updates (10-15)
 - Equity Norms (5)
 - Norms and processes
 - Building Electrification / Clean Buildings (1 – will discuss in separate item)
 - Climate Action Plans Review (5)
- Climate Planning Update (regular) – 10-20
- Tidelands Regulations (confirmed) – 35-40 (10 Q&A)
- Review Commission's Rules of Procedure (equity-focused - future)
- At Home in Tacoma (possible)
- Transportation Master Plan, Vision Zero (possible)
- Active/Sustainable Transportation updates (possible)
- Resolution and Letter: building electrification / clean buildings – 30
 - Will try to have both drafted prior to STC meeting and then discuss content/edit during 10/15
- Discuss Tidelands Regulations, projects in tidelands, seeking presentation, tracking activities (possible)



Adjournment



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2020 Update Sustainable Tacoma Commission



September 17, 2020

Solid Waste Management

Lewis Griffith, Division Manger

Thank you for inviting us

- ▶ Sustainable Materials Management Plan Phase 1 & 2
- ▶ Recycle Reset Update & Glass Drop Off Transition
- ▶ Extended Producer Responsibility
- ▶ Regional Planning



SMMP – Phase 1 (2019-2020)

Priorities

- ▶ Aggressive education & outreach
- ▶ Limited regulations

Challenges

- ▶ Unfilled Senior Environmental Specialist position
- ▶ COVID-19
 - ▶ Waste characterization postponed
 - ▶ Reduced services for safety (ex: Recycle Center hours, telecommuting, Green Events)

Waste Reduction/EPR

Education & Outreach

Operations & Programs

Incentives & Rates

Regulations

SMMP – Phase 1 (2019-2020)

Priorities

- ▶ Education & Outreach Program & Materials Development for:
 - ▶ Recycle Reset
 - ▶ Multi-Family Recycling
 - ▶ Food/Yard Waste
 - ▶ Commercial & Demolition Waste
- ▶ Grants Awarded for:
 - ▶ Multi-Family Recycling
 - ▶ Recycle Reset Tools (*description on slide seven*)
- ▶ Projects:
 - ▶ Tacoma Food Saver Challenge
 - ▶ Sustainable Purchasing Guide



SMMP – Phase 2 (2020-2021)

Priorities

- ▶ Continue aggressive education
- ▶ Additional regulations

Challenges

- ▶ COVID-19
 - ▶ Decreased capital & operations, and staff budget
 - ▶ Senior Environmental Specialist position postponed
- ▶ Goal shift
 - ▶ Emphasis on prevention VS diversion per Ecology
 - ▶ Emphasis on GHG VS tonnage

Waste Reduction/EPR

Operations & Programs

Incentives & Rates

Capital Investment

Regulations

SMMP – Phase 2 (2020-2021)

Priorities

Continued

- ▶ Education & Outreach Programs:
 - ▶ Recycle Reset
 - ▶ Multi-Family Recycling
 - ▶ Food/Yard Waste
 - ▶ Commercial & Demolition Waste
- ▶ Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation

Coming Soon

- ▶ Multi-Family Two-Bin Rule Ordinance (Chapter 12.09)

Where does it go?



- Curbside Recycling
- Recycle Center Drop-Off
- Garbage



Recycle Right
Empty, Clean, and Dry



[Stay Home, Stay Healthy - Safe Start Phase 2 E-Newsletter](#)
Stay connected. Get involved. Build community.

Curbside Community Clean-Up: Salishan THIS SATURDAY 8/15



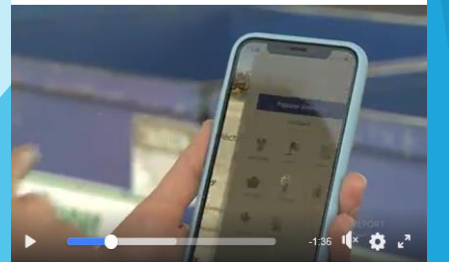
Homeowners:
The 2020 Community Cleanup Program Has Gone Curbside! **THIS SATURDAY, August 15th** Salishan's homeowner residents can dispose of unusable household items on their curb at no charge. [Scroll to see details.](#)

[Learn How HERE](#)

Waste Free 253: The Community Cleanup program is intended only for items that are no longer usable. If you have items in good working condition, we encourage you to find a donation facility or organization that is safely accepting items for drop-off. Or, save your items for donation at a later date. To find information on donation organizations near you, visit cityoftacoma.org/wastefree253



Can I recycle my used milk carton? What about scrap metal? And what's the deal with aluminum foil? Download Recycle Coach for specific instructions on "What Goes Where" here in Tacoma! Available now at tacomarecycles.org.



Recycle Reset Project Update

- ▶ Recycler of the Year Award for Public Education from WSRA
- ▶ \$60,000 Waste Reduction & Recycling Education Grant from Dept. of Ecology
 - ▶ Contamination Reduction and Outreach Plan (CROP) with Pierce County
 - ▶ Recycle Reset Ambassador Program
 - ▶ Online waste sorting game
- ▶ Transcreation of materials
- ▶ Additional staff
 - ▶ 2 Project Specialists
 - ▶ 1 EnviroChallenger

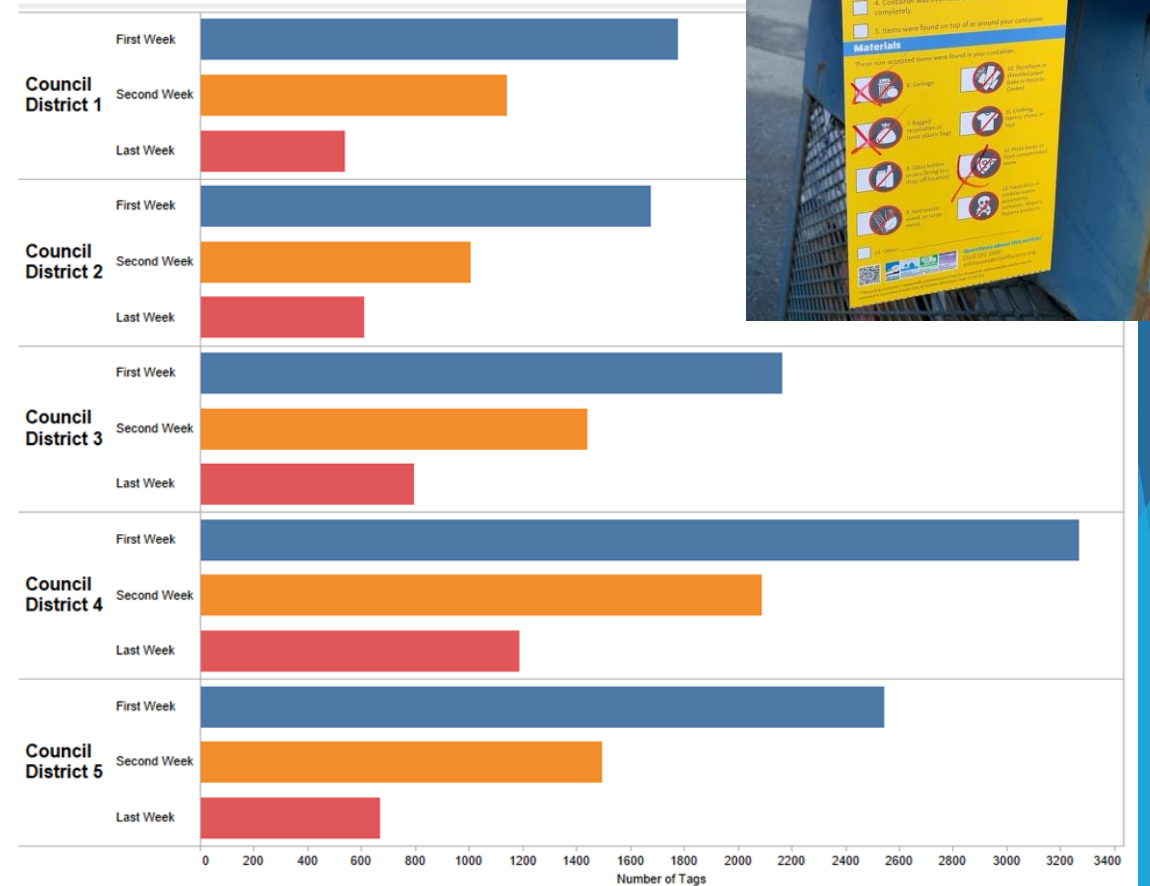


Recycle Right
Empty, Clean, and Dry



Recycle Reset Project Update

- ▶ City-wide plastic bag/bagged recyclables tagging campaign
 - ▶ Tag for items for educational purposes
 - ▶ Average 67% reduction in tagging across three cycles of collection
- ▶ “Lid lift” campaign (pilot phase)
 - ▶ 1st lift: Tag
 - ▶ 2nd lift: Social media campaign
 - ▶ 3rd lift: Personalize “report card” mailer



Plastic bag/bagged recyclables tagging campaign results by Council District.

Glass Drop-Off Transition

▶ Early July

- ▶ Required permits for five proposed sites (Northeast, West End, North End, South End/Eastside, and Central Tacoma) were submitted to Planning and Development Services (PDS)

▶ July - September

- ▶ Public comment period and/or meetings on proposed sites and working with PDS on any adjustments to proposal

▶ Fall

- ▶ Site development and expected launch date of glass drop-off locations and stopping curbside pickup



Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Legislation

The City of Tacoma is on the Policy Development Committee of the NW Product Stewardship Council. Upcoming legislation:

- ▶ Shifting the cost of recycling operations to producers and manufacturers of paper and packaging materials.
- ▶ Requiring producers to harmonize our recycling accepted materials list statewide.
- ▶ Reimbursing haulers for the full cost of recycling collection so that they can collect materials on the accepted list.
- ▶ Municipalities and private haulers can go beyond accepted materials, but will not be reimbursed for collection of those materials.



Northwest Product Stewardship Council

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Legislation

2020 Passed legislation:

- ▶ HB 1205/SB 5323 (Reusable Bags)
 - ▶ Relating to reducing pollution from plastic bags by establishing minimum state standards for the use of carryout bags at retail establishments
- ▶ HB 2645 (Solar Panels)
 - ▶ Concerning the photovoltaic module stewardship and takeback program.
- ▶ HB 2713 (Compost)
 - ▶ Encouraging compost procurement and use.



Regional Planning





Urban Forest Management Plan & Public Incentive Programs Update

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

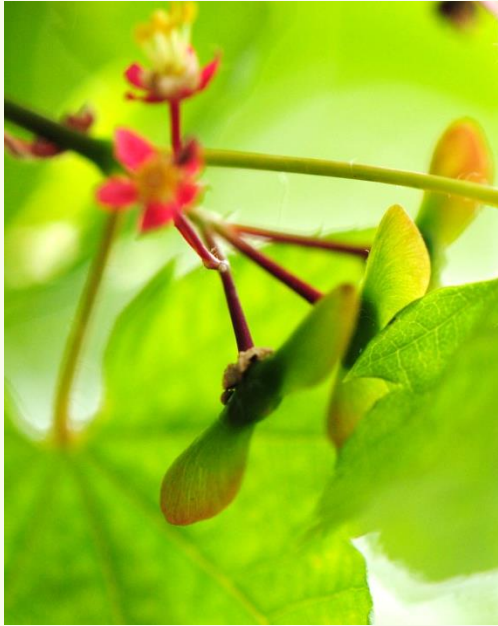
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Michael Carey; Urban Forest Program Manager

Arin Lewis; Urban Forestry Intern

City of Tacoma; Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability





Overview

- Urban Forest Management Plan Update
- Residential Tree Incentive Program Update
 - Grit City Trees
 - Tree Coupon Program

WHY: Urban Forest Mgmt Plan

Opportunities:

- Define an urban forest vision
- Platform for community voice
- Investigate conflicts in code, policy, and administration
- Daylight important policy decisions
- Clarify roles & responsibilities
- Address disproportioned resources



Adapted from *Outside Our Doors* (The Nature Conservancy, 2017)



Urban Forest Management Plan Process

- L> Review of Existing Plans & Policies
 - L> Staff Interviews
 - L> Urban Forestry Benchmarking Research
 - L> In-Depth Data Analysis
 - L> Community Interest & Input
 - L> = **UF Sustainability Mgmt Audit**





UF Sustainability & Management Audit

Phase 1 Research

Category	Rating	Category	Rating
Policy & Ordinances	86%	Risk Management	50%
Training & Capacity	81%	Disaster Planning	57%
Funding & Accounting	67%	Policies, Standards, & BMPs	84%
Decision Authority	88%	Community	86%
Inventories	81%	Green Asset Evaluation	60%
Management Plans	79%	TOTAL RATING	77%

UFMP Phase 2 Action Plan

Management Policy



- Heritage Trees
- Align Protection & Design Standards
- Tracking/Reporting

Funding & Authority



- Maintenance Corridors
- Young & Mature Tree Pruning

Risk & Disaster Planning



- Assess & Mitigate Tree Risks
- Hazardous Tree Cost Assistance

Capacity & Training



- Events/Education
- Staffing
- Work Flow Improvements

Inventories & Plans



- Private Dev. Inspections
- N'Hood Specific Planting Plans

Community Engagement



- Young Adult Training
- Fruit Trees
- School Curriculum

Full list of goals, targets & actions at TacomaTreePlan.org

Maintenance

1B.3: Hazardous Tree Assistance

1E.4: Tree Risk Management Plan

3D.7: Young Tree Maintenance

2A.3: Arborist Crew Needs Assess.

3A.2: Arborist Crew Budget Request

Target Date	2020	2020	2021	2020	2020
On track	X				
Tentative					
Delayed		X	X	X	X

Planting

4B.3: Neighborhood Specific Management Plans

1F.11: BMPs in Neighborhood Planting

4C.8: Master Street Tree Plan

1E.2: Plant 2,000 Trees/yr through City Projects .

1E.2: Support additional 8,500 trees/yr through partner plantings

Target Date	Annual	2023	2023	Annual	Annual
On track	X		X		
Tentative		X			
Delayed				X	X

Outreach & Engagement

2C.1: Urban Forestry Events

6b.3: Sharing of UF Information

6E.9: Non-conventional Neighborhood Partnerships

4E.5: Annual Workshops w/ Private Landholders

5C.2: Pest and Disease Management Training

6A.1: Increase Volunteer Participation

Target Date	Annual	Annual	2024	Annual	Annual	Annual
On track	X	X			X	
Tentative			X			
Delayed				X		X

Data Management

3A.1: Tree City USA Designation

1D.1: Monitor Tree Gain/Loss

4D.10: Tree Canopy Assessment

4A.1: Comprehensive Street Tree Inventory

4A.2: Utilize Tree Plotter

4A.6: Integrate Tree Inventory Software Program

Target Date	Annual	Annual	2030	Annual	Annual	2020
On track	X				X	
Tentative		X	X	X		X
Delayed						



Tree Coupon Program

Urban Forestry Partnership Across Pierce County



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Puyallup Watershed Initiative
Forests

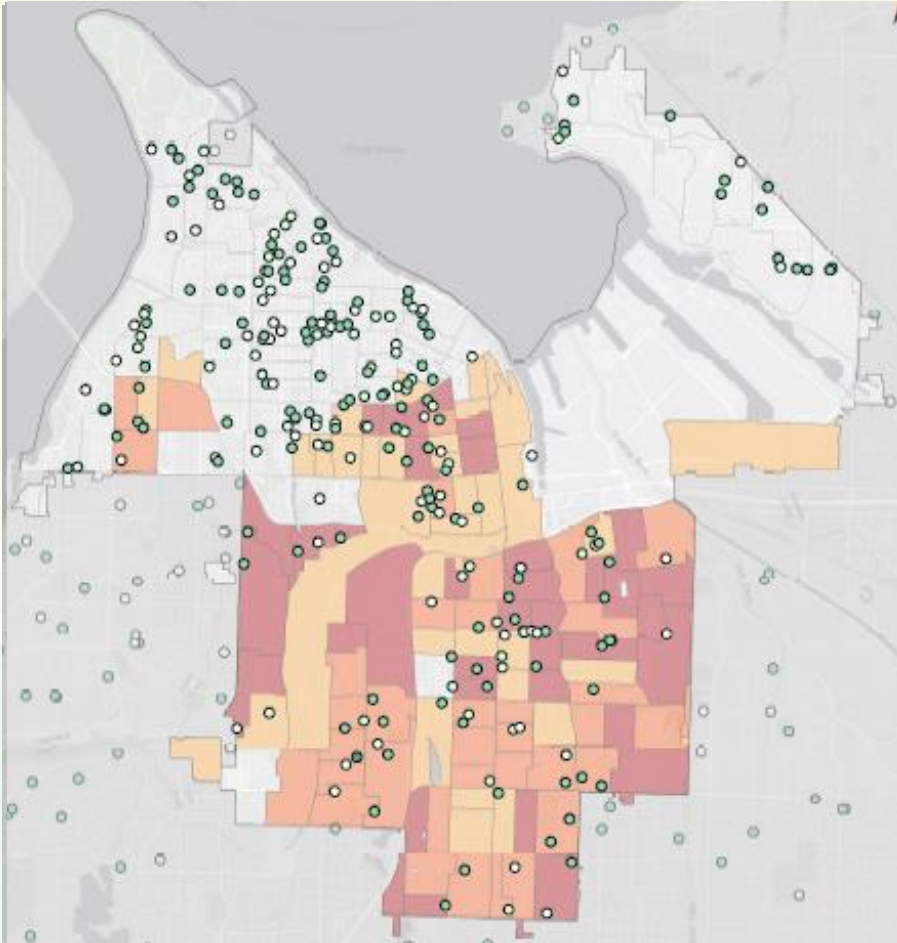
Tree Coupon Overview

- Tree Canopy Increase
- Cost Barrier Reduction
 - \$15-\$30 off
- Stormwater Management
- Energy Conservation
 - Shade Trees
- Awesome Partners
 - TPU, PWI
- Multiple Trees/ Address
 - Three to five
- Local Participating Tree Retailers



Tree Coupon Program

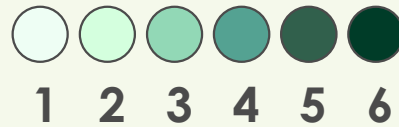
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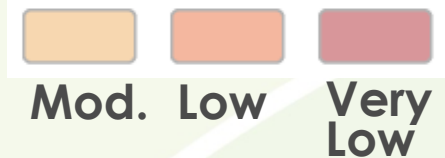
Tree Coupon Distribution

31% (2020)
Redemption in
low opportunity
neighborhoods

Trees Planted per Coupon



Opportunity Index



Pierce Co.



2019-2020

Tree Coupons: 2019-20 Results

Trees Purchased

- (592 Tacoma, 827 Pierce Co., 1419 Total)

Reinvested

- (\$17,760 Tacoma, \$24,810 Pierce Co., \$42,570 Total)

Results in Tacoma's Traditionally Underserved Communities

- (265 Trees or \$7,950)

Supported 9 local tree retailers

Looking Ahead to 2020-21

- 2019-20 Participant Survey

Barriers to Participation (492 Responses):

- COVID Restrictions in March (48%)
- Lost coupon (9%)
- Not enough time to redeem (8%)
- Even with \$30 coupon, couldn't afford desired tree (7%)
- Could not locate desired tree (5%)
- Lacked vehicle or tree wouldn't fit in vehicle (1%)

- Participants re-eligible after three years

Total Coupon Requests
4,105

Coupon Requests From Low
Opportunity Neighborhoods
2,179 or **53%**

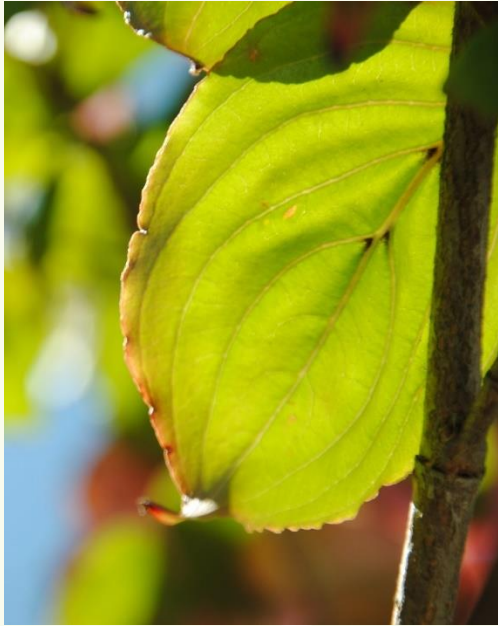
Coupons Redeemed in Low
Opportunity Neighborhoods
408 or **41%**

Trees Planted in Low
Opportunity Neighborhoods
492 or **31%**



Equity Toolkit Analysis

- Toolkit Developed in OEPS
- Every New Program will Undergo Toolkit Analysis
- Key Findings
 - Potential language barriers to address
 - Relationship building with community groups key strategy
 - We can't reach our residential planting goals, including equity, without both Tree Coupons and Grit City Trees



Grit City Trees

Free Street Tree Giveaway

Tacoma Tree
Foundation



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Pierce
Conservation
District
www.PierceCD.org

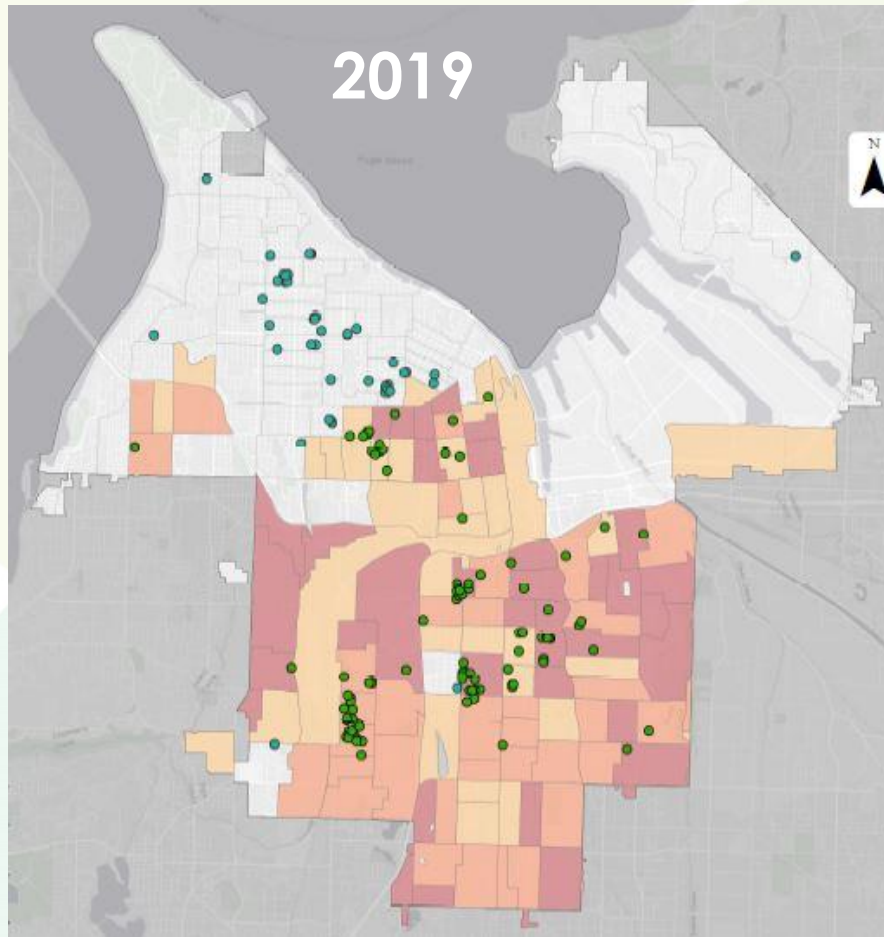
Grit City Trees Overview

- Free Street Trees for Tacoma Residents
- Limited to Right-of-Way (Planting Strip)
 - Storm water management, air quality, & urban heat island reduction benefits
- Prioritizing Historically Underserved Neighborhoods
- Community Focused
- Applications Typically Open Mar. – Sept.



No, this tree's not dead. The best time to plant is in the fall!

Grit City Trees



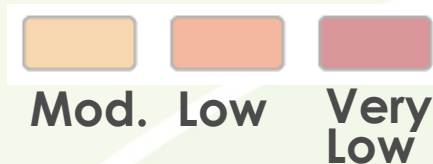
2019 Season:

- 154 total participants
- 457 trees distributed (\$50,900)
- 279 trees to low opportunity neighborhoods

Locations of Trees Planted

- High Opportunity
- Low Opportunity

Opportunity Index



61% (2019)
Redemption in
low opportunity
neighborhoods

\$31,413.00 reinvested



Urban Forest Management Plan & Public Incentive Programs Update

Sustainable Tacoma Commission

September 17, 2020

Michael Carey; Urban Forest Program Manager

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**City of Tacoma
Sustainable Tacoma Commission
Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 17, 2020

Commission Members Present:

Matthew Benedict, Grace Hope, Lexi Brewer, Phil Coughlan, Elly Claus-McGahan, Katin Kendrena, Evlondo Cooper, Ashley Sloan, Gabe Moaalii (joined 5:15pm), David Thompson (left 6:00pm), Emily Pinckney (joined 5:35pm, left 6:45pm), Tony Ivy (left 7:02pm), Nikie Walters

Commission Members Excused:

N/A

Commission Members Absent:

N/A

Others Present:

Commission Support Staff: Patrick Babbitt, Kristin Lynett, Jim Parvey, Lewis Griffith, Sam Lake, Dan Corum, Phet Sinthavong, Mike Carey, Arin Lewis, LaTasha Wortham
Public: Kat, Shyla, Steve Nicholas, Donna Thompson Lydia Zepeda

Call to Order

This meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Lexi Brewer at 5:00 p.m., including an acknowledgement of the occupied indigenous lands this Commission conducts its business on.

Approval of August 20, 2020, Meeting Minutes

Motion: To adopt meeting minutes as written. Motion made by Matthew Benedict.

Seconded by: Grace Hope

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Gabe Moaalii, Emily Pinckney

Approval of September 17, 2020, Meeting Agenda

Motion: To adopt meeting agenda as written, except adjusting the title of the eighth business item to "Urban Forest Management Plan & Public Incentive Programs Update – Staff Presentation". Motion made by Evlondo Cooper.

Seconded by: Grace Hope

Action: Voice vote was taken and carried. The motion we declared adopted.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Gabe Moaalii, Emily Pinckney

Staff Updates

Staff announced the City Council will have its final consideration for the 2021-2022 biennial budget on October 6. Initial estimates for the budget shortfall for 2020 were about \$40 million; recent estimates suggest a 2020 budget shortfall of closer to \$20 million due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Staff reflected on feedback from Councilmembers Hunter and Ushka from their meeting with Commissioners about Sustainable Tacoma Commission's (STC) annual priorities.

- Councilmember priorities and feedback :
 - Under-used public lands: parcels, right-of-way
 - Food security
 - City building on/supporting community energy
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 - Communication/approach: need to build from successes
 - Electrification of transportation
 - Bicycling
 - Food programming

In related work, staff announced the Commission will meet with Deputy City Manager Tadd Wille to discuss the Commission's annual priorities before the October Commission meeting. Staff also announced that, as a result of STC's annual Commission priorities meeting with Councilmembers Beale and Walker, the two Councilmembers requested quarterly engagement meetings with the Commission. Staff will schedule these and seek to support rotating Commissioner participation.

Sub-Committee Updates

Staff supported Commissioners to revisit draft equity norms and processes for the Commission. Staff also supported Commissioners to learn about other cities' climate action plans as part of a learning process in which Commissioners will also oversee and make recommendations about Tacoma's climate planning process. Finally, staff supported Commissioners to research building electrification policies.

Commission Business Items

Vice- or Co-Chair Election

Chair Lexi Brewer and Staff explained the Officer election process, as well as Officer qualifications and duties. Nominees Matthew Benedict and Grace Hope gave short introductions about themselves, why they want to serve as a Vice-Chair, their qualifications, and reflections on fulfilling the related duties. Commissioners briefly discussed the strengths of each nominee and a roll call vote was taken by the Chair. Commissioner Grace Hope received a majority of votes.

A motion to elect Grace Hope to serve as Vice-Chair through the first meeting of 2021 was made by Nikie Walters and seconded by Matthew Benedict and carried unanimously at approximately 5:40pm.

Climate Justice Planning Update – Kristin Lynett and Patrick Babbitt, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Kristin and Patrick refreshed Commissioners on the planning process, including its timeline, phases, and engagement and technical tracks. They communicated an opportunity for member to serve as Ambassadors.

Materials Management Update and Planning – Lewis Griffith, Solid Waste Utility, City of Tacoma

Lewis serves as Division Manager for Environmental Services Department's Solid Waste Utility. He provided a mix of information and updates. He gave an annual update to the Commission on the status of implementation of Tacoma's Sustainable Materials Management Plan, which is now in Phase 2 and focuses on aggressive education and outreach as well as limited regulations to prevent and divert waste at this stage of implementation. He updated the Commission on the Recycle Reset Project. **The Commission recommended that the Utility look into developing local recycling facilities and markets**, perhaps in collaboration with King County and Seattle which are looking to do so. The Commission also recommended provided more glass drop-off sites to maintain a level of convenience that will satisfy evident public interest in glass recycling and support their participation. He described the WasteFree253 waste prevention effort; its program webpage is now live. He also explained the City's role on the Northwest Product Stewardship Council, which has a policy development role at the state level and is looking at Extended Producer Responsibility Legislation. He briefly described legislation passed in 2020.

Urban Forest Management Plan & Public Incentive Programs Update – Mike Carey and Arin Lewis, Office of Environmental Policy and Sustainability (OEPS), City of Tacoma

Mike and Arin gave updates regarding Tacoma's Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) and Tacoma's Tree Coupon and Grit City Trees programs. Given budget cuts, staff have re-focused UFMP work on policy and Code changes. Staff explained autumn through spring (the wet season) is the ideal planting season. The Grit City Trees program's applications closed by September 6, 2020. Tree Coupon program results from 2019-2020 were shared, and coupons become available October 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Both programs have increased participation and trees planted over recent years.

Public Comment

No written public comments were delivered. Written comments were required in line with Governor's Inslee's 20-28.9 proclamation requiring virtual public meetings while the COVID-19 pandemic remains a public health threat.

Objectives for or before the Next Meeting

- Update from Planning and Development Services staff about Tideflats Subarea Planning, Regulations, and Fossil Fuels Inventory
- Building Electrification Draft Resolution letter of support
- Update from Environmental Policy and Sustainability Office staff about Climate Justice Planning

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with a motion made by Evlondo Cooper and seconded by Grace Hope. The motion carried unanimously by present Commissioners. Emily Pinckney, Tony Ivey, and David Thompson were absent for this vote.

The next meeting of the Sustainable Tacoma Commission will be Thursday, October 15, 2020, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Tacoma Municipal Building, 747 Market Street, Room 248.

Lexi Brewer, Chair

Patrick Babbitt, Staff / Note Taker