



# Renton's Urban Forestry Program

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City of  
**Renton**



## **Urban Forestry**

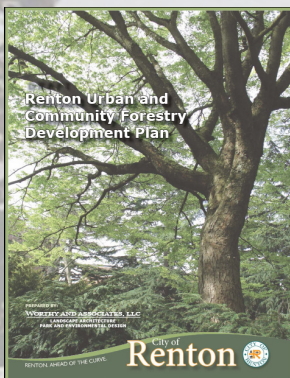
***The art, science and technology of managing trees in and around cities, suburbs, and towns for the health and well-being of people.***

National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council

### ***Vision***

***Renton's urban and community forest is healthy, diverse and sustainable, contributing to Renton's identity in the region.***

Urban and Community  
Forestry Development  
Plan



### ***Mission***

***Renton will create a sustainable and exemplary urban forest, enhancing the livability of the community through education, coordination, stewardship and conservation.***

Urban and Community Forestry Development Plan

## ***over 116,994 Public Trees***

### Community Services—425-430-6600

- **Parks Planning & Natural Resources**
  - **Management of Street & Park Trees & Natural Area Forests**
  - **Tree Maintenance Contracting**
  - **Landscape Maintenance Contracting**
- **Parks and Golf Course**
  - **Street, Park & Natural Area Tree Maintenance Activities**

### Public Works—Construction Projects

- **Streets Maintenance—Sidewalks**
- **Transportation—Street Improvements**
- **Water Utility—Stormwater Control**
- **Vegetation Management**

### Community & Economic Development

- **New Development Tree Retention**
- **Landscaping Requirements**
- **Tree Removal Permits**
- **Code Enforcement**



## ***Community Services Department***

The Urban Forestry and Natural Resources Manager within Community Services consults with all City departments, the general public and outside organizations about tree management.

Management of Renton's urban forest includes:

- **Responding to requests about trees**
- **Inspecting and evaluating public trees**
- **Assisting property owners (in conjunction with the Community & Economic Development Department ) with tree permits within critical areas and native growth protection easements**
- **Public outreach and education**
- **Planting, pruning and removing public trees**
- **Implementing the Urban and Community Forestry Management Plan**



## **Tree Request Procedure** **For Public and Private Property Owners**

- Renton Responds request, Call, Email
- ↓ Inquiry evaluation
- ↓ Site evaluation, tree inspection
- ↓ Work order creation, data entry
- Work Scheduling for public trees only

## ***Renton Tree City USA—12 Years***



- Tree Board or Department
- Community Tree Ordinance
- Community Forestry Program with an Annual Budget of at Least \$2 per Capita
- An Arbor Day Observance and Proclamation



# *Why Trees?*

## *Yard Trees*

- reduce energy costs
- shade vehicles
- increase home value
- make homes more marketable
- improve physical health
- screen views

## *Street Trees* within the public right of way

- add beauty
- soften urban landscapes
- increase property values
- reduce vehicle emissions
- decrease temperature of ten degrees or more
- encourage economic vitality in shopping districts

## *Park Trees*

- control stormwater runoff
- recharge ground water supplies
- provide wildlife habitat
- filter water entering streams, rivers and lakes
- improve mental health



## *Renton's Public Trees - Our Working Forest -*

### **Public trees annually save residents**

- 10 million gallons of water
- over 1.2 million kWh of electricity
- filter over 215 tons of air pollutants
- store 408,000 lbs of carbon dioxide

# For Further Information About Renton's Urban Forestry Program

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(Online resource for urban forestry including  
forestry plans, Tree Owner's Manual, tree  
inventory, mapping and more.)

