

2023-2025 Commission Goals and Strategies

Job Category



NOVEMBER 2024 UPDATE

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Percentage Complete:	75%	Target Completion:	June 2025

**Goal 7 Protect and preserve our environmental and natural resources for a healthy, sustainable community;
7.1 Focus efforts on preserving and protecting the City's Tree Canopy**

IMPORTANT OR RELEVANT DATES/MILESTONES: (LOOKING AHEAD AT THE NEXT 3 MONTHS)

- Planning staff will continue to administer the Street Tree removal and replacement program as well as review any removal and replacement proposed by City staff on City owned property with diligence and eye toward replacement and retainment when possible.

STATUS: (WHAT HAS BEEN DONE/IS BEING DONE)

- The Arbor Day Foundation named the City of Oregon City a 2023 Tree City USA to honor its commitment to effective urban forest management for the 11th year in a row.
- The City also received a growth award for demonstrating environmental improvement and outstanding level of tree care for the fourth year in a row.
- Friends of Trees hosted a planting event on April 6th, 2024 at Rivercrest Park.
- The focus of Friend of Trees' work over the next two years is to increase canopy coverage in the right-of-way and private yards. The City awarded Friends of Trees a contract to continue their work through the next year (through June 2025).

Natural Resource Committee Activities:

- The NRC has discussed tree code and policies at all of their meetings this year. They are preparing to bring their considerations and recommendations to the City Commission.
- The Natural Resource Committee identified several activities in their work plan that support a healthy tree canopy:
 - *Support and promote volunteer participation for a public tree inventory for city properties, parks, street trees, school properties and other public lands.*
 - *Communicate with Neighborhood Associations, Citizen Involvement Commission and the Business Community. NRC members will promote programs such as the heritage tree program, Arbor Day, etc. through presentations to other groups and boards.*
 - Community Development staff will continue to support the NRC and their efforts as a means to achieve the Commission's goal.