



Who & What is/are the Urban Forestry Citizens Advisory Committee (UFCAC) -- and What Do They Do?

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Urban Forestry Citizen Advisory Committee

- Interfaces to Spokane's Urban Forestry Tree Committee (UFTC) ... on to Parks/Rec
- Supplies tree professions and interested lay citizens with a keen interest in trees.
- Advises /makes recommendations to the UFTC regarding...
 - conservation
 - management
 - enhancement
- ...of trees located in city street rights-of-way & in parks / public areas.
- Meet monthly.



Urban Forestry Citizens Advisory Committee

2024 Focus Areas



Get & Give
Citizen's Input on
Urban Forestry
Topics of Interest
to the City.

- The City's UF-- 2024 **Annual Work Plan**
- The City's "**Fuels Reduction**" activities
- **Golf**, anyone? Grown, maintain 4 courses
- **SpoCanopy** 2024 planning
- **Spokane Tree Standards** documentation
- **Field Trip** to the John A. Finch Arboretum
- 2023 Spokane Urban Forestry **Year-in-Review**

CA & UFCAC Synergy: Heritage Tree Program

The City of Spokane's historic and heritage tree preservation program was established as a way for citizens to officially recognize special and significant trees in the community.

- **Program Purpose:**

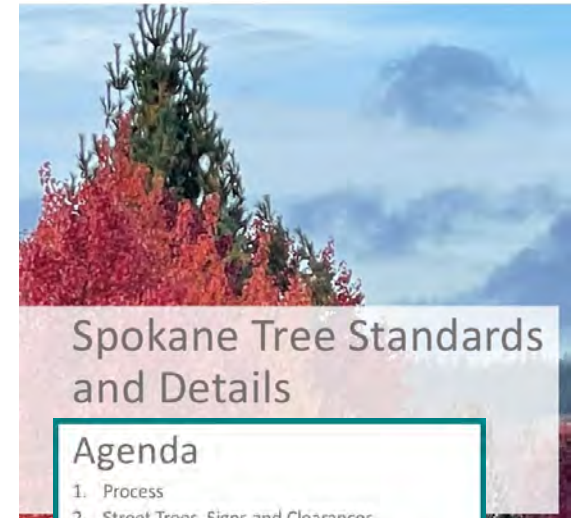
- Increase public awareness of trees and, specifically, Spokane's urban forest
- Draw attention to and protect unique and significant heritage trees
- Reinforce that trees are one of the key components of our City's unique character and sense of place
- Engage citizens with the purpose and activities of the Spokane Urban Forestry Tree Committee (UFTC), the UFTC citizen advisory committee, and the urban forestry program
- Encourage public participation in the identification and perpetuation of heritage trees throughout the City.

- **A heritage or historic tree:**

- Has historical significance to a person, place, or event
- Has attained significant size in height, caliper, or canopy spread for its age and species
- Has special aesthetic qualities for its species
- Is prominently visible to the public along major roads or in public places
- Possesses rare horticulture value
- Is not a hazard or obstruction



Spokane Tree Standards Documentation



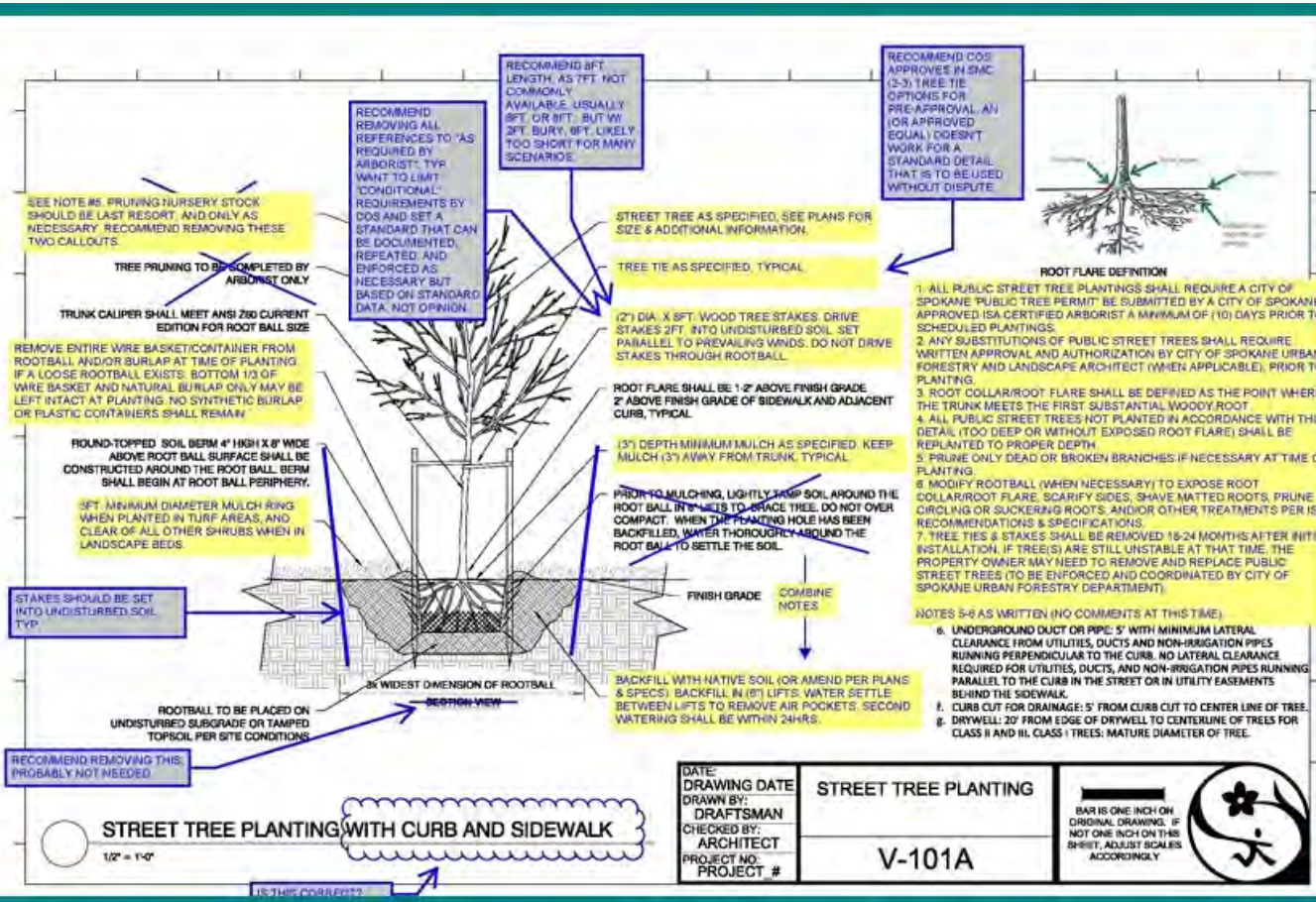
Spokane Tree Standards and Details

Agenda

1. Process
2. Street Trees, Signs and Clearances
 - a) Street tree plantings and signs
 - b) Clearances between street trees and other improvements
3. Street Tree Details and Notes
 - a) Tree Standard details and notes
 - b) Street with curb and sidewalk
 - c) Street tree with grates
 - Irrigation
 - Standard Grate Size
 - Tree Elevations within the grate
 - Root barrier

Process

- 11/12/2021 Tree Summit; Staff Discussion
- 3/21/22 Stakeholder Meeting
- Stakeholder Comments and Recommendations
- Review and internal discussion
- 3/15/23 Staff Presentation
- 3/8/2024 Meeting with Katie Kosanke – Details
- 4/2/2024 Presentation





What is a street tree?

While all trees have benefits, "street" trees are within the right-of-way.

The right-of-way area may be a defined planting strip or in some neighborhoods, space behind a sidewalk or area adjacent to a curb (with no sidewalk).

Residents are required to maintain the trees including watering in the hot summer and fall months and pruning the tree as it matures.

The goal is for every neighborhood in Spokane to have 30% canopy cover by 2030.

2024 -- New grant monies from Federal and State Governments.

Increase the number of trees planted this year by 50%!



Fore! UFCAC, 4 Golf Courses...

Wind ... Bark Beetles ...Fire Age...

UFCAC input to the **tree management plans** and **tree planting plans** for these four Spokane golf courses...

- Downriver
- Qualchan
- Indian Canyon
- Esmeralda

Keeping the Committee Staffed

- Always on the lookout for new members of our Committee!
- We'd love to have a backlog of members so please keep us in mind if you love trees!

