

Clackamas County Trees Task Force *Overview and Operating Principles*

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Charge

Using an open and transparent process, address issues related to maintaining and enhancing the tree canopy in the urban, unincorporated area of the County by evaluating the underlying policy assumptions of a staff-proposed ordinance. Develop recommendations for:

- Immediate changes to the Zoning and Development Ordinance necessary to assure that the tree canopy is maintained and enhanced when new development occurs, and
- Other actions, including education, designed to contribute to long-term management of the County’s urban forest reserves.

Scope

- The task force shall work with County staff and consider input from residents, community organizations and businesses.
- Staff will develop a draft ordinance for review by the task force, using the proposal developed by Urban Green as a starting point.
- The Planning Commission and the Board of Commissioners will review and consider any recommendations for changes in the Zoning and Development Ordinance.
- Proposals for immediate changes in the ZDO will need to be integrated with other regulations affecting vegetation and tree preservation, such as regulations implementing Title 13 and Goal 5.
- Recommendations for immediate changes to the ZDO will be limited to actions associated with an application for new development, such as street tree requirements, mitigation for removal of trees, landscaping requirements, etc.
- The task force also may identify additional matters that should be addressed in the future.

Timeframe (2008-09)

July 21-Aug. 21:	Membership recruitment
September:	Appointment of task force members
December 4:	Organizational meeting (e.g., review charge and scope; decide on decision-making process; discuss needed resources; develop common information base)
January-April:	Task force meetings
May:	BCC review of task force recommendations
June-August:	Planning Commission and BCC hearing and review of any ordinance amendment proposals

Membership

Thirteen residents of Clackamas County, each representing one of the following groups:

- Audubon Society.....Eric Shawn
- Chamber of commerce in the urban area.....**Eileen Eakins** (task force chair)
- Clackamas River Basin Council.....Bryon Boyce
- Commercial/industrialTBD
- Complete Communities Environmental Task Force.....Richard Shook
- CPOs in the urban area.....Bill Howe
- Forester/ecologist.....James Wick
- Homebuilders Association.....Ernie Platt
- Landscape architects and/or arborists.....John Landon
- Member-at-large.....Bob Murch
- Realtors.....TBD
- Sustainability Task Force.....Trish Nixon
- Urban Green.....Catherine Blosser