

Urban Forest Management Plan Update

City of Upland
Public Works Committee Meeting
January 9, 2024



Purpose of the UFMP



This is a **maintenance document** that establishes best management practices for...

- planting
- maintenance
- removal
- protection
- pruning
- preservation of trees



History



**April 28,
1997**

- Approving a Resolution Adopting Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP)

**Nov 14,
2016**

- Ordinance 1913 addition stated that the UMFP be updated approximately every 5 years

2021

- City used funding from Proposition 68 through CAL FIRE's Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program to partner with California Urban Forests Council to update the UFMP

**April 12,
2021**

- City Council received and filed the updated City of Upland's UFMP

**November
2022**

- Street Tree Committee was absorbed into the Public Works Committee

Approach



Received comments from the following...

**John
Ickis**

**Natasha
Walton**

**Cary
Leach**

**Shari
Wasson**

**Julie
Garcia**

Municipal Code



Code States:

- **12.24.110 Maintenance of trees in parkway areas.**

It shall be the responsibility of the city to maintain, trim and repair trees in the public right-of-way, with the exception of providing water to such trees. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to provide necessary water to maintain the growth, health and beauty of such trees and to trim away any low growth of the tree, such as suckers and shoots, that may interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic. (Prior code § 7240.11)

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Comments/requests from committee members and the public have been summarized in a list of 18 items.

- ✓ **Staff comments are provided in response to each request.**



Tree Replant List



City of Upland Tree Replant List for Parkways

- Lavender (Muskogee) Crape Myrtle
- Pink (Tuskegee) Crape Myrtle
- Red (Tonto) Crape Myrtle
- White (Natchez) Crape Myrtle
- Golden Rain
- Chinese Flame
- Chinese Pistache
- Chinese Fringe
- Red Push Pistache
- Gold Medallion
- Magnolia (Little Gem)
- Ginkgo biloba
- London Plane
- Australian Willow
- Tulip

Specialty Trees in Designated Areas

- Chinese Elm
- Holly Oak
- California Pepper
- Silk Oak
- Carrotwood

The list formerly known as Tree Palette has been renamed to better suit its intended purpose.



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Modify list of approved trees to include more native species and larger varieties.	The UFMP has been updated to include an Approved Street Tree Palette and an Approved Expanded Street Tree Palette (Parks and Open Spaces) – see Section 7 and 8.
UFMP prioritizes smaller tree species which is not in accordance with Upland’s General Plan.	Approved tree species are prioritized based on appropriateness for the local environment, sustainability, and the potential to damage existing infrastructure.
Include list of undesirable tree species.	Any tree not included in the approved palette is an undesirable tree. Reference added to UFMP – see Section 7 and 8.
UFMP Section 8 (now Section 9) Heritage Tree and Historical District Trees should refer to Tree Care Ordinance No. 1913 Section 12.26.040 Landmark and Heritage Trees, rather than duplicate information.	Portions of this UFMP section have been removed and now refer to City of Upland Tree Care Ordinance No. 1913 (Appendix G) – see Section 9-A and 9-B.

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Include first paragraph of Introduction from 1997 Urban Forest Management Plan.	Parts of 1997 Introduction have been included with modifications – see Purpose on page 2.
Consider changing reference to risk assessments.	Inspection interval has been changed from four years to six years – Section 2-A. Risk assessments are performed by City staff between trim cycles at the request of the public.
Consider removing reference to “aerial inspections.”	Reference removed – see Section 2-B.
Remove and replace “we” in Section 2.	Removed and changed to “the City” – see Section 2-C.
Include protection of bats in Section 3 Tree Care for Birds and Other Wildlife.	The UFMP has been updated to reference the most recent Tree Care for Wildlife Best Management Practices (2022) as a guidance document for City staff and City tree contractors – see Section 3-D and Appendix A.

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Include Parkway Tree Maintenance Policy in UMFP	Responsibility of Property Owner, from Parkway Tree Maintenance Policy, has been added as Section 3-I.
Include guidelines for stake removal.	Guideline for stake removal has been added to Responsibility of Property Owner – see Section 3-I.
Removing a tree because it poses a public nuisance does not align with the Tree Care Ordinance.	Reference removed from UFMP – see Section 5-B. Reasons a tree will not be considered for removal (from Tree Care Ordinance No. 1913) has been added – see Section 5-B.
UFMP Section 5 Tree Removal should refer to Tree Care Ordinance No. 1913 Section 12.26.060 Tree Removal and Replacement Program rather than duplicate information.	Reference to Tree Care Ordinance No. 1913 and how the UFMP complements the Ordinance has been added – see Section 5-B.

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Include provision from 1997 UFMP, stating that proposed revisions to approved tree palette should be discussed at a Street Tree Advisory Committee meeting and subject to final approval of City Council.	Refer to Tree Care Ordinance Section 12.26.035.
Include Tree Replacement Program from 1997 UFMP.	Including the program is not currently feasible due to operational constraints, including funding. A tree replacement program is not practical in locations with historical or heritage trees.
Include a policy regarding new developers to provide ample parkway space for larger trees.	Addressed in the General Plan, not UFMP.
Include Tree Donation Program.	The Tree Donation Program is a City program, not a maintenance practice.
Include tree maintenance, removal, and replacement guidelines for HOAs.	The UFMP pertains only to trees in the public right-of-way.

Recommendation



- It is staff's recommendation that the Public Works Committee Receive and File the Presentation.
- Staff also recommends adopting the updated UMFP in a future Council Meeting

