

Community of Practice Meeting
Special Non-Business Meeting of the Fairfax County Tree Commission
May 13, 2021
12:00p-2:00pm

Introductions:

Fredrik Wiant, Facilitator-Agenda Review

Brian Keightley, Director, Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division-Introductions: 'who am i? what is my fav tree to plant?'

Community of Practice Members Introductions-'who am i? what is my fav tree to plant?'

Agenda:

Cathy Ledec, Chairwoman, Fairfax County Tree Commission-Overview of what the 'Community of Practice' is.

Break Out Session

Core Value Area-(5 Break Out groups)

Fredrik Wiant -Break Out Session Discussion

Each core group goes through their goals

Next Steps-Cathy Ledec

Regular meetings-how many per year;

Where to post Community of Practice notes, including notes from 1st Charette March 2020 on Tree Commission webpage;

Closing Thoughts

Jim McGlone, VA Department of Forestry & Brian Keightley

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The Fairfax County Tree Action Plan (TAP) 2019 includes an urban forest strategic plan and urban forest management plan that relies on effective implementation through greater involvement of key government agencies, private organizations, and county residents. The urban forest strategic plan is arranged around five framework goals and associated core recommendations that are listed below in the matrix. To enable the Fairfax County Tree Commission to report to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on the status of implementation of the TAP 2019, we are requesting your input on your activities that address each of the recommendations. Your input by May 31, 2021 will be greatly appreciated and will contribute important data and accomplishments to date.

Organization: _____

Date: _____

TAP Goals & Recommendations	Currently Engaged	Could Do		Additional Resources Required to Address This Task or Other Challenges to Overcome
		Short Term	Long Term	
1. Indicators				
a. Number of Trees Planted Upper Canopy (mature height over 80 feet*) Number planted: _____ List species planted: (e.g. White Oak, Willow Oak, Chestnut Oak, Hackberry, etc) Middle Canopy (mature height up to 60-80 feet*) Number planted: _____ List species planted: _____ (e.g. Sweetbay Magnolia, River Birch, Persimmon, Sassafras, Eastern Red Cedar, etc) Lower Canopy/Ornamental (mature height up to 60 feet*) Number planted: _____ (e.g. White Dogwood, Serviceberry, Eastern Redbud, Fringe Tree, etc.) List species planted: _____				
b. Number of Trees Removed: _____ Reasons for removal: _____ c. Staffing: Volunteer Hours: _____ How many volunteers? _____				

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Staff hours: _____ How many staff? _____ d. Dollars expended: _____ Average per tree cost (excluding staff costs): _____				
2. Know What We Have				
a. Conduct Inventories to determine vegetative cover types & condition				
b. Monitor to measure forest change & evaluate management efforts				
3. Protect & Improve What We Have				
a. Improve air quality & address climate change through tree conservation				
b. Improve water quality & stormwater management through tree conservation				
c. Manage the Fairfax County urban forest and natural open space to promote ecosystem services and biodiversity				
d. Optimize tree conservation in land development				
e. Optimize tree conservation in utility, transportation, and public facilities projects				
f. Control overabundant and invasive species that negatively impact forests				

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g. Support alternative funding mechanisms for forest restoration				
4. Expand What We Have				
a. Plant and protect trees on residential and commercial properties, public lands, and adjacent to streams, streets, and trails				
b. Encourage planting native species for human and environmental health				
c. Establish new forested areas				
d. Expand and establish corridors between existing forested and natural areas				
e. Implement Natural Landscaping Policy				
f. Support conservation and open space easements on private lands				
5. Improve Urban Forest Policies and Processes				
a. Optimize tree conservation in county policies				
b. Strengthen state legislation that promotes forest health				
c. Encourage sustainable design practices				
d. Support and refine the county's urban forestry programs				
6. Communicate and Build Partnerships				

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a. Establish a community of practice to plant, protect, and promote the urban forest				
b. Engage and educate the public, decision makers, government staff, and NGOs				
c. Build strong partnerships and alliances				