



NATURAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

GENERAL INFORMATION & TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

URBAN FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN (excerpts)

Vision Statement

Maintain and expand Tampa's urban forest in recognition of the many benefits it provides, including: enhancing quality of life for present and future citizens, attaining numerous economic and ecological benefits Nature provides, and seizing opportunities to better understand our natural environment through scientific research and public education.

Goals

1. To understand and communicate the need to maintain and protect the complexity of natural systems in the urban forest so that the public will support a rich, diverse habitat.
2. To advance public appreciation of the economic, social and environmental values of Tampa's urban forest in all education settings, from in-school to adult education and public service campaigns, so as to create an ethic of individual stewardship.
3. To promote proper tree care in the urban forest through education and enforcement.
4. To create inclusive partnerships that encourage collaboration among all affected parties to benefit Tampa's urban forest.
5. To improve the policy framework for the conservation, reclamation, restoration and increase of natural resources within the urban forest.
6. To promote recognition, maintenance and regeneration of Tampa's urban forest that is economically and ecologically feasible.

Guiding Principles

1. Government Efficiency
2. Economic Growth
3. Public Private Partnerships
4. Increase the social, environmental and economic benefits of the urban forest by reducing costs
5. Support Communities
6. Support Basic Tenets of the City's Comprehensive Plan

CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2013-921 (excerpts)

"Whereas, to insure continued progress and implementation of the Urban Forest Management Plan, the Plan calls for the ongoing continuation of the Internal Technical Advisory Committee and the creation of an Advisory Committee on Natural Resources, which will be comprised of members from a variety of government, business, and neighborhood interests; and

"Whereas, on a semi-annual basis, the internal technical advisory committee will be responsible for reviewing the implementation of each 5-year list of preferred alternatives for action derived from the Plan, and reporting those findings to the Advisory Committee on Natural Resources; and

"Whereas, on an annual basis, both committees will hold a joint session to discuss accomplishments and recommended strategies for accomplishing the scheduled objectives from the Plan, and publish a report of those findings for distribution to the City Council, Administration, and the general public."



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MAYORAL EXECUTIVE ORDER 2014-4 (excerpt)

"Whereas, to insure balance, consistency, and efficiency in interdepartmental coordination and public engagement, the plan calls for the formation of an Internal Technical Working Group comprised of department directors and their appointed designees, and the creation of an Advisory Committee on Natural Resources, which will be comprised of members from a variety of government, business, and neighborhood interests."

COMMITTEE'S PURPOSE

Address issues to promote government efficiency by annually reviewing the Urban Forest Management Plan audit and making recommendations on the alternatives for action to be addressed to the Planning Department.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Natural Resources Advisory Committee meets twice per year. The next meeting of the Natural Resources Advisory Committee is scheduled for November 8, 2021. Every March, the Natural Resources Advisory Committee is joined by members of the Internal Technical Working Group.