

HAILEY TREE COMMITTEE

Urban Forestry Plan for 2016-2018

The Hailey Tree Committee will be responsible for oversight of this plan and recommend revisions as needed.

The Vision for the Hailey Community Forest

By 2025 the city of Hailey will improve the community forest health and achieve sustainability by:

- increasing tree diversity, striving for less than 15% of any one species
- improving overall tree health by following International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) guidelines
- scheduling inventory & maintenance by city staff, arborists and volunteers
- increasing drought durability by proper cultural practices
- monitoring for disease and insect risks
- planting trees to restore trees that have been removed and in new planting sites

The citizens of Hailey will continue to support this vision of a sustainable forest: to value the unique community forest as a tangible asset to the City of Hailey.

- citizens will enhance & maintain tree cover on their property
- recommended tree species will be planted
- certified arborists will be utilized for tree pruning and maintenance needs
- citizens will follow ISA best management practices of proper tree care on their property

Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Hailey Tree Committee (HTC) is to foster increased sustainability of the community forest, of both public and private trees:

- assist the city of Hailey with educating the public about trees

- advise city staff regarding tree maintenance on city property
- help city staff prioritize tree maintenance
- assist with planting and inventory projects
- network with other city staff, city boards and community groups to share info and give support
- create, revise and oversee a 3 year Hailey community forestry plan

Vision Statement of HTC

The vision of the City of Hailey Tree Committee (HTC) is to help the city maintain the health of the public trees in accordance with the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Best Management Practices (BMPs) and industry standards relative to municipal arboricultural standards while providing educational materials, public outreach, and protection of public health and safety to the citizens of Hailey to increase the awareness of the value of maintaining private trees.

Needs established by the Hailey Tree Committee to realize this vision:

1. City funding to support maintenance backlog of public trees
2. City funding for tree plantings & extended care
3. funding to complete tree inventory & access of existing TreeWorks Inventory to Hailey city staff
4. review existing City Tree Ordinance & update as needed
5. ongoing communication and collaboration with elected and appointed officials, City staff, related City boards and commissions

The City of Hailey Urban Forestry plan for 2016 – 2019 drafted by the HTC will provide guidance to the city regarding tree selection, standards of tree care, and tree maintenance. HTC will provide opportunities to educate the public and city staff on appropriate and ISA acceptable practices. HTC will also help monitor the status of city trees and be aware of insects, disease and physical factors causing an unnatural demise of trees in Hailey. HTC will also recommend on a yearly basis a draft budget for tree maintenance, including insect & disease control, routine pruning and high risk tree removal or modification and tree replacements.

(insert updated successes of Hailey Tree Ordinance & HTC)

Goals to complete in FY 2016

1. Transfer Hailey's TreeWorks inventory from Ketchum to City of Hailey by **March 1, 2016**
2. Complete the existing Hailey tree inventory with TreeWorks or an alternative program by September 30, 2016.
3. Evaluate the existing TreeWorks and other inventory data to identify high priority maintenance and planting need, and draft work orders.
4. Plan and complete annual ArborFest for spring 2016
5. Work with city staff on tree friendly sidewalk options
6. Review and update Hailey tree ordinance adding a clause for ISA certification for work on city trees
7. Complete annual "state of the forest" update for City Council.

Goals to complete in FY 2017

1. Train city staff member(s) as a certified arborist
2. Review recommended tree list, adding drought tolerant species as needed
3. Plan and complete annual Arborfest
4. Plan a tree care workshop for the public

Goals to complete in FY2018

1. Plan and complete annual Arborfest
2. Update and review tree inventory