



AGENDA

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Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022 10:30-2:00

UCF Program Purpose

The Washington State Urban and Community Forestry Program works to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

Mission

Provide leadership to create self-sustaining urban and community forestry programs that preserve, plant and manage forests and trees for public benefits and quality of life.

Council Purpose and Duty

(Articles of Association, Article II, Section 1)

- A. Advise the Commissioner of Public Lands and Department of Natural Resources staff on its policies and programs related to community and urban forestry.
- B. Provide a statewide vision that enhances and heightens the awareness of forest and associated natural resource management in community and urban areas.
- C. Promote public awareness and education of community and urban forestry issues.
- D. Provide leadership on community and urban forestry issues.
- E. Provide information for people in the field of, and with an interest in community and urban forestry.
- F. Cultivate cooperation among all sectors involved in community and urban forestry.
- G. Advise the Legislature and the people of the State of Washington on the best ways to preserve, protect, expand, and improve Washington’s community and urban forests.
- H. Promote and enhance the implementation of the Urban and Community Forestry Program’s strategic plan.

TIME	TOPIC	OUTCOME	WHO
10:30	Call to Order, Introductions, welcoming of guests	Call to Order	Semra Riddle – Chair
10:45	Meeting agenda, minutes from previous meeting	Review and approve	Semra Riddle – Chair
10:55	Introduction of DNR Policy Specialist, Stefan Petrovic	Introduction of new DNR staff	Semra Riddle – Chair
11:05	Federal Legislative and Budget Update	Briefing on USFS budget, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act	Stephen Baker, USFS
11:15	Break	5-min break	All
11:20	Habitat Strategic Initiative Lead—Land Development and Cover	Presentation; information; Q&A	Rebecca Brown, Habitat Strategic Initiative Planner—Land Development and Cover
11:40	Emerald Ash Borer in the PNW	Presentation; information; Q&A	Karen Ripley, USDA Forest Service Region 6 (OR & WA)
12:00	Break	Lunch!	All

12:30	WA DNR UCF Strategic Plan	Briefing on draft goals for DNR UCF Program, strategic plan development	Ben Thompson, DNR Staff
1:00	DNR Legislative Decision Package for UCF	Review proposed WA State legislative decision package	Semra Riddle – Chair, DNR Staff
1:30	Nominations for 2021 Council Leadership positions	Develop roster of nominees for annual meeting (February)	Chair, All
1:45	2023 WCFC Meeting Dates	Select new meeting dates for 2023	Semra Riddle – Chair, All
2:00	Adjourn	Meeting ends	Chair

Next meeting: February 2023, date tbd.