



City of Dallas

Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Environmental Commission

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Presentation Overview

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- Emerald Ash Borer Update
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Urban Forestry Management Overview

- City owns approximately 35,000 acres of open space
- CECAP adopted May 2020, UFMP adopted June 2021
- City provides regulatory oversight of private and public urban forest canopies
- Cooperative management approach with local, state and federal agencies
 - Coordination efforts with non-profit and other partners
 - Regulatory efforts with development sites



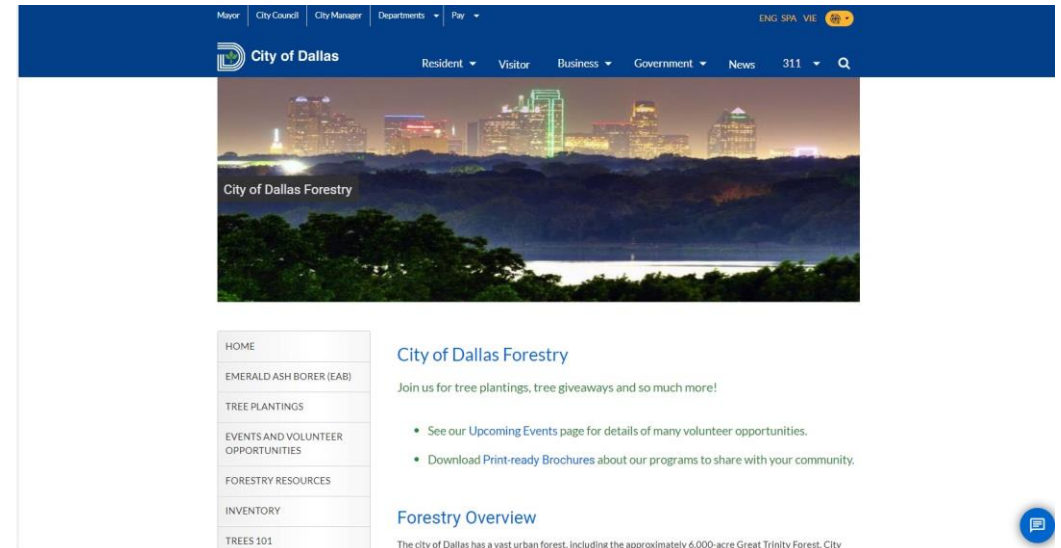
Urban Forest Master Plan

- Recommendation 1
- Complete a comprehensive tree inventory of all right-of-way and park trees: 10%
- Items of Note:
Third Party contract in process to inventory all trees on public property.



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- Recommendation 2
- Centralize the City of Dallas's urban forestry programs and activities: Complete 100%
- Items of Note: Formalized actions through the establishment of the City of Dallas Forestry Task Force includes Dallas Water Utilities and Park and Recreation Departments as the Lead, with City Managers Office oversight. Additional departments participating include Aviation, Dallas Fire Rescue, Development Services, and Public Works. Coordination departments are brought in depending upon the task.



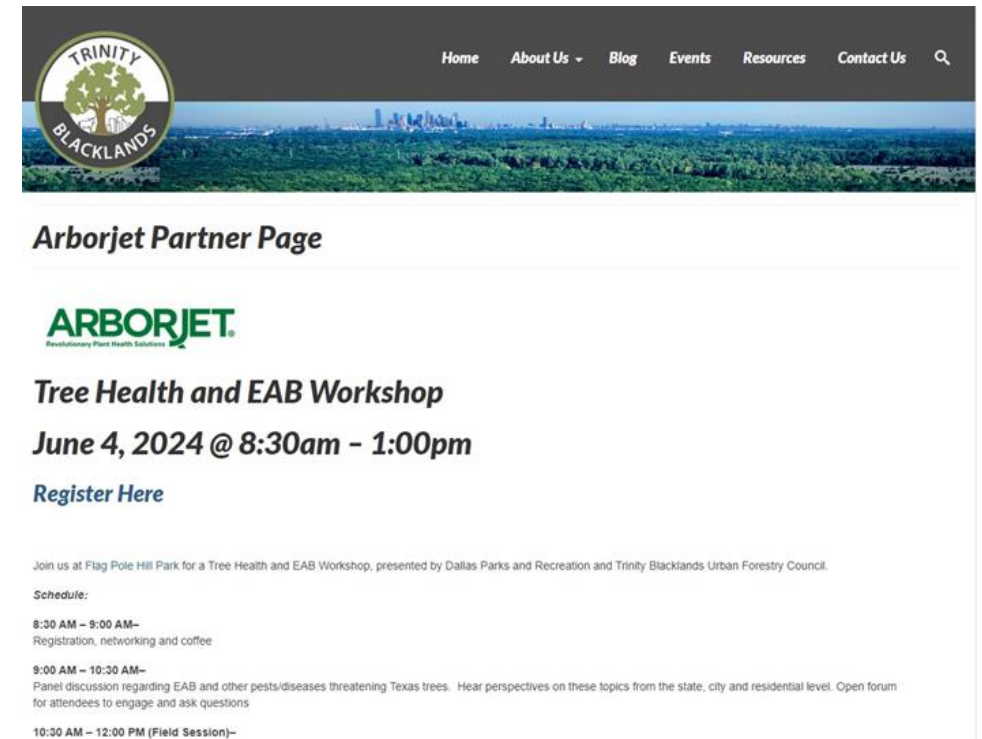
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- Recommendation 3
- Develop a Storm Response and Recovery Plan: 50%
- Items of Note: Existing response plans are under review and meetings have been initiated to develop logistics, draft process, needs and questions.



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- Recommendation 4
- Strengthen and support existing relationships and partnerships: Ongoing
- Items of Note: Established and ongoing Stakeholder Meetings, partnership training, marketing with multiple civic groups and non-profits.



The screenshot shows the Trinity Blacklands website header with a navigation menu (Home, About Us, Blog, Events, Resources, Contact Us) and a search icon. Below the header is a banner image of a city skyline. The main content area features the Arborjet logo and the following text:

Arborjet Partner Page

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Tree Health and EAB Workshop
June 4, 2024 @ 8:30am - 1:00pm

[Register Here](#)

Join us at Flag Pole Hill Park for a Tree Health and EAB Workshop, presented by Dallas Parks and Recreation and Trinity Blacklands Urban Forestry Council.

Schedule:

- 8:30 AM – 9:00 AM–**
Registration, networking and coffee
- 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM–**
Panel discussion regarding EAB and other pests/diseases threatening Texas trees. Hear perspectives on these topics from the state, city and residential level. Open forum for attendees to engage and ask questions
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM (Field Session)–**

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- Recommendation 5
- Work towards development of a City Urban Forest Management Plan: will be developed as City-Wide tree inventory is completed
- Annual planting plan: Complete 100% prior to each planting season



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- Recommendation 6
- Ensure Dallas regulations, best management practices, and guidelines are in place to support tree canopy growth, protection, and preservation: Ongoing
- Items of Note: Completed Landscape and Tree Manual review and updates, Ash tree/EAB code amendments completed, SOP's and Article X review ongoing



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- Recommendation 7
- Develop and implement a strategy to maximize investment and resources to meet Dallas's desired level of service for urban forestry programs and management: Complete 100%
- Items of Note: Departmental Resource growth. EAB Action Plan. Marketing.



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¡POR TODA LA CIUDAD!**

**SERVICIOS DE LA CIUDAD DE PLANIFICACIÓN
DE ÁRBOLES QUE OFRECEMOS:**

- Programa de Reforestación de Dallas
- Branching Out Dallas
 - Parques y Recreación elige un mínimo de doce parques al año para plantar nuevos árboles.
- Branch Out Dallas
 - Anualmente proporciona un árbol gratuito a los propietarios de viviendas de Dallas para que lo planten en el patio delantero, trasero o lateral.

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**THE EMERALD ASH BORER (EAB)
HAS ARRIVED IN DALLAS**

Learn all about the EAB!

bit.ly/CODForestry



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- Recommendation 8
- Create a plan to strategically plant and care for trees to ensure equitable access to tree canopy across Dallas: Complete 100%
- Items of Note: Planting plan developed annually. All plantings partner with volunteer, civic and neighborhood groups.



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- Recommendation 9
- Create and implement a management program to monitor and address environmental threats to Dallas' urban forest: Complete 100% with current threats
- Items of Note:
 - EAB Action Plan. EAB trapping, Ash tree inventory, and treatments, Public and Private trainings and presentations
 - Feral hog trapping ongoing
 - Third Party contract in progress for Alternative Vegetation Management (Goats and Sheep) to assist in control of Chinese privet, Asian bush honeysuckle, Johnson grass and other understory invasives after a successful Summer 2023 Pilot program.



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- Recommendation 10
- Develop and implement a public engagement, outreach, and education plan: Complete 100%
- Items of Note: Forestry webpage updated continuously, new webpage in development, EAB Awareness campaign ongoing, Community and private EAB presentations, Forestry marketing programs initiated 2023 and is still growing.

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THROUGHOUT DALLAS**

**TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS
OFFERED BY THE CITY:**

Dallas Neighborhood Reforestation Program
Development Services provides trees for residents and businesses to plant in parkways and easements along streets

Branching Out Dallas
Dallas Park & Recreation plants new trees at a minimum of twelve parks per year

Branch Out Dallas
Dallas Water Utilities annually provides a free tree to Dallas homeowners to be planted in their yards

MOWmentum
The Public Works program is a joint effort between the City and individuals or groups to provide landscaping and trees in medians and rights of way

For additional details on these programs and other services, contact us or visit our website.
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Emerald Ash Borer

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- Recommendation 11
- Formulate a strategy to manage wood waste and identify the highest and best use of wood from trees removed by the City: 25%
- Items of Note: Wood Waste program implemented by PKR and staff is coordinating staffing resources to execute the program



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- Recommendation 12
- Strengthen working relationships and partnerships with private utilities, organizations, and contractors whose activities impact trees by instituting regular dialogue and project coordination: 100% and Ongoing
- Items of Note: Ongoing staff and partner led outreach educational activities, quarterly stakeholder meetings with non-profit partners who provide public awareness activities



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TREE COALITION



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- Recommendation 13
- Enhance and develop programs that encourage and support active participation by residents and volunteers in the planting and care of Dallas's urban forest: Complete 100%
- Items of Note: Ongoing and will continue to engage through existing programs such as the Community Foresters, Branching Out, Branch Out Dallas, MOWmentum Agreements, and other partnerships with non-profit organizations.



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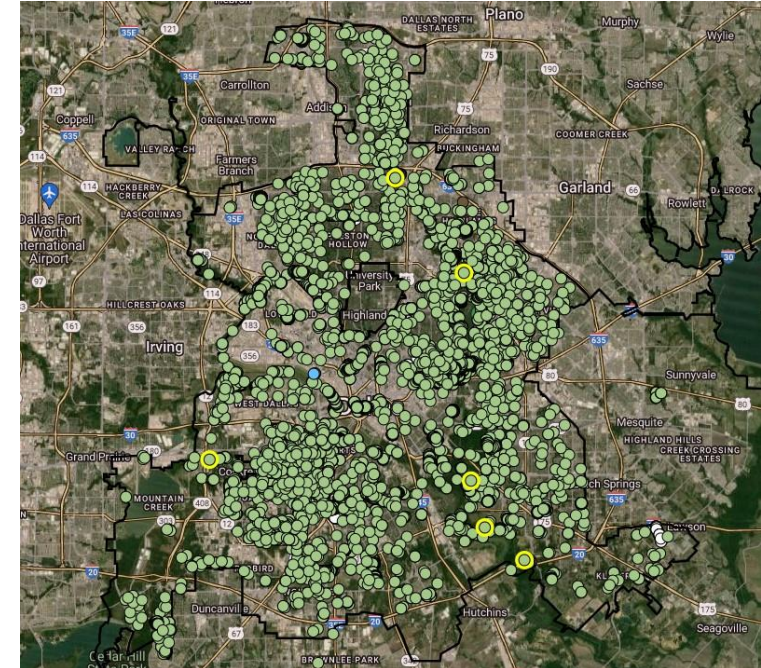
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- Recommendation 14
- Review and update the Great Trinity Forest Management Plan: 0%
- Items of Note: Preliminary work towards addressing land acquisition, completion of Dallas Floodway Levee System improvements, tree inventory and assessment activities, and overlay outreach for FY2024. Subsequent updates will occur in the future years.



Emerald Ash Borer Update

- Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)
- EAB continues to be of concern to healthy ash tree populations throughout the US
- 2024 City Staff installed traps at 16 locations
- Beetle has been found at 6 locations
- City staff are tagging additional significant ash trees for treatment through 2024 growing season
- Over 200 trees treated



Next Steps

- Continue working towards full public tree inventory
- Continue EAB monitoring and treating significant ash trees
- Continue expansion of all programs
- Continue marketing and providing public and city training



Questions

Contact Us

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