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City Hall – Dallas, Texas

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Healthy urban forests are a key component of regional stability. They enhance the quality of life in Dallas and create a living legacy for our future.



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**Air Temperature and
Energy Consumption**



Air Quality



Water/Soil



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**Economic, Health &
Psychological Benefits**



Animal Habitat



PUBLIC PERCEPTION

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*“**WHEREAS**, as expressed through the development of the city’s Comprehensive Plan and the Renaissance Plan, citizens consider trees, clean air, clean water and beautification a top value and concern for how the city should look and feel in the decades to come.”*



Urban Forest Advisory Committee (UFAC)

- **Established by resolution of the City Council on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 as an integral part of city government**



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The Urban Forest Advisory Committee serves in an advisory capacity on matters of environmental stewardship, specifically concerning the care and planting of trees, and by advocates sound arboricultural and urban forest management practices.

The committee provides proactive leadership for development of public policy and serves to educate the citizens of Dallas regarding the numerous environmental, recreational, social and aesthetic benefits of a thriving urban forest.



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The Urban Forest Advisory Committee is authorized to study, plan, advise, report and make recommendations on plans, programs or city codes which the Council or Park and Recreation Board determines necessary or advisable for the care, conservation, planting, pruning, removal or disposition of trees city-wide.



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Education Goal

To educate city officials and the public regarding the importance of healthy urban forest resources as an integral part of the city's infrastructure and the need for conservation.



Education Goal

To improve the technical knowledge and skills of the Park and Recreation Department Forestry Division personnel and other city staff who work with trees, forests and green spaces.



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Education Goal

To establish citywide standards for the planting, transplanting and basic care of trees. By establishing standards that are available to the public, UFAC will greatly expand the education of the public and increase the quality of tree care in Dallas.



Education Goal

To establish citywide standards regarding construction activities and building around trees.



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Fundraising Goal

To establish a solid fundraising campaign for urban forest related objectives.



Volunteerism Goal

To promote the involvement of volunteers in urban forest related initiatives.



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Forest Management Goal

To institute a reforestation program to increase the urban forest canopy size and fill vacancies in the forest as may be beneficial.



Forest Management Goal

Utilize GIS sciences and current technology to quantify important data regarding the urban forest. In order to gather data to guide future forest management plans, a baseline of existing canopy cover must be established.



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Forest Management Goal

Increase species diversity within the urban forest and encourage the public to avoid monocultures, or excessive numbers of a single species of tree.



Forest Management Goal

Improve the coordination and cooperation of people and organizations that influence the urban forest in various ways.



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- **Investment in trees/forest provide extensive returns that cannot be fully evaluated in monetary figures.**
- **What is the value of a future with cleaner air, water and soil, or a better quality of life?**
- **Healthy Urban Forests are a critical component to the livability and sustainability of the Dallas area and deserve top priority status as a result.**



**The Urban Forest
Advisory Committee
appreciates your time
and interest in trees
and urban forestry.**

