ST. PETERSBURG NEIGHBORHOOD TREE PLAN

PURPOSE

The City of St. Pete is currently analyzing and assessing our urban tree canopy at the City and City Council district scales and developing strategies that will inform large-scaled tree planting operations. These strategies will take into consideration targeting low canopy cover areas to meet the 30% canopy goal, equity-focused investments to ameliorate urban conditions that affect human health and addressing areas that critically need trees to remediate ecosystem concerns. These planning solutions can address known large-scale issues but may not take into consideration neighborhood specific tree planting goals, resources, and priorities that could be included in a neighborhood tree plan.

A neighborhood tree plan is an organizing document that can lead to multi-phased tree planting and watering operations in your community. It addresses:
- Existing tree inventory, species diversity, and condition
- Community support for expanded tree planting and maintenance
- Unique conditions to the neighborhood that may not be addressed at City-wide scale (e.g. air/water quality, high traffic speeds, crime, flooding, loss of habitat, etc.)
- Neighborhood tree canopy goals, and
- Timelines for tree establishment that complements existing tree assets

This tree plan template provides a step-by-step guide to assemble the data, organize your goals, and share your plans to pursue funding for tree plantings. This template includes a checklist, a fillable neighborhood tree plan pdf, and a fillable tree location spreadsheet pdf to make your planning easier.

NEIGHBORHOOD TREE PLAN CHECKLIST (Enter this data in the tree plan on page 4)

☐ **Have you started your tree inventory?** (See St. Pete Tree Inventory (**https://pg-cloud.com/StPeteFL/**)

    If yes:
- How many trees have you inventoried?
- What is the species diversity (top five species and relative %)?

☐ **Have you started community engagement to determine if there is support for a tree planting?**

    If yes:
- Do you need community engagement assistance from the city?
- Do you have planting permission from residents where trees will be planted?

☐ **Do you have an inventory of available tree planting spaces (right-of-way, median, park)?**

☐ **Are there any priority planting areas?**

☐ **Have you developed a tree committee to develop the tree plan and plan tree planting events?**

☐ **Has your neighborhood hosted a beautification or cleanup (Cleaning & Greening) event recently?**

NEIGHBORHOOD TREE MAP

TREE PLANNING

Trees provide community benefits as they reach maturity. Careful attention to proper site and species selection prior to planting is vital to ensure that the tree thrives and does not conflict with other infrastructure. Below are five site consideration graphics to remember when creating your potential planting site address list.
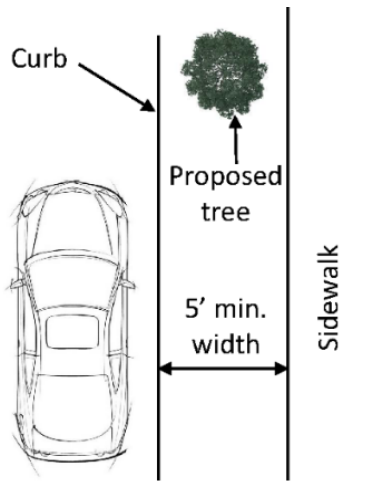

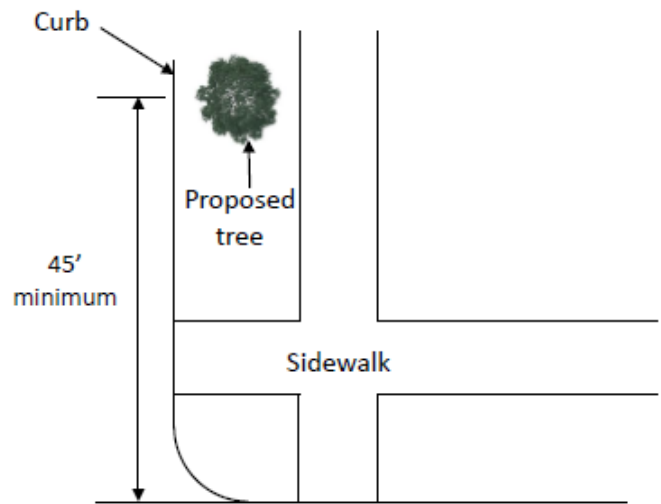Figure 1: Min. easement planting width

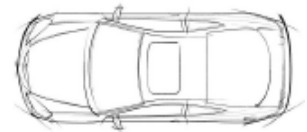Figure 2: Min. distance at intersections/alleys
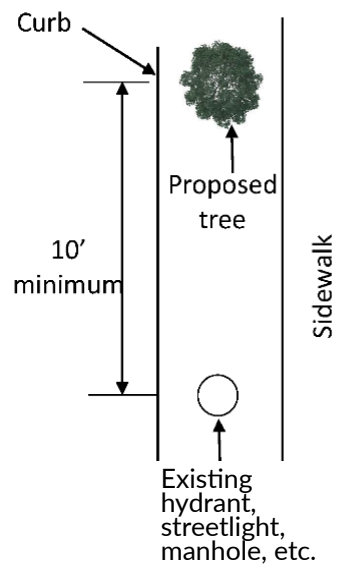

Figure 3: Max. mature tree height in utility corridors

Figure 4: Min. distance to existing infrastructure

DOCUMENT PREPARATION

☐ Create a neighborhood map with boundaries (can use a google map screenshot). Circle and label any areas that are first, second, and third tree planting priorities

☐ Create an available tree planting site spreadsheet (See example below and form on page 5)

Tree location (address or site identifier)	Street Tree? (>5' wide planting area between sidewalk and curb)	Median Tree?	Park Tree?	Priority area?
5819 10th Ave. N.	Yes	No	No	1st priority
Crescent Park (tree #12 on map)	No	No	Yes	2nd priority
Median (on Sam St N, north of 56th Ave. N.)	Yes	Yes	No	No

RECENT NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANING & GREENING EVENTS

☐ Share your recent neighborhood cleaning & greening events and their corresponding dates (See form on page 5)

Event Type	Date
Neighborhood cleanup	October 2022
Tree planting	April 2021
Alley cleanup	November 2021

* Please contact Dean at **Dean.Hay@stpete.org** if you need assistance completing Neighborhood Tree Plan or need tree data to complete the Tree Plan.

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Neighborhood Association: _____ **Date:** _____

TREE INVENTORY INFORMATION

1. **Have you started your tree inventory?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. **How many neighborhood trees have you inventoried?** _____

3. **What are the top 5 species and relative % in your neighborhood?**

Species	%	Species	%	Species	%

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. **Have you started community engagement to determine if there is support for a tree planting?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. **Do you have planting permission from residents where trees will be planted?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. **Are the residents approving trees aware that they will have responsibility for them?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANTING SUPPORT TEAM

Have you developed a tree committee to develop the tree plan and plan tree planting events? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you need assistance from a city urban forester to assist with your tree plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND PRIORITIES

Do you have any tree planting goals and/or objectives for your neighborhood tree planting program? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If so, what are they?

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Do you have tree planting priority areas in your neighborhood? ☐ Yes ☐ No **If so, what/where are they (and why)?**

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Neighborhood Association: _____ **Date:** _____

RECENT NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANING & GREENING EVENTS	
Event Type	**Date**

TREE PLANTING SITES (see example above)				
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