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Draft Tree Plan Comes Out

(Edmonds – WA) A draft plan about managing trees in Edmonds, especially trees in public places, was issued today by the City of Edmonds.

The draft “Urban Forest Management Plan” is posted online or [click here](#). It will be discussed at a public meeting of the Edmonds Citizens’ Tree Board at its April 5 meeting, 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 250 Fifth Avenue N., Edmonds.

“We really want public input on the draft plan,” said Shane Hope, the city’s development services director. An open house and other public meetings are being planned for April and May. More information is on the website and will be updated from time to time.

The draft plan calls for more activities to maintain the tree canopy in Edmonds and to proactively manage trees in public places. Suggestions include: planting more trees, establishing a tree bank, inventorying public trees, updating city regulations, and launching a heritage tree program. Some activities would need more city resources; others might fit within existing programs.

After a public input period and consideration by the Tree Board and Planning Board, the draft urban forest management plan will be discussed by the City Council, probably starting in June. The City Council would decide whether to approve the plan with any changes.

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