




Desired Outcomes


- Regional Tree Canopy Management Plan
 - General attributes
 - Integration with regional goals
 - Challenges and opportunities
 - Sharing and leveraging resources
 - Plan structure




Regional Tree Canopy Management Plan

Desired Outcome

To compile a set of practices, programs, policies, partnerships and resources that can be used to conserve and enhance regional tree and forest assets in order to achieve a range of environmental, ecological, socio-economic and cultural goals





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Attributes


- 20 to 25 year timeframe
- Describe current and desired states of forests and urban tree canopy
- Describe how local programs would coalesce into regional impacts
- Describe the efficiencies/synergies realized through regional approach
- Describe assets and challenges
 - Cultural/social/political/budgetary



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- Describe interaction between local/regional government and partners
 - community demographics
 - non-profit tree planting groups
 - forested land owners
 - nursery and landscape industry
 - businesses
 - Federal agencies
 - social groups/clubs



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- Managing impacts of forest pests and invasive plant species
- Managing impacts of herbivore and human encroachments
- Managing impacts of climate change on forest ecosystems / urban tree populations




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- Managing impacts of land use changes
 - comprehensive plan potential
 - regional/local transportation plans
 - redevelopment and transit-oriented development







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- Describe interaction RTCMP and other regional concerns
 - Air quality, carbon management
 - Ozone and PM SIP
 - “Heat Island” mitigation
 - Local government commitment to practices and programs




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- Describe interaction RTCMP and other regional concerns
 - Stormwater and Water Quality
 - Identify programs supporting MS4 Permits and nutrient and/flow TMDLs
 - Identify programs supporting watershed management plans
 - Climate Change
 - Carbon sequestration and storage
 - offsets/avoidance





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- Describe interaction RTCMP and other regional concerns
 - Green Infrastructure
 - “is a network of open space, air sheds, watershed, woodlands, wildlife habitat, parks, and other natural areas, which provide vital services that sustain life and enrich quality of life”*
- Community revitalization programs
 - neighborhood
 - business districts



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- Identify urban forestry program resources, capacity and needs
- Identify outreach and marketing programs
 - Multiple media and venues
- Identify budget needs
 - Short and long term
 - Identify sources for project funding
- Describe how we can share and leverage resources across jurisdictions



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Classic Plan Structure:

- goals, strategies, tactics and actions
- short, medium, and long-range
- specific but not overly technical
- achievable/realistic
- roles and responsibilities
- timeline and metrics
- a living document

