



CITY OF OREGON CITY

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Commission Chambers, 625 Center Street, Oregon City
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

This meeting will be held online via Zoom; please contact ocplanning@orc.org for the meeting link.

CALL TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Art Commission members have the opportunity to rearrange, remove, or add items on the agenda. Adding an item to the agenda requires the consensus of the Art Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizens are allowed up to 3 minutes to present information relevant to the City but not listed as an item on the agenda. The Chair has the discretion to waive limitations. Prior to speaking, citizens shall complete a comment form and deliver it to the Staff Member. The Natural Resources Committee does not generally engage in dialog with those making comments but may refer the issue to the City Manager.

NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 412 Logus Street Heritage Tree Failure and Removal
2. Mayor's Monarch Pledge
3. Street Tree Code Update
4. Emerald Ash Borer Update

COMMUNICATIONS

5. Communication Items for Natural Resources Committee

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the City Recorder. When the Mayor/Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence into the microphone. Each speaker is given three (3) minutes to speak. To assist in tracking your speaking time, refer to the timer on the table.

As a general practice, the City Commission does not engage in discussion with those making comments. Electronic presentations are permitted but shall be delivered to the City Recorder 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Item #1.

Tree Pic 1

Tree Pic 2

Tree Pic 3











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City Recorder
City of Oregon City
PO Box 3040
Oregon City, OR 97045-0304

Clackamas County Assessor Parcel Number: 2-2E-32CB-09700

Site Address: 412 Logus St, Oregon City, OR 97045

DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS

THIS DECLARATION OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS (this "Declaration") is made this 27th day of AUGUST, 2020 by CARINDA HARLENE INGEBRETSEN, a(n) OREGON CITY HOMEOWNER ("Declarant").

RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Declarant is the owner(s) of certain real property in Oregon City, Oregon ("City"), more particularly described in the attached Exhibit "A" (the "Property");
- B. WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 12.32 of the Oregon City Municipal Code ("OCMC"), the City has adopted heritage tree regulations to recognize, foster appreciation, and provide for the voluntary protection of Heritage Trees and Stands.
- C. WHEREAS, the City has in effect certain heritage tree protection requirements;
- D. WHEREAS, Declarant sought and obtained approval for a Heritage Tree or Stand designation for that certain (species) that at the time of designation is 90 feet tall, has a 53 inch diameter at breast height, and has an 105 foot canopy spread located on that portion of the Property shown in the attached Exhibit "B" (the "Heritage Tree or Stand");
- E. WHEREAS, the Heritage Tree or Stand is protected by the City of Oregon City and is subject to special protection under OCMC 12.32;
- F. WHEREAS, as a condition of issuance of the approval of the designation of the Heritage Tree, Declarant is required to provide assurance, in the form of this Declaration, that the protection of the Heritage Tree or Stand will meet OCMC requirements; and

F. WHEREAS, Declarant desires to provide for such provisions by subjecting the Property to the covenants and restrictions hereinafter set forth.

COVENANTS

NOW, THEREFORE, Declarant hereby declares and covenants that the Property, as specifically described in Exhibit "A," shall be held, sold, and conveyed subject to the following covenants and restrictions, which are intended to and shall run with the land, continue in perpetuity, and shall be binding upon all parties having or acquiring any right, title, or interest in the Property and shall inure to the benefit of each owner, subsequent owners, and the City.

1. The Heritage Tree or Stand may not be removed, topped, or otherwise altered unless the Declarant or Declarant's successor(s), as appropriate, obtains a permit from the City in accordance with OCMC Sections 12.32, 17.41, and 12.08, as applicable, as such sections may be amended from time to time.

2. The Declarant or Declarant's successor(s), as appropriate, shall continue to be responsible for the maintenance of the Heritage Tree or Stand. The Heritage Tree or Stand designation does not obligate the City to maintain the Heritage Tree or Stand or provide technical support for its maintenance.

3. The removal of or damage to a heritage tree or stand in violation of the OCMC shall constitute a civil infraction, subject to the code enforcement procedures of OCMC Chapter 1.16 and/or Chapter 1.20, except that The penalty for unlawful removal of a heritage tree may be reset by the Oregon City Commission from time to time by ordinance or resolution and, if the penalty is so reset, the penalty shall be the one then in effect. Native heritage trees that are removed shall be replaced with native tree species.

4. This Declaration shall not be interpreted as in any way conveying or granting to the public any right to enter or use the Property.

5. This Declaration shall be recorded with the Recording Division of the Clackamas County Clerk's office and run with and bind the Property as set forth above.

6. The City may enforce these covenants and restrictions through the code enforcement provisions described in OCMC Chapter 1.16 and/or Chapter 1.20 or by judicial relief, including without limitation injunctive relief and such other relief a court determines proper for any violation of these covenants or restrictions. To the extent the City undertakes enforcement action and it is determined that Declarant or Declarant's successor violated Oregon City Municipal Code or the terms of this Covenant, the City shall be entitled to its attorney's fees incurred in such action, including any fees on appeal or in administrative proceedings.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being Declarant herein, has executed this instrument as of the date and year above written.

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DECLARANT:

CARINDA HARLENE INGEBRETSEN
a(n) OREGON CITY HOMEOWNER

By: *Carinda Harlene Ingebrethsen*

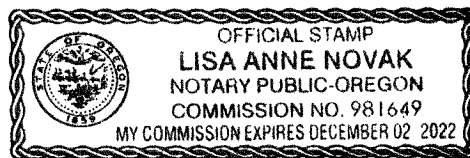
Print Name: CARINDA HARLENE INGEBRETSEN

Title: HOMEOWNER-OREGON CITY

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of CLATSOP)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 27th day of
AUGUST, 2020, by Lisa Anne Novak, as
Notary Public of OREGON, a(n)
_____.

Lisa Anne Novak
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires: 12-02-2022



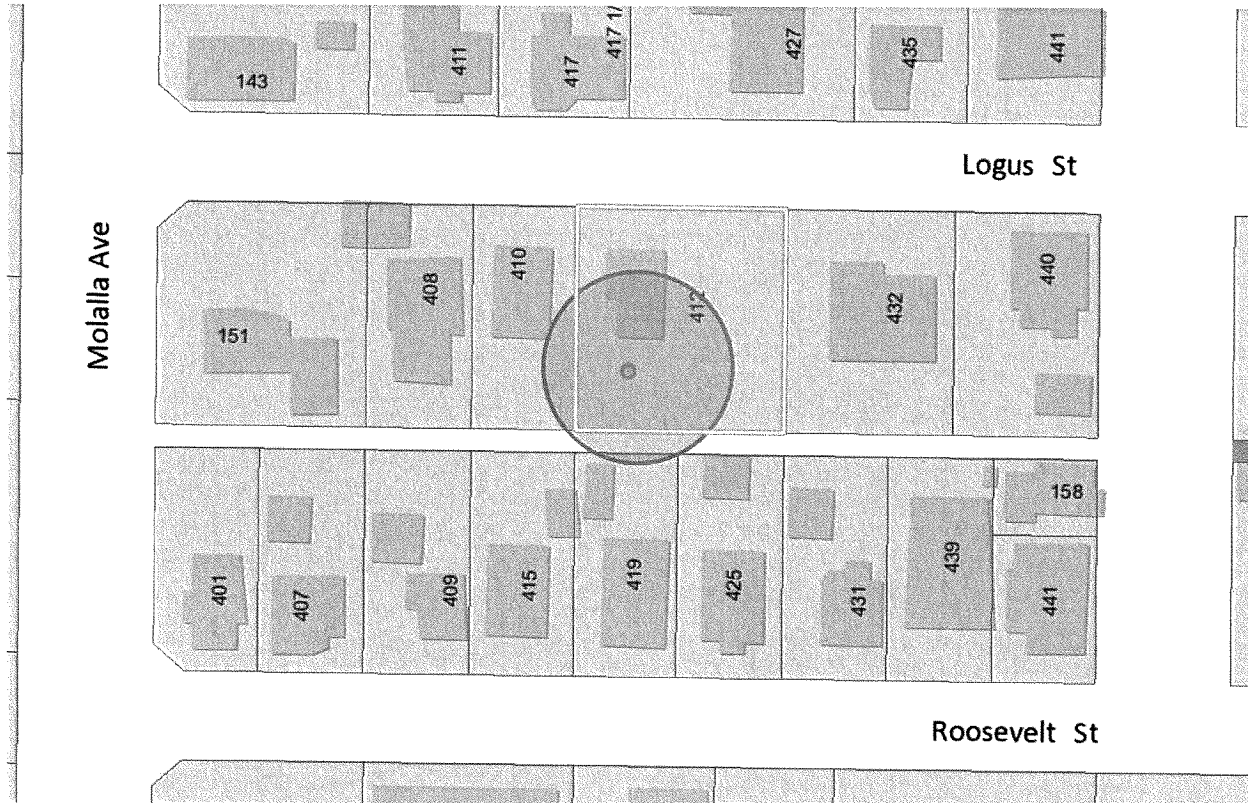
LOT 5, BLOCK 13
 "PLEASANT HILL" ADDITION TO OREGON CITY

OREGON CITY CLAIM LINE



EXHIBIT B

Parcel Map with location of the Designated Heritage Tree



Northern Red Oak
Quercus rubra
412 Logus St, Oregon City, OR 97045

EXHIBIT B

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CLACKAMAS COUNTY RECORDING

Receipt #: 828971 Receipt Date: 09/02/2020 11:09 AM
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 Receipt Name: LAURA TERWAY
 Account Name: 160 - CITY OF OREGON CITY

Comments:

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CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

To: City Commission
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 04/21/2021

SUBJECT:

Heritage Tree Failure and Removal for 412 Logus Street

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve the removal and de-designation of the Northern Red Oak heritage tree at 412 Logus Street

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The designated heritage Northern Red Oak at 412 Logus Street has been in decline since the 2021 ice storm and recently almost half of the tree fell into the alley, and damaged three adjacent properties and vehicles. The remaining portions of the tree pose an imminent hazard and the owner wishes to have the tree removed. Pursuant to OCMC 12.32, the natural resources committee, and city commission shall be notified of the pending de-designation prior to the removal.

BACKGROUND:

The tree is on private property, 412 Logus, and the homeowner is Carinda Ingebartsen. The tree was designated as a heritage tree in 2020.

Approximately half of the tree has fallen into the public right-of-way and adjacent properties. As such, the tree meets the definition of an imminent hazard tree in OCMC 12.32.020 and 17.04.1370:

"Imminent hazard tree" means a hazardous tree as defined in OCMC 12.32.020, all or more than thirty percent of which has already fallen or is estimated to fall within seventy-two hours into the public right-of-way or onto a target that cannot be protected, restricted, moved, or removed. (See also tree, hazard.) Determination of imminent hazard is made by the city of Oregon City Public Works or Emergency Personnel, a PGE forester, or a certified arborist.

Following the failure, Public Works crews responded on Sunday 9/11 and the tree is larger than they could handle to clear the alley behind the house where the tree is located. The attached photos of the fallen tree include the alley that is Oregon City Right-of-Way. The property owner is receiving quotes to 1st, remove the fallen portion, and 2nd, get an arborist report and quote for possible removal of the rest of the tree. There is damage to 3 neighboring properties and at least 1 house has gutter and roof damage.

A Go-Fund me drive for the homeowner has been started to raise money to assist the homeowner with the removal.

Per OCMC 12.32.080.B. an application to remove a heritage tree or stand shall demonstrate that the burden imposed on the property owner by the continued presence of the tree outweighs the public benefit provided by the tree. For the purposes of making this determination, the following tree impacts shall not be considered unreasonable burdens on the property owner, or if appropriate, the city:

- 1.View obstruction;*
- 2.Routine pruning, leaf raking and other maintenance activities; and*
- 3.Infrastructure impacts or tree hazards that can be controlled or avoided by appropriate pruning or maintenance.*

12.32.100 - Removal of heritage tree or stand designation.

A designated heritage tree or stand may have that designation removed if the tree or stand dies or is removed pursuant to this chapter. The natural resources committee, parks and recreation advisory committee, and city commission shall be notified of the pending de-designation prior to the removal as applicable. If removed from private property, the city shall record a document extinguishing the covenant.

It is staff's opinion that the burden imposed on the property owner by the continued presence of the tree outweighs the public benefit provided by the tree. At this point, the tree is clearly hazardous and the hazards cannot be avoided or controlled through appropriate pruning or maintenance.

Additionally, the tree meets the definition of an imminent hazard and as such may be removed immediately, with any permitting procedures and tree replacement requirements to be followed subsequent to the removal of the hazard.

OPTIONS:

1. Discussion and direction to City staff

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$ NA

FY(s): TBD

Funding Source(s): TBD



CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

To: Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee **Agenda Date:** 07/28/2022
From: Parks and Recreation Director, Kendall Reid

SUBJECT:

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee members to support the City's effort in the pledge in writing a letter of recommendation to the City Commission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City of Oregon City is looking to partner with the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) to fulfill the Monarch Butterfly Pledge in creating and maintaining habitats for the endangered Monarch Butterfly species.

BACKGROUND:

By taking the Monarch Butterfly Pledge, the City of Oregon City would be part of a tri-national network of cities that are leading monarch and pollinator conservation work. This network also provides exclusive access to NWF resources, staff and other organizations who have also taken the pledge. The Monarch Butterfly Pledge is displaying a commitment to monarch habitats and pollinators while educating the community on how to be more involved. Each year, the City would be responsible for completing three action items from the list of 24 provided by the NWF. In reaching the goals set forth, Oregon City would join a list of nationally recognized communities who have helped establish and maintain monarch butterfly habitats and pollinators. The action items chosen to be completed this year include:

1. Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
2. Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.

3. Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create a habitat for the monarch butterfly.

OPTIONS:

1. Support the City's pledge and write a letter of recommendation
2. Support the City's pledge with modifications and a written letter of recommendation
3. Do not support the City's pledge and no letter of recommendation

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, The monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

Whereas, Both the western and eastern monarch populations have seen significant declines with less than one percent of the western monarch population remaining, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

Whereas, The City of Oregon City recognizes that human health ultimately depends on well-functioning ecosystems and that biodiverse regions can better support food production, healthy soil and air quality and can foster healthy connections between humans and wildlife ; and

Whereas, Cities, towns and counties have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly, and the City of Oregon City is striving to become a leader; and

Whereas, On August 17, 2022, I, Denyse C. McGriff, signed the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge and have officially committed to taking meaningful action to protect the monarch butterfly; and

Whereas, Every resident of the City of Oregon City make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship; and

Whereas, Creating any size habitat planting, whether it is a small backyard garden or a large plot of land, using native milkweed and nectar plants gives monarchs a place to feed, reproduce, and fuel up for their migration.

Now, Therefore, I, Denyse C. McGriff, Commission President of the City of Oregon City, do proclaim

September 7, 2022
as
Monarch Pledge Day

And, encourage all citizens to take steps to plant pollinator friendly plants including milkweed to preserve and strengthen the monarch butterfly population.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of September 2022.

DENYSE C. MCGRIFF,
COMMISSION PRESIDENT



**MAYORS
MONARCH
PLEDGE**

Mayors' Monarch Pledge Survey

Open Pledge Period: December 1 – March 31

****THIS IS A SAMPLE PLEDGE SURVEY ONLY. TO OFFICIALLY PLEDGE, COMPLETE OUR
ONLINE SURVEY AT NWF.ORG/MAYORSMONARCHPORTAL****

Thanks for your interest in taking the National Wildlife Federation Mayors' Monarch Pledge this year. Only mayors and heads of local and tribal government (or their staff designees) may fill out this pledge form. Please note: the survey will not save and will need to be completed in one sitting.

Information from this form will be used to create a public community profile page to showcase your mayor's progress and efforts in the program.

Please be sure to read the pledge language and FAQ before taking the pledge. If you have any questions, you can email us at mayorsmonarchpledge@nwf.org.

Mayor's Basic Information

If you are not a "mayor," or the head of local or tribal government, please enter your name and appropriate title here.

Title

Administrative Assistant

First Name

Justin

Last Name

More

Email Address

jmore@orccity.org

Community Name

*If your community doesn't have an official name, consider using the following formats:
Town of Herndon, City of Fairfax, etc.*

City of Oregon City

City

Oregon City

State

Oregon

Mayor's Mailing Address

Address Line 1

625 Center Street

Address Line 2

PO BOX 3040

City

Oregon City

State

Oregon

Zip Code

97045

Staff Point of Contact Information

Please provide your professional title in the space below.

Please note that the Staff Point of Contact you entered below will be the default user for your community profile. Please make sure you enter a valid email address.

Title

Administrative Assistant

First Name

Justin

Last Name

More

Email

Note: This email address is your log in account.

jmore@orccity.org

Phone Number

503-496-1570x1511

Pledge Summary

Please type a description of your community, your community's efforts and/or interest in committing to monarch and pollinator conservation. This information will populate on your community's profile page, but can be updated and edited after this survey is submitted. See below for a sample description.

Example Description: Exampleville is a city in central Virginia with a population of roughly 50,000. The city is nestled in the Green Ridge Mountains and is home to the beautiful Exampleville Regional Park and many community gardens. Mayor Smith of Exampleville, VA has committed to saving the monarch butterfly and other pollinators with their signing of the Mayors' Monarch Pledge and looks forward to engaging residents in building more pollinator habitat throughout the city.

Oregon City is located 13 miles South of Portland at the confluence of the Willamette and Clackamas Rivers. The city has three major zones, defined by steep hills or bluffs. Oregon City is home to shopping areas, recreational opportunities, businesses, a wide variety of historical and cultural attractions, and several

Interpretive Centers and Museums dedicated to celebrating the Pioneer spirit. Oregon City was the first State Capital and is the County Seat of Clackamas County. The City and its Commissioners are committed to the preservation of Monarch Butterfly habitats and revitalizing a once dominant population.

Action Item Selections

Each year, you must commit to at least 3 Action Items from this list which you will report on at the end of the year. At least 1 action must be taken from the “Program & Demonstration Gardens” section.

Communications and Convening

- ✓ Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species’ need for habitat.

Example Activities:

1. *Issue a Monarch Day Pledge*
2. *Incorporate monarchs into your Earth Day, Pollinator Week or other proclamation*

- ✓ Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods. (If you have community members who speak a language other than English, we encourage you to also communicate in that language; Champion Pledges must communicate in that language.)
- ☐ Engage with community garden groups and urge them to plant native milkweeds and nectar-producing plants.
- ☐ Engage with city parks and recreation, public works, sustainability, and other relevant staff to identify opportunities to revise and maintain mowing programs and milkweed / native nectar plant planting programs.
- ☐ Engage with gardening leaders and partners (e.g., Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, Nature Centers, Native Plant Society Chapters, other long-standing and influential community leaders) to support monarch butterfly conservation.

Example Activities:

1. *Develop community gardens with local gardening leaders*
2. *Host programming and other activities with Nature Centers*
3. *Coordinate and collaborate with local gardening groups at schools, colleges, and universities*

- ☐ Engage with Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Associations or neighborhood organizations to identify opportunities to plant monarch gardens and revise maintenance and mowing programs.
- ☐ Engage with developers, planners, landscape architects, and other community leaders and organizers engaged in planning processes to identify opportunities to create monarch habitat.
- ☐ Create a community-driven educational conservation strategy that focuses on and benefits local, underserved residents.

Example Activities:

1. *Conduct outreach and support habitat / green space improvements in underserved communities.*
 2. *Develop brochures in different languages*
- ☐ Create a community art project to enhance and promote monarch and pollinator conservation as well as cultural awareness and recognition.
- Example Activities:*
1. *Host photo contests*
 2. *Commission murals*
 3. *Create and show films and documentaries*
 4. *Support public art installations*
 5. *Collaborate with local artists, including school, college, and university art departments to create community-wide art*

Program and Demonstration Gardens

- ☐ Host or support a native seed or plant sale, giveaway or swap.
- ☐ Facilitate or support a milkweed seed collection and propagation effort.
- ☐ Plant or maintain a monarch and pollinator-friendly demonstration garden at City Hall or another prominent or culturally significant community location.
- ☐ Convert vacant lots to monarch habitat.
- ☐ Plant milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants in medians and public rights-of-way.

- ☐ Launch or maintain an outdoor education program(s) (e.g., at schools, after-school programs, community centers and groups) that builds awareness and creates habitat by engaging students, educators, and the community in planting native milkweed and pollinator-friendly native nectar plants (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Eco-Schools USA Schoolyard Habitats program and Monarch Mission curriculum).

Example Activities:

1. [Eco-Schools USA Schoolyard Habitats](#)
2. [PK-12 Monarch Mission Curriculum](#) (English and Spanish)
3. [National Wildlife Federation Campus Pollinator Pledge](#)

- ☐ Earn or maintain recognition for being a wildlife-friendly city by participating in other wildlife and habitat conservation efforts (i.e., National Wildlife Federation's Community Wildlife Habitat program).

Example Activities:

1. Join the [Community Wildlife Habitat](#)

- ✓ Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create habitat for the monarch butterfly.

Example Activities:

1. Host photo challenges
2. Create property certification challenges
3. Collaborate with schools, universities, and colleges to host joint awareness and habitat creation challenges

- ☐ Initiate or support community science (or citizen science) efforts that help monitor monarch migration and health.

Example Activities:

1. Community Science Opportunities ([Monarch Joint Venture](#))
2. NWF's Monarch Stewards Program Certification
3. Engage with local colleges and universities science departments to host community-wide opportunities
4. Monarch Migration Tracking ([Journey North](#))

- ☐ Add or maintain native milkweed and nectar producing plants in community gardens.
- ☐ Launch, expand, or continue an invasive species removal program that will support the re-establishment of native habitats for monarch butterflies and other pollinators.

- ☐ Host or support a monarch butterfly festival that is accessible to all residents in the community and promotes monarch and pollinator conservation, as well as cultural awareness and recognition.
- ☐ Display educational signage at monarch gardens and pollinator habitat.

Example Activities:

1. [Neighborhood Garden Signs \(Victory Garden of Tomorrow\)](#)
2. *Create plant labels or interpretive language for community gardens, parks, prairie habitat, rights-of-way, etc.*

Systems Change

Please select the actions that you will begin to work on this year, are in progress, or have already been completed.

- ☐ Remove milkweed from the list of noxious plants in city weed / landscaping ordinances (if applicable).
- ☐ Change weed or mowing ordinances to allow for native prairie and plant habitats.
- ☐ Increase the percentage of native plants, shrubs and trees that must be used in city landscaping ordinances and encourage use of milkweed, where appropriate.
- ☐ Direct city property managers to consider the use of native milkweed and nectar plants at city properties where possible.
- ☐ Integrate monarch butterfly conservation into the city's Park Master Plan, Sustainability Plan, Climate Resiliency Plan or other city plans.
- ☐ Change ordinances so herbicides, insecticides, or other chemicals used in the community are not harmful to pollinators.

Example Activities:

1. *Work with local school districts to eliminate or minimize the use of pesticides, herbicides, and insecticides on school properties*
2. *Adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices*

- ☐ Adopt ordinances that support reducing light pollution.
- ☐ California Specific: Pass a resolution to protect over-wintering monarch butterfly habitat on public or private lands.

Questions or Comments

Do you have any questions or comments?

Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Kendall Reid – Parks & Recreation Director

Background

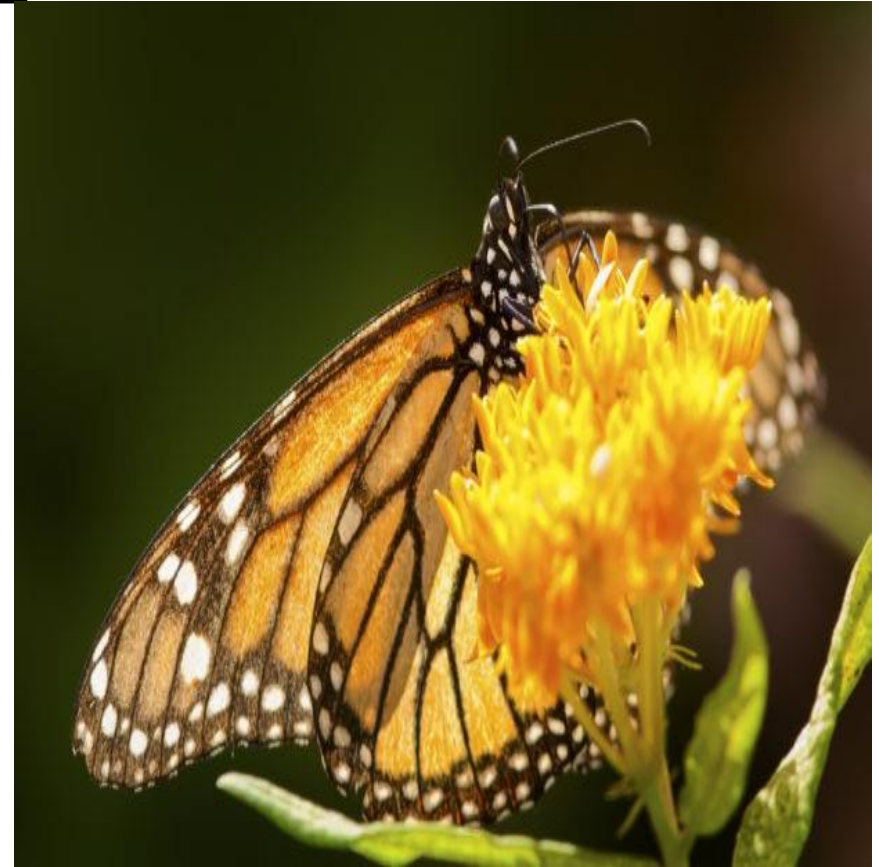
- The National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge program provides a framework for cities and communities to engage in monarch butterfly and pollinator conservation.
- Mayors and heads of local and tribal government commit to actions that facilitate community engagement and education, enact local policy changes, and create habitat for monarchs and other pollinators.



Monarch Butterfly Pledge

Why is this important?

Both the western and eastern monarch populations have experienced significant declines. The western monarch population has lost more than ninety-five percent of their population since the 1980s, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent.



Monarch Butterfly Pledge

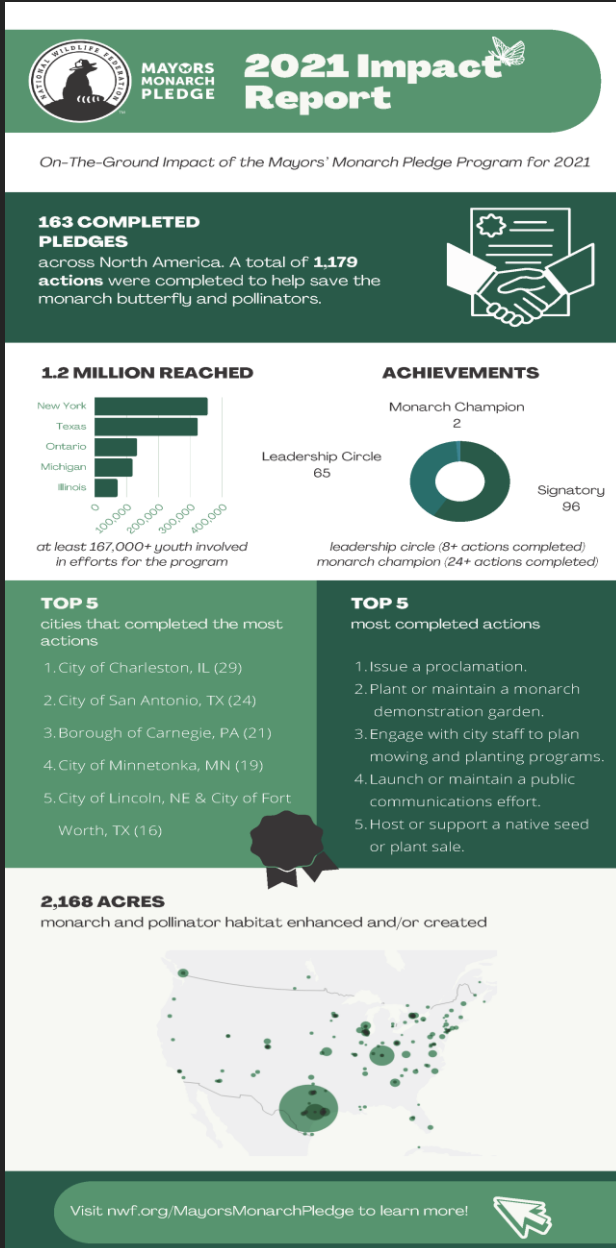
Our Commitment

The Parks & Recreation Department is committed to three actions out of 30 that promote monarch conservation.

- Issue a Proclamation to raise awareness about the decline of the monarch butterfly and the species' need for habitat.
- Launch or maintain a public communication effort to encourage residents to plant monarch gardens at their homes or in their neighborhoods.
- Host or support a monarch neighborhood challenge to engage neighborhoods and homeowners' associations within the community to increase awareness, support community unity around a common mission, and/or create a habitat for the monarch butterfly.



Monarch Butterfly Pledge



Questions



CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
503-657-0891

To: City Commission **Agenda Date:** 08/17/2022
From: Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, Community Development Director

SUBJECT:

Resolution to adopt the 2022 Street Tree List.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Consider the recommendation and presentation (included) from the members of the Natural Resource Committee. Adopt the Resolution for the revised Street Tree List.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Oregon City Street Tree List was last updated in 2013. Last summer, the City Commission asked the Natural Resource Committee to review and update the Street Tree List considering climate change and the appropriateness of species associated with various planting strip sizes, as well as evaluate the street tree standard drawing for opportunities to improve future tree health and ensure the best possible opportunity for tree success.

The NRC has since updated the Street Tree List and presented both the List and recommended code changes to staff and the City Commission. Staff is requesting direction to move forward with the presented code changes and has drafted a workplan that includes a public communication process. As requested by the City Commission, staff has also prepared a resolution to adopt the revised Street Tree List.

BACKGROUND:

In June, the NRC presented a revised *Street Tree List* that proactively prepares for climate change impacts. Considerations included tree species hardiness and minimizing the resource intensity needed for their maintenance. At the City Commission's request, the NRC attuned the list to address options for different planting strip sizes and guidelines to aid tree health and success, as well as reduce or prevent root system-related damage to infrastructure, with corresponding code changes as support.

Staff has developed a Workplan to guide the codification, public communication, and implementation processes of the recommended code changes.

The preliminary workplan is as follows, and includes a rough timeline:

1. **Formal direction from City Commission based on NRC recommendations** (August 2022)
2. **Communications Plan** (September-November 2022)
 - Public Outreach
 - Project Page (including tree permit link) w/narrative and FAQs.
 - Email, social media, flyer, monthly Trail News campaign
 - Survey
 - Commission/Committee Outreach
 - Send emails to Chamber, DSG, others
 - CIC Presentation, NRC update, Planning Commission work session.
3. **City Commission work session after survey and public outreach** (November 2022-January 2023)
 - Present the results of outreach and public comments.
4. **Legislative Land Use process** (February-April 2023)
 - Communication/outreach procedures as needed
 - Process Legislative Update (PC & CC hearings)

OPTIONS:

1. Adopt the NRC's revised Street Tree List and direct staff to proceed with code revisions.
2. Direct staff to make further revisions to the Street Tree List that can be brought back to the City Commission for adoption.
3. Deny adoption of the revised Street Tree List and retain the currently adopted Street Tree List.

To: Mayor Rachel Lyles Smith, Commissioner Rocky Smith, Commissioner Denyse McGriff, Commissioner Frank O'Donnell, and Commissioner Adam Marl
 From: The Oregon City Natural Resources Committee - Nancy Broshot (Chair), Samantha Wolf (Vice-Chair), Devon Pilney, Chris Weaver, Brain Kvisler
 Re: Recommended Oregon City Street Tree List

I am pleased to send you the updated street tree recommendations for Oregon City. The Natural Resources Committee spent many months discussing what trees should be recommended based on available growing space, what trees did well during the summer heat wave, as well as which trees were most damaged in February 2021's ice storm. We also took into account the predicted changes in climate as well as pests that are spreading across the country so that trees planted today would be most likely to survive in the future.

Our final list denotes what trees we recommend for specific parking strip widths. We decided to not recommend trees be planted in parking strips less than 3 feet in width. In fact, we encourage the City Commission to change the city code that currently requires that when street trees are removed from parking strips less than 3 feet (the current 2.5 to 3 foot space) they have to be replaced. Most of these areas are in the McLoughlin Neighborhood where roads were widened in the past, leading to these very narrow strips. Trees planted in such small places have higher mortality and often cause issues with sidewalks and streets. We discussed the idea of being required to plant a tree elsewhere on the lot but noted that many of these sites either already have large trees on their lots or have a very small lot that has no room for a tree. We'd like the city to amend the city code to not require home owners replant trees in such spaces, to not have to plant a tree elsewhere on their lots to make up for the lost tree, and to not fine people who choose to not plant a tree. We did list trees that could be planted in such areas if the homeowner does want to have a tree, but do not want people to have to do so. We also think this recommendation should reflect that any tree could cause sidewalk damage.

The recommended list is the result of many hours of work by NRC member Samantha Wolf. She talked with Jim Gersbach from Oregon Department of Forestry Wildfire Program, Kristin Ramstad from Oregon Department of Forestry, Urban and Community Forests Assistance Program, and Glen Ahrens from Oregon State University Extension. Other resources included tree lists from the City of Portland, the City of Milwaukie, the City of Ashland, and Metro.

We removed some current tree choices and placed them on a hiatus list. These are trees that we believe have been overplanted. Having a tree canopy with low diversity can create issues if a disease or pest comes into an area, resulting in a massive loss of street trees (e.g., the result of Dutch elm disease in the past). We also are encouraging the city to have a tree inventory conducted. We do not have accurate data on the percent of each species in the city's canopy. We recommend the city have a future Natural Resource Committee reevaluate our present list again in the future after the tree inventory has been completed or after 10 years from the adoption of this list.

We welcome any questions, concerns, or comments you have about this.

Thank you very much

Resolution No. 22-29

Adopting a revised Oregon City Street Tree Species List

Aquilla Hurd-Ravich, AICP, Community Development Director
August 17, 2022 City Commission Meeting

Purpose

Item #3.

- Consider the materials and recommendation from the Natural Resource Committee
- Approve Resolution 22-29 adopting a revised Street Tree Species List
- Consider directing to staff to proceed with code changes recommended by the NRC



Revised Street Tree Species List

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Background

- Street tree list last updated in 2013
- Summer 2021 City Commission asked NRC to review
 - Climate Change
 - Species that will not cause damage to sidewalks
 - Identify minimum planter widths
 - Review the City's standard planting detail
- NRC discussed beginning in August 2021 and finalized in February 2022.
- NRC Chair and Vice Chair presented the list and recommended code changes in June 2022



Revised Street Tree Species List

Research

Samantha Wolf, NRC Vice Chair, consulted with several agencies on best practices:

- Oregon Department of Forestry Wildfire Program
- Oregon Department of Forestry, Urban and Community Forest Assistance Program
- Oregon State University Extension

Consulted tree lists from:

- City of Portland
- City of Milwaukie
- City of Ashland
- Metro



Revised Street Tree Species List

Reasons for NRC Recommendation

- Climate change
- Trees that did well in heat and ice storm
- Tree size (above and below ground)
- Removed trees that appear to be over planted



Recommendations for Planter Widths

Planter Width	# of recommended types
2.5 feet -3 feet	10 options
3 feet – 4 feet	12
4.5 feet – 5.5 feet	19
6 feet- 8 feet	34
8.5 feet and greater	29



Pyramidal European Hornbeam

NRC Recommended Code Changes

- No longer require replanting of street trees in planter strips with widths less than 3 feet. The Street Tree List includes appropriate species should a property owner desire to replant a tree.
- When the planter strip is 3 feet or less do not require property owners to replant on their private property or pay a fee-in-lieu.
- Conduct a tree inventory and review the list again or review list in ten years if no inventory completed.



Code Change Work Plan

- Communications: September-November 2022
 - Public Outreach
 - Commission/Committee Outreach
- City Commission Work Session after Communications: November 2022- January 2023
- Legislative Land Use Process: February- April 2023



Revised Street Tree Species List

Commission Options

1. Approve Resolution 22-29 adopting a revised street tree species list

And:

1. Direct staff to proceed with the proposed work plan to implement recommended code changes.
2. Direct staff not to proceed with the work plan to implement code changes



Katsura Tree

Questions/ Discussion





CITY OF OREGON CITY

Staff Report

625 Center Street
Oregon City, OR 97045
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To: Natural Resources Committee
From: Pete Walter, Planning Manager

Agenda Date: 09/14/2022

SUBJECT:

Emerald Ash Borer Update

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Discussion and input

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Planning staff has developed a webpage and is preparing a flyer to publicize ways for property owners to prepare for the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB).

BACKGROUND:

Planning staff added a page dedicated to the Emerald Ash Borer to the Planning website. The page is located on the Planning website under Natural Resources.

<https://www.orcity.org/planning/emerald-ash-borer-eab-information-and-resources>

Planning is also reaching out the Parks Department and Public Works Department to promote awareness of the EAB. We will provide additional information at the meeting.

OPTIONS:

1. Discussion and direction to City staff

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$
FY(s): TBD
Funding Source(s): TBD



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Agenda Date: 09/14/2022

SUBJECT:

Communication Items for Natural Resources Committee

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Communication Items

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

See below.

BACKGROUND:

Heritage Tree Designation Updates:

On June 15, 2022 City Commission approved Resolution 22-27. This resolution designates the following trees and stands as Heritage Trees:

- Coast Redwood Located at 326 Pearl Street
- Camperdown Elm located at 137 Warner Parrott Rd
- Two Pin Oaks located in public right-of-way next to 536 Homes Lane and 919 Rilance Lane
- Three tree stands located on City Property at Hazel Grove Park, Tyrone S. Woods Park, and Oregon City Swimming Pool

Friends of Trees Neighborhood Planting Update

Join Friends of Trees to Plant Trees in Oregon City on Saturday, November 20th!

We currently have a need for more tree planters --can you help the cause? If so, YAY!

Save your spot here: <https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/S42OCkRoXvuDxl9s2Ugdi?domain=tfatforms.com>

- Where: Rivercrest Park, 131 Park Dr, Oregon City, 97045 (map) -- look for the Friends of Trees signs to guide you as you arrive
- When: Sat, November 12th, 9am – 1pm
- What: Join the first planting of the season in Oregon City! After some brief morning announcements, you and your planting crew of 4-8 people will embark on a tree-planting journey to plant 7-9 large-stock trees in Northern OC. Friends of Trees provides gloves, tools, and guidance, as well as a few small breakfast treats.
- Individuals and Groups Welcome! Meeting people and/or planting with your own group are both fun at these events! To learn more and register your group, check out our Volunteer as a Group page.
- Have a pickup truck? We need your help getting these young trees to their planting sites a few blocks away from the central staging site. Please sign up at www.friendsoftrees.org/truck if you're able to help us out in this key role. at the event.
- Interested in crew leading?

Grow in your leadership skills and lead a small crew in planting trees! Register for the free training on the FOT website.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Amount: \$
 FY(s): TBD
 Funding Source(s): TBD