

Exhibit 1 – Phasing Schedule

Phase 1 Complete Davey Contract - Tree Trusts-December 2014

- Tree Trusts are currently mentioned in the Denton Development Code. They appear to provide an additional mitigation option in lieu of paying into the Tree Fund or replanting onsite. When this option was pursued, implementation challenges and questions arose that needed further defining in terms of feasibility.
- Finish Davey contract regarding assessment of a workable process for Tree Trusts.
- Evaluate results from Davey and determine if Tree Trusts are a viable option to remain in the Tree Code.

Phase 2 Urban Forestry Ecosystem Assessment and Canopy Analysis/Setting the Baseline-July 2015

- This phase could move concurrently with Phase 1.
- Commission an analysis of Denton's urban forest utilizing a recognized consultant specializing in urban forestry ecosystem assessment and canopy analysis.
- Data from this assessment would quantify the dollar value of ecosystem benefits trees provide in the areas of air quality, carbon sequestration, and storm water runoff.
- The data from the analysis would be utilized as an educational tool and reference for City staff, elected and appointed officials, developers, and the community members of Denton to lay the foundation for updating the Tree Code.
- This study is consistent with the goals and objectives of both the *Simply Sustainable, A Strategic Plan for Denton's Future* adopted in 2012 and the draft *Denton Plan 2030* that is in the finalization process.

Phase 3 Pre-Planning/Stakeholder Engagement-September 2015

- Meet with internal stakeholders (ex. Planning, Legal, Parks, Real Estate, Watershed Protection, etc.) and external stakeholders (ex. Denton Community Development Alliance, community leaders, Citizen Foresters, etc.) for goal-setting and issue identification to work toward an Urban Forestry Strategy.
- Instead of utilizing a citizen committee, staff recommends using representation from key stakeholders, as well as existing and established groups with broad and diverse backgrounds (ex. Keep Denton Beautiful, Denton Plan Ambassadors, etc.).
- Assess what other Texas cities are doing (ex. Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Mansfield, Arlington, etc.) to identify tree ordinances that work well in the area.
- Compile best practices to consider incorporating into the new ordinance updates for the City.

Phase 4 Ordinance Updates-*TBD*

- Ordinance updates would be informed by the collaboration and partnership during stakeholder engagement (Phase 3). Listed below is potential sequencing of anticipated topics to be updated within the Tree Code:

Task 1

- Purpose and Intent (vision, include canopy goals)
- Applicability
- Permit Requirements
- Permit Review and Approval Process
- Definitions

Task 2

- Tree Designations (e.g. Protected trees, Historic Trees, Quality Trees)
- Preservation
- Mitigation (e.g. Tree Fund and Tree Trusts)

Task 3

- Alternative Tree Preservation Plan
- Preservation Incentives
- Green Infrastructure and the Public Realm (e.g. medians, parks, other city properties)
- Landscape and Tree Canopy Requirements (new development, new trees)