

## **Urban Forestry Management Plan Outline**

- 1. Introduction**
  - a. Mission Statement:  
*“The mission of the St. Charles Tree Commission is to establish and sustain a healthy and long-lived urban forest that will benefit the community both today and for generations to come. This will be achieved through citizen education and involvement that complements the care of public trees by the Public Works Department, guidance from the Tree Commission, and support of the City Council.”*
  - b. Vision Statement:  
*“The vision of the St. Charles Tree Commission is a healthy urban forest, comprised of diverse tree species that support associated native flora and fauna. In addition, the Commission envisions citywide stewardship will become the lifestyle of an informed public, actively engaged in the care of the environment.”*
- 2. History**
  - a. History of St. Charles
  - b. History of the St. Charles Tree Commission
  - c. History of St. Charles Trees
- 3. Diversity**
  - a. Tree Inventory
    - i. Past
    - ii. Present
  - b. Future (Long Range)
- 4. Maintenance**
  - a. Ordinances
  - b. City Programs
    - i. 50/50 Parkway Tree Program
    - ii. Private Nuisance Removal Program
- 5. Special Projects**
  - a. Parks (Langum Woods)
  - b. Emergency Management Plan/Guidelines
    - i. Infestations
- 6. Education**
- 7. Publicity**
- 8. National Program Involvement**
  - a. Arbor Day
  - b. Tree City USA / Tree Line USA / Growth Award
- 9. Urban Forestry Cost/Benefit Analysis**
- 10. Resident Requests**

**Note:** *Critical Points to Start With* - Chairman Bangs explained the focus should be on the following five outline points:

- i. Introduction with Mission and Vision Statements
- ii. Diversity - detailing what has been done and future plans
- iii. Special Projects
- iv. Emergency Management Plan/Guidelines – for storm related events
- v. Resident Request – a definition of the procedure that residents would follow to make requests of the Tree Commission

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