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TRUAC Recommendations & Public Outreach Direction

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Agenda

1. Overview of the Tree Regulation Update Advisory Committee (TRUAC) recommendations.
2. Overview of two additional amendments.
 - Street trees and landscaping in the planter strip requirements.
3. TRUAC public outreach option and discussion.
 - Council guidance requested on public outreach option.



City Council Scope

1. Provide consistency between **BMC Chapter 16.10**, Clearing, Grading, and Erosion Control on Construction Sites, **BDC Chapter 3.2**, Landscaping, Street Trees, Fences and Walls and City of Bend **Standards and Specifications Chapter 12**, Landscape Architecture and Irrigation Systems
2. Provide clear and objective tree preservation standards for the development of housing, including needed housing, and include an optional discretionary process for applicants for development;
3. Consider preservation standards for larger trees similar to the Southeast Area Plan; and
4. Consider alternatives to preserving trees, including tree replacement and a fee-in-lieu of preservation for the purpose of developing and protecting the City's urban tree canopy.
5. Identify tree inventory programs to support preserving and expanding Bend's urban tree canopy.



Summary of the Tree Regulation Update Advisory Committee (TRUAC) Process



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TRUAC Meeting Summaries

TRUAC held nine public meetings:

- Reviewed tree preservation codes from other cities.
- Reviewed tree preservation plans from 8 applications and compared them to possible options for how many trees should be preserved.
- Discussed options which first encourage the preservation of Priority Trees (20" or larger) and then provide flexibility by allowing an option to preserve a percent of the overall diameter at breast height (DBH) of trees six inches or larger.
- Discussed options for mitigation.
- Discussed exempting smaller sites from preservation but still requiring mitigation.
- Discussed that larger sites should preserve at least some trees on a site before opting to mitigate, or possibly applying for a discretionary approval path with mitigation



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Tree Preservation Applicability

Development Site

- More than one acre

Development Applications

- Site Plan Review
 - Building Expansions greater than 5,000 square feet
 - New Developments (e.g., Multi-Unit, Mixed-Use, Commercial & Industrial)
- Land Divisions



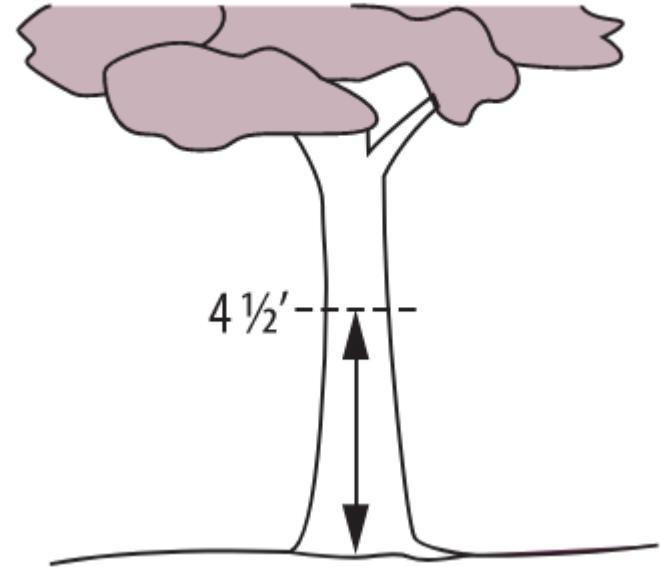
Regulated and Priority Trees

Regulated tree means an individual tree with a trunk diameter of 6" or larger measured at DBH.

Priority tree means an individual tree with a trunk diameter of 20" or larger measured at DBH.

Diameter at breast height (DBH) means the diameter or thickness of a tree trunk measured at four and one-half feet above the ground.

Measuring Tree Size for Existing Trees



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- A. **Minimum Lot Size:** Sites larger than one acre
 - **Exemption:** Sites one acre or smaller can remove all trees with mitigation
- B. **Size of Regulated Trees to be Inventoried and Mapped:** 6" or larger
- C. **Preservation Options:**
 - Option 1.** 20% of the Priority Trees
 - Option 2.** 25% of the DBH of Regulated Trees
- D. **Discretionary Path.** Discretionary path for less than 5% of the DBH of Regulated Trees plus mitigation



TRUAC Recommendations (continued)

E. Mitigation Options:

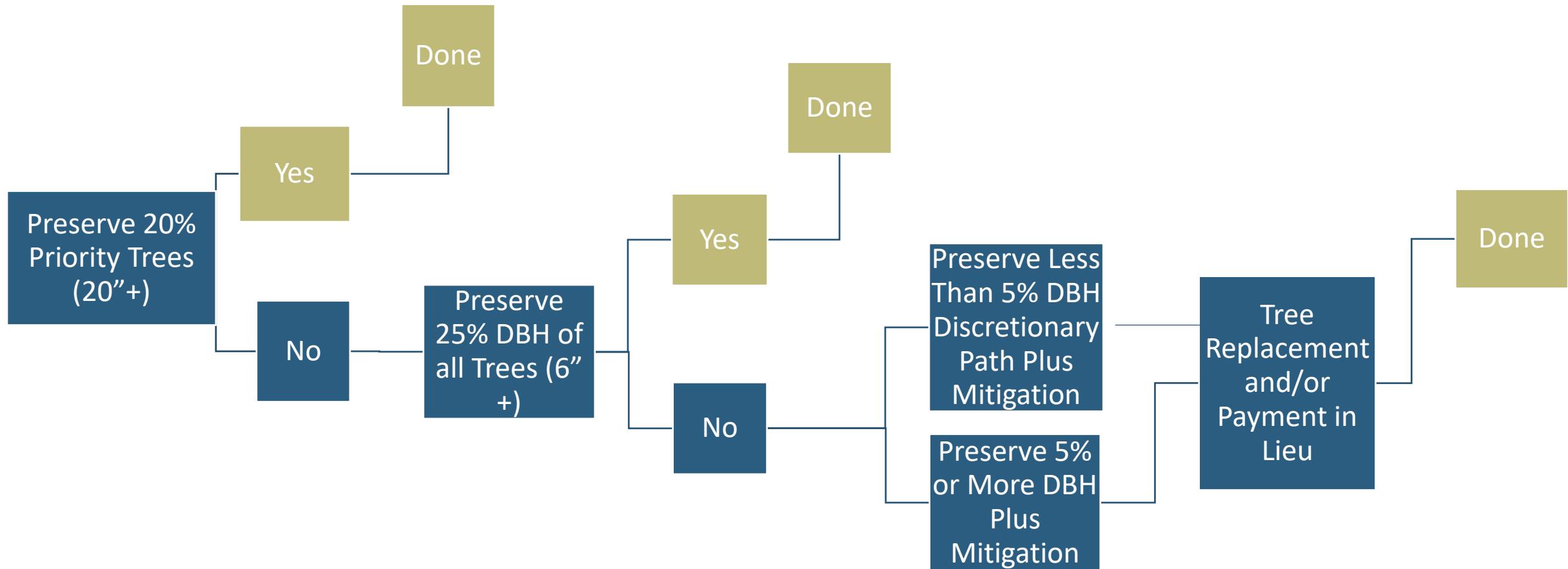
Tree Replacement Ratio. Mitigation trees are required on-site to make up for anything less than 25% DBH. The mitigation required to meet the standard is based on the largest tree or trees proposed for removal that equal or exceed the required DBH. The following is the tree replacement ratios:

- 6" to 9.9" DBH: One Tree
- 10" to 19.9" DBH: Two Trees
- 20" DBH or larger: Four Trees

Payment In-Lieu of Tree Preservation. Staff and Council will establish a program & fee amount



Tree Preservation Flow Chart for More than One Acre



Exempt: One acre or less with mitigation

List of Additional Recommendations Outside of the Project Scope



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TRUAC Recommendations Outside of Scope

In Progress

- Update Street Tree Species list

Will Set Up Process

- Track the tree preservation options applicants use

Future Items that Would Need to be Considered as Part of Goal Setting, During Budget Discussions, or with Further Council/Staff Review and Consideration

- Add Urban Forestry function and/or arborist to City staff during budget process
- Review and amend as needed engineering standards to encourage tree preservation:
 - ROW widths
 - Utility easements
 - Curb-tight sidewalks instead of property-tight
- Pursue state and federal funding to support tree related work
- Ensure that 2024 city projects (stormwater master plan, street standards update, climate action plan) consider and support the management and expansion of Bend's urban tree canopy
- Allow an additional tree protection measure if there is a certified arborist on-site during excavation
- Publish optimal tree spacing for newly planted trees, including below-grade space for root growth
- Continue to explore ways to preserve trees



Additional Amendments



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Additional Proposed Amendments to the BDC

Street Tree List

- Update and expand list of allowable trees based on planter strip width.
- Make approved street tree list a separate document from the BDC.

Landscaping in the Planter Strip

- Meet requirements of the 2021 Water Conservation and Management Plan and Council goals.
- Prohibit the installation of turf and inefficient spray irrigation in the ROW.
- Make approved plant list a separate document from the BDC.



Council Guidance on Public Outreach and Next Steps



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Public Outreach Recommendation

Informational Session with Q&A

- Hosted by City
- Hold two informational sessions (ex. at Council Chambers and another location TBD)
- Not part of the land use record
- Presentation by staff about TRUAC's recommended amendments to the tree preservation standards
- Opportunity for public to ask questions about the TRUAC recommendation
- Invite TRUAC's chair and vice chair and Planning Commissioner representative



Council Guidance Requested on Public Outreach Option

- Are a couple of Council members interested in participating?
- Location and times of information session?



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