



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH PARKS, BEACHES AND RECREATION COMMISSION AGENDA

Council Chambers- 100 Civic Center Drive

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 - 5:00 PM

Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Members:

**Anne Yelsey, Chair
Amy Waunch, Vice Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Keira Kirby, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner
Travis Piridy, Commissioner**

Staff Members:

**Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
John Nelson, City Arborist
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist**

The Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission. The Chair may limit public Comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

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As a member of the public, if you would like to participate in this meeting, you can participate via the following options:

1. You can submit your comments and questions in writing for Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission consideration by sending them to the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission at PBRcommission@newportbeachca.gov. To give the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission adequate time to review your questions and comments, please submit your written comments by Monday, October 6, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

2. In person in the Council Chambers; 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

Please know that it is important to allow public participation at this meeting. While the City does not expect there to be any changes to the above process for participating in this meeting, if there is a change, the information will be posted to the City's website.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Recreation Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City provides a yellow sign-in card to assist in the preparation of the minutes. The completion of the card is not required in order to address the PB&R Commission. If the optional sign-in card has been completed, it should be placed in the box provided at the podium. The PB&R Commission of Newport Beach welcomes and encourages community participation.

Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

This is the time in which PB&R Commissioners may pull items from the CONSENT CALENDAR for discussion (Items V-A thru V-C). Public comments are also invited on Consent Calendar items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, please state your name for the record. If any item is removed from the Consent Calendar by a PB&R Commissioner, members of the public are invited to speak on each item for up to three (3) minutes per item.

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the PB&R Commission votes on the motion unless a Commissioner requests specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission meeting of September 2, 2025

Waive reading of subject minutes, approved and order filed.

[09-02-2025 DRAFT PBR Minutes](#)

B. PW Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[PW Activity Report](#)

C. RSS Activity Report

Receive/File Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

[RSS Activity Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Continuation of Reforestation Request - 1716 Santiago Drive

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of a City American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive due to a blocked yard drain, roots encapsulating the water meter and the applicant's desire to re-grade and renovate the parkway as part of a larger landscape renovation project.

The applicant, Robert Kone, resident at 1716 Santiago Drive, has met the procedural requirements established in City Council Policy G-1 - *Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees* (City Council Policy G-1) to apply for reforestation. If approved by the PB&R Commission, staff recommends requiring the replanting of a one-for-one, 36-inch box holly oak (*Quercus ilex*) replacement tree. The applicant would pay for both removal and replacement, but the work would be performed by a City contractor coordinated by the Public Works Department.

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachments A-E](#)

[Presentation](#)

B. Review of Urban Forest Inventory Update for Corona Del Mar and Citywide Canopy Cover Analysis, conducted by Dudek, Inc.

Receive and File.

[Presentation](#)

C. Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission review comments from the Ad Hoc Committee and direct staff to forward to General Plan Advisory Committee for consideration, along with any additional input as appropriate.

At August 5, 2025, PB&R meeting the Community Development Department presented three draft elements (1) Harbor, Bay, and Beaches; (2) Natural Resources; and (3) Recreation to the Commission. The Commission requested the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to further explore the three draft elements to provide more informed feedback. Commissioners Daruty, Kirby and Malouf were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee at the September 2, 2025, meeting. They met twice to review and compile comments (Attachment A).

[Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on agenda and non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PB&R Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

**Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
Regular Meeting
September 2, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.**

I. CONVENE MEETING OF THE PARKS BEACHES & RECREATION COMMISSION TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Anne Yelsey, Chair
Amy Waunch, Vice Chair
Hassan Archer, Commissioner
Diane Daruty, Commissioner
Keira Kirby, Commissioner
Kate Malouf, Commissioner

Absent: Travis Pirdy, Commissioner (excused)

Staff: Sean Levin, Recreation & Senior Services Director
Justin Schmillen, Recreation & Senior Services Deputy Director
John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director
Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist
Gregory Haynes, Public Works Supervisor

III. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CONSENT CALENDAR

None

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission Meeting of August 5, 2025

Recommendation: Waive reading of subject minutes, approve and order filed.

B. PW Activity Report

Recommendation: Receive/file Activity Report of past and upcoming projects and events.

C. RSS Activity Report

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D. Request by Slammers Futbol Club for Weekend Light Usage at Arroyo Park

Recommendation: Approve the request from the Slammers Futbol Club to use lights on Saturday, October 4, 18 & 25 and November 1 & 8 and Sunday, November 9 at Arroyo Park from dusk to 8 p.m.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment. There was none.

Motion by Chair Yelsey, seconded by Commissioner Kirby, to approve Item V. CONSENT CALENDAR.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Reforestation Request – 1716 Santiago Drive

*Recommendation: Consider the reforestation request of a City American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive due to a blocked yard drain, roots encapsulating the water meter and the applicant's desire to re-grade and renovate the parkway as part of a larger landscape renovation project.*

*The applicant, Robert Kone, resident at 1716 Santiago Drive, has met the procedural requirements established in City Council Policy G-1 - Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees (City Council Policy G-1) to apply for reforestation. If approved by the PB&R Commission, staff recommends requiring the replanting of a one-for-one, 36-inch box holly oak (*Quercus ilex*) replacement tree. The applicant would pay for both removal and replacement, but the work would be performed by a City contractor coordinated by the Public Works Department.*

Parks and Trees Superintendent Kevin Pekar reported that the applicant, Robert Kone, lives at 1716 Santiago Drive, where there is a City American sweetgum considered a problem tree per City Council Policy G-1. He added that the tree's growth is creating blockages to a drain and raised a curb, while the applicant fears the roots are encroaching on utilities. He reported that the applicant proposes to plant a 36-inch box holly oak further from the utilities and closer to the center of the property. He added that staff approves of the replacement and reported that noticing within 500 feet of the property returned no public feedback. He added that the Dover Shores Community Association Board of Directors approved the reforestation. He lamented that the tree was not posted prior to the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that there are few cases where the water meter or water line is disrupted by City tree roots but added that there has been a civic history of preemptive utility work conducted due to tree root encroachment. He clarified that in this case, the roots have surrounded the utility box but have not penetrated the utility box. He confirmed that the holly oak would be slower growing than the

current tree and could even be safely moved five feet closer to the doorway with no likely difficulties.

In response to Vice Chair Waunch's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar stated that the curb is likely already protruding upwards to the point where it could obstruct someone from opening a car door. He added that the tree's roots would continue to grow if not removed.

In response to Commissioner Daruty's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar said that one repair bill was provided for the drain obstructed by the tree. He added that there has been no damage to the sewer.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the applicant has had to perform other tree-related repairs for which he could not produce a receipt. He noted that Mr. Kone is a newer resident and that the house has been reconstructed. He clarified that the tree impacted the street drain because the roots plugged it, leading to flooding. He could not confirm if the flooding had ever seeped inside the house. He added that he could not confirm the cost of the repair bills, but added that they were likely between \$150 and \$200 apiece. He confirmed that the applicant did not provide pictures of the drain impact.

In response to Commissioner Daruty's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that more than \$500 in damage is the criterion for a standard tree removal and not reforestation. He added it could qualify as a standard removal or a problem tree removal if the \$500 in damages can be verified, but the damage standard is lower for reforestation. He clarified that the first page of the City's request form functions for both removal and reforestation requests. He confirmed there is a moderate probability of the roots bursting water pipes in the next 5-10 years. He stated that he is unaware of how the City's Utility Department monitors the potential for a water pipe burst or meter damage from tree root penetration.

Commissioner Daruty called for more evidence of the damages and threats posed by the tree's roots.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar confirmed that staff has requested evidence.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment.

Jim Mosher stated that properties with a similar rainwater connection to the street are grandfathered in, but it has been at least a decade since this has been allowed in new construction. He added that redesigned homes now require the rainwater to be contained on the property, so that it does not flow into the street.

Chair Yelsey closed public comment.

Commissioner Archer called for more proof of damages and lamented that the applicant is not here to answer questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Kirby echoed her peers' call for more evidence. She noted that the tree was not posted, theorizing this could have reduced neighborhood feedback. She inquired about the possibility of continuing the item.

In response to Recreation & Senior Services Director Sean Levin's inquiries, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that the tree does not require posting following the Commission meeting. He added that this could still be performed for a 30-day period if the item is continued. He confirmed the 30-day posting is only required for special trees.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin clarified that the Commission could approve, deny, or continue the item.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar clarified that there is a required posting before the meeting, which was not done.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin stated that, if the Commission wants to approve the item, he recommends adding that the reforestation is contingent on a 30-day posting with no objections.

Commissioner Malouf called for more evidence and agreed that the applicant should attend the meeting.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin confirmed that the Commission cannot legally compel the applicant to attend the meeting.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar recommended continuing the item as opposed to a decision that includes caveats.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin agreed that the cleanest course of action is to continue the item, invite the applicant to that future meeting, and sufficiently post the tree in advance.

Commissioner Malouf stated that the applicant should also be asked to produce supporting evidence at a future meeting.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin confirmed that, if the item is continued, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar can relay to the applicant that they should attend the meeting with evidence of damage.

Motion by Commissioner Malouf, seconded by Commissioner Kirby, to continue the reforestation request of a City American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive to a future PB&R Commission meeting.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

B. City Park Signage Ad Hoc Subcommittee Pilot Program Update

Recommendation: Review the park sign pilot program survey results, and either 1.) Conclude the pilot program, maintain the existing sign style and sunset the Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Subcommittee), or 2.) Extend the pilot program and reaffirm the Subcommittee.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the Park Signage Ad Hoc Subcommittee was established on October 1, 2024, including Chair Yelsey, Commissioner Malouf, and Vice Chair Waunch, with a scope of reviewing maintenance on current City signs and discussing new park sign design standards.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the City currently uses redwood signs, but is experiencing high maintenance needs due to a combination of fading, chipping, cracking, rot, and vandalism. He added that the Subcommittee concluded that the coastal environment contributes to the shorter-than-expected life expectancy of the signs, along with State environmental regulations prohibiting the use of more durable paint and other materials.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that aluminum and stucco monument-style signs with a concrete base mimicking those in the City's medians were identified by the Subcommittee as a good potential option. He stated that this style of sign will have a lower maintenance cost because it will only require new paint as opposed to potentially replacing the entire sign on a regular basis.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that on February 4th, the Commission approved a pilot program to install monument-style signs at John Wayne Park and Spyglass Reservoir Park with a four-month input gathering window. He reported that the City received 140 respondents, with the overwhelming majority agreeing that the signs clearly identify the park's name, a mixed bag on whether the sign is visually appealing, reflected the City's brand, and enhances the park, with a conclusion that 60.7% of respondents preferred the current redwood signs. He reported on the variety of written comments received through the survey.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar stated that, if the Commission is considering extending the pilot program, it can consider incorporating other design elements into the monument style designs, adding or changing new sign locations to more widely-used parks, coinciding a new survey around a large City event, altering the timeframe for responses (noting that 80% of responses came within the first two months), or updating the survey noting the higher costs associated with maintenance for the current signs. He added that sunseting the Subcommittee is also an option.

In response to Vice Chair Waunch's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar reported that the comments were generally more negative from John Wayne Park's survey respondents than those at Spyglass Reservoir Park.

Commissioner Malouf reported that she was disappointed to see the negative results of the survey. She called to extend the pilot program and have the new signs tested in some more visible locations. She reported speaking with a neighbor about the new signs who was unaware of the significant difference in maintenance costs between the two styles, adding that the survey should bring the cost factor to light. She acknowledged that the monument signs might be too big for smaller parks such as Kings Road Park. She acknowledged that change can be generally unpopular but added that she is flexible towards what everyone thinks is best. She stated that the Subcommittee should continue its work.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiry, Public Works Supervisor Greg Haynes clarified that the redwood signs cost about \$4,000 each, with frequent replacements needed, particularly for those near the water and/or in a sunny location. He agreed that the monument-style signs should be smaller. He added that a nautical wheel or sails can be added to the design and that the paint colors could be changed, noting Newport Coast's more muted tones.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin stated that Public Works Supervisor Haynes has good thoughts on possible changes to the signs, but noted the point of the item is whether the pilot program and Subcommittee should be extended. He encouraged continuing the work and having the Subcommittee discuss all these detailed suggestions being made.

Chair Yelsey agreed with the survey results, noting that the monument signs do not match Newport Beach's look and feel.

In response to Commissioner Daruty's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar confirmed that staff did not consider a form of cement that looks like wood, but added that the City uses it in Sunset Ridge Park, and it can be incorporated into more signs.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment.

Mr. Mosher reported he was unaware of the survey because he had not visited either of the locations. He encouraged advertising the survey in a vehicle such as the City Manager's Newsletter to receive the desired wider array of feedback. He stated that the monument-style signs are corporate and bland. He lauded the sign at Bob Henry Park, adding he could not determine that it is wood due to the careful painting, and encouraged continuing the current redwood design with a more durable modern material.

Chair Yelsey closed public comment.

Commissioner Kirby commended only having three duplicate responses to the survey and encouraged obtaining additional feedback.

Motion by Chair Yelsey, seconded by Commissioner Daruty, to approve the extension of the pilot program and reaffirm the Subcommittee with the same membership.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

C. General Plan Harbor, Bay, and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element-Ad Hoc Subcommittee Appointment

Recommendation: *Appoint three commissioners to serve on the Ad Hoc Subcommittee to provide initial feedback on the draft Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element and bring comments back to full commission at the October 7, 2025, PB&R meeting.*

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin reported that at the last meeting, three relevant elements of the General Plan update were presented to the Commission, with a decision reached to form an Ad Hoc Subcommittee for a more detailed analysis. He cautioned that the Subcommittee must have its commentary ready for the October meeting to keep the General Plan updating process on schedule.

Chair Yelsey opened public comment.

Mr. Mosher reported that he is a member of the General Plan Advisory Committee, but added that he is speaking today as an individual. He noted that the current General Plan's Recreation Element included a plan of new parks – most of which happened – and encouraged the Commissioners to add more specific vision to this section of the updated General Plan covering the City's goals through 2050.

Chair Yelsey closed public comment.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiries, Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin requested the submission of three Commissioners who would like to serve on the Subcommittee, noting that they will need to meet as soon as possible. He stated that a single two-hour meeting could likely accomplish the goal. He agreed that Mr. Mosher's comment is appropriate. He added that two members would be sufficient if needs be, because the matter will come back to the Commission.

In response to Chair Yelsey's inquiry, Commissioners Daruty, Kirby, and Malouf agreed to serve on the Subcommittee.

Motion by Chair Yelsey, seconded by Commissioner Archer, to approve the appointment of three commissioners (Commissioners Daruty, Kirby, and Malouf) to serve on the Ad Hoc Committee to provide initial feedback on the draft Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element and bring comments back to full commission at the October 7, 2025, PB&R meeting.

The motion carried by unanimous vote.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Kirby requested more information about what the repercussions are for individuals who harm City trees, referring to the August meeting's reforestation request at 27 Point Loma Drive.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin confirmed that Code Enforcement could cite the individual with proper evidence. He noted that there is not always sufficient evidence of a guilty party to invoke enforcement measures.

Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar stated that he expects the tree to flush out. He added that sometimes a tree will grow even fuller than before as a reactionary measure based on how it was trimmed and grow faster. He predicted that the 27 Point Loma Drive tree will likely see rapid growth in the spring. He reported speaking with the Code Enforcement Supervisor about the tree and lamented that there is not much the City can do without an eyewitness or visual evidence. He added that the small administrative fine for performing the action lacks punch, and noted that if the tree were structurally destroyed, it would have to be removed so the denied applicant would get his way. He added that staff can ask the resident who reported the excessive trimming to remain vigilant.

Commissioner Malouf reported that the tree's health remains good and expressed hopes it will grow full in the spring. She lamented its extensive trimming shortly after the application was denied.

In response to Commissioner Malouf's inquiry, Parks and Trees Superintendent Pekar stated that the tree is probably not sufficiently valuable to the City to warrant the installation of a security camera.

Recreation & Senior Services Director Levin stated that on Friday, the City will host a Movie in the Park at Sunset Ridge Park for the first time. He stated that there will be another Movie in the Park on October 3rd. He reported that there will be a City-run surfing contest from September 20-21, and a Concert at Marina Park on September 28th. He reported that a Roy Orbison impersonator will be performing at Older Adult Social and Information Services (OASIS) Senior Center, with tickets selling out in about 20 minutes. He added that a Friends of OASIS Cars and Coffee event and a boutique and rummage sale are also upcoming.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Mosher reported that the Commission recently approved the removal of a eucalyptus tree at the site of the Balboa Fire Station and Library reconstruction and encouraged the Commission to request an update, as the Planning Commission's

future agendas indicate that the tree's status remains an ongoing matter, including potential involvement from the California Coastal Commission over nesting herons.

IX. ADJOURNMENT – 6:09 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mariah Stinson, Administrative Support Specialist

Approved by:

Anne Yelsey, Chair



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NEWPORT BEACH

Public Works Department Monthly Activities Report

To: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

From: Public Works Department

John Salazar, Acting Deputy Public Works Director



Beach Operations Winter Schedule Begins



Beginning September 22, 2025 the city's beach maintenance operations transitioned to its "winter schedule." Staff will start work at 6:30 am, focusing on preparations for various inclement weather systems and planning for next summer. This includes fortifying the berm at the Balboa Pier for high tide/high surf events, placing wind fencing at the street ends of the Balboa boardwalk to guard against high wind, painting volleyball court poles, refurbishing fire rings, and placing the "log boom" at the Aquatic Center to help mitigate storm debris in the bay. Beach cleaner operations will run on Mondays and Fridays, excluding storm events, when heavier debris washes up on shore. Public Works staff will focus on these areas and be ready to adjust to the conditions extreme weather could bring in the coming months.

Sunset Ridge Park Volunteer Planting

On Saturday, September 6, Wildlife Jewels—a Newport Beach-based nonprofit—hosted its National Hummingbird Day event at Sunset Ridge Park. Approximately 20 volunteers installed 132 native pollinator plants, improving habitat for hummingbirds, monarch butterflies and other pollinators. The program showcased educational works of art and posters spotlighting stories of locally rescued pollinators and sharing information about hummingbirds, monarchs, native plants, and simple, science-informed actions

residents can take. With plant support from the City of Newport Beach and contributions from Roger's Gardens and Sprinkles, the community came together to beautify the park and support hummingbirds, monarchs and other pollinators.





Castaways Park - Maintenance of Fence Rails and Posts

One of the ongoing projects the Public Works Department tackles each month is the repair and replacement of the wood fence rails and deteriorated posts along the blufftop trail at Castaways Park. Constant sun, the marine environment, and occasionally, termites cause damage that requires the maintenance team to remove the broken and rotted rails. If necessary, new fence posts are replaced and installed with concrete footings. The new wood is then painted. This regular maintenance keeps the public safe while enjoying the picturesque views from the park's well-traveled trail.



Trees Maintenance

During August 2025, Great Scott Tree Service (GSTS) trimmed Coral trees City-wide. Also, palm trees were trimmed citywide, except for the Peninsula, which is set to be pruned after Labor Day. During the same period, GSTS trimmed all the trees in Grid 9 (Cameo Highlands), Grid 10 (Cameo Shores) and Grid 11 (Shore Cliffs) and responded to 12 tree-related emergencies and completed seven service requests.

Month of:	# of Trees Trimmed:	# of Trees Removed:	# of Trees Removed Because a Problem Tree:	# of Trees Planted:
August	1,694	44	2	32

Prepared By:

Kevin Pekar, Superintendent
Parks and Trees Section



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Recreation & Senior Services Department Monthly Activities Report



Parks
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To: PB&R Commission
From: Sean Levin, RSS Director
Justin Schmillen, RSS Deputy Director

Spooktacular at Mariners Park



Come out and join us for the 8th Annual Halloween Spooktacular at Mariners Park! This free community event includes music, trunk-or-treat area, a haunted walkthrough, carnival games, bounce houses, costume contests, food trucks, and fun for the whole family! Food will be available for purchase from local favorites. [Mariners Park & VJ Community Center](#) is located at 1300 Irvine Ave., Newport Beach, CA 92660. Parking is limited. Walking and biking are encouraged.

OASIS Concert

On Friday, September 12, we wrapped up this year's OASIS Concerts in the Courtyard with an unforgettable evening. The show featured a heartfelt Roy Orbison tribute that had the entire crowd singing along. We're excited to share that the show sold out, with 300 tickets sold in under two hours! The weather was perfect, providing a beautiful backdrop for the incredible energy that filled the courtyard from start to finish.



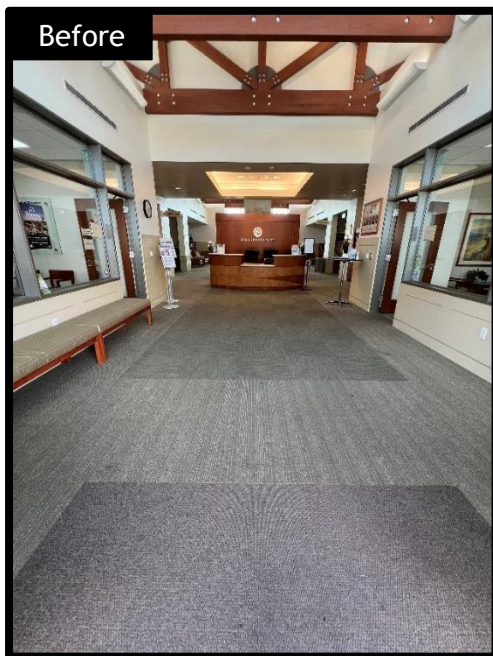
OASIS 100 Mile Club Fitness Challenge

As of September 2, the OASIS Fitness Center has officially kicked off its 100 Mile Club Challenge! Participants have 12 weeks to log their walks or runs on the Strava app toward the 100-mile goal. Finishers will not only receive an exclusive OASIS 100 Mile Club visor but also earn a spot on the Fitness Center's Wall of Fame! The challenge is off to a strong start with 25 registrations in the first week and counting. Participants enjoy the chance to stay active while working toward a fun fitness milestone together.



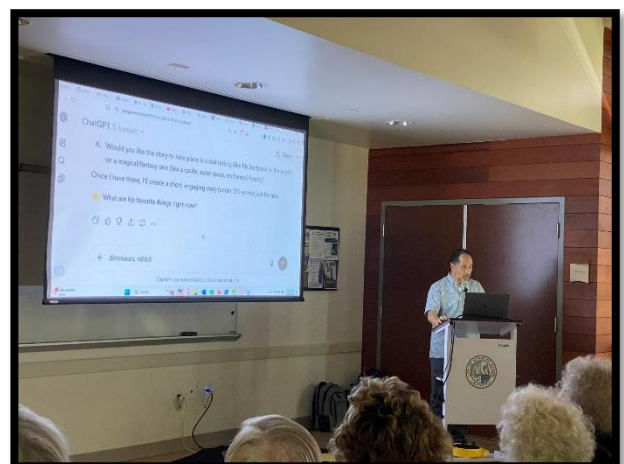
OASIS Carpet Replacement

On Monday, August 11, OASIS initiated a two-week project to replace the carpet throughout the administration building and several additional areas of the facility. Since the 2010 rebuild, the original carpet had experienced significant wear due to high daily use, with an average of 500-700 participants visiting OASIS each day, making it one of the City's most utilized public facilities. The replacement was necessary to maintain the quality, safety, and appearance of the building. Public Works played a key role in getting this project underway and ensuring its successful completion. The project was finished on schedule, and both participants and staff have expressed their appreciation for the improvement, noting the refreshed and welcoming environment it has created.



AI Lecture at OASIS

On Tuesday, September 16, the OASIS Senior Center hosted a well-attended lecture on Artificial Intelligence, drawing 77 participants. Presenter Wendell Chong delivered an engaging and highly praised talk, covering the history of AI and demonstrating practical ways it can be a helpful tool in daily life. He showed attendees how to access top news stories, better understand a blood test, and even create illustrated stories to entertain grandchildren. The presentation sparked lively interest and concluded with questions about when the next AI lecture would be scheduled, as many participants expressed enthusiasm for learning more.



OASIS Karaoke Celebration

September was National Senior Center Month and OASIS celebrated with a Karaoke Party on Tuesday, September 9. Dozens of talented singers and spectators gathered and cheered for each other. There was singing, dancing, trivia, but most importantly the community came together to have a fun filled afternoon and create memories. Leading into the celebration, we asked patrons to write about their experience with OASIS. We received many responses via handwritten letters and emails which shared most memorable moments and how OASIS has significantly affected their lives.



OASIS 9-11 Blood Drive

On September 11, OASIS Senior Center hosted a Blood Drive led by staff members from the American Red Cross. We had 35 donors donate blood, and the American Red Cross collected 36 units, which is enough to help save up to 108 lives in local hospitals. Ten of those donors gave blood for the first time! It was a successful event which we plan to continue in the coming years.





Movie in the Park

Sunset Ridge Park was full of energy on Friday, September 5 as we hosted our third Movie in the Park of the season, featuring the animated hit *A Minecraft Movie*. Around 300 residents joined the fun, enjoying the beautiful sunset, arts and crafts, games and plenty of popcorn!

Don't miss your last chance to join the fun this season! Our final Movie in the Park will be taking place on Friday, October 3 at Irvine Terrace Park with a showing of *Lilo & Stitch*. Activities begin at 6 p.m. with the movie starting at 6:45 p.m.!



First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training

Last month, Recreation Supervisors Cesar Armas and Jena Zapien, along with Recreation Coordinator Savannah Bonifay, successfully completed the American Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor Training Course. With this certification, they are now qualified to teach First Aid/CPR/AED courses. This achievement strengthens the Recreation and Senior Services Department's ability to ensure that staff are properly trained and certified to respond confidently and effectively in emergency situations. Having three certified instructors on staff allows the department to have greater flexibility in scheduling training courses to meet operational needs. They are excited to begin training department staff this upcoming Winter season!

Fostering interest in Nature (Fiin)

Fostering interest in Nature (Fiin), is an 8-week overnight science and nature camp offered in partnership with the Newport Dunes Resort and Newport Bay Conservancy. Local Title I elementary schools from Orange County apply to bring their 5th grade classes to the program. The program is a 3-day, 2-night intensive science camp.

Fiin is operating September 15 through November 7 featuring activities and lessons in art and nature, hiking, kayaking, outdoor recreation, food webs, habitat ecology, marine biology, astronomy, and conservation. Additionally, students get the



opportunity to experience roasting hot dogs and marshmallows over a campfire and sleeping in a tent. With a maximum capacity of 40 students each session, the program aims to serve 500 students over the course of each season. FiiN launched in Spring 2019 and completed its fourth full session in 2024. In 2025, we have another full schedule with over 500 participants, representing 10 different schools. FiiN will continue to create lifelong memories for participants all while fostering an interest in nature and a love for all that is wild in Orange County.

Fall Youth Sports Seasons Underway

With school back in session, so are our local youth sports organizations! Fall welcomes the beginning of several youth sports seasons including soccer and football back onto the City's athletic fields. The City's Youth Sports Commission members work collaboratively with City Staff to ensure that each organization is allocated field space to conduct weekly practice and games, while addressing any maintenance issues that may arise during the season.



Mayor's Youth Council

This year, we received a total of 58 applications for the Mayor's Youth Council, which we are currently in the process of interviewing. The applicants, ranging from 9th to 12th grade, come from a diverse array of schools, including Corona del Mar High School, Fairmont Preparatory Academy, Laurel Springs High School, Newport Harbor High School, Sage Hill School, St. Margaret's Episcopal School, JSerra Catholic School, Mater Dei High School, and one applicant from iLead Exploration, a home school program. Notably, all candidates reside within Newport Beach, reflecting our commitment

to engaging local youth in city governance and community service. This year's program is scheduled to kick off on October 13 with our first volunteer opportunity being October 25, at our Halloween Spooktacular.

OASIS Free Flu Shot Clinic

The OASIS Senior Center is hosting a Free Flu Shot Clinic on Wednesday, October 22, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Room 1. Provided by HOAG Faith Community Nurses and Community Benefit, this clinic offers both senior doses and regular flu shots while supplies last. Protect yourself and your loved ones this flu season by taking advantage of this convenient community service. The clinic is open to the public, and RSVPs are recommended by calling 949-644-3244 or emailing OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov.



Provided by: HOAG Faith Community Nurses & Community Benefit

FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC

Let's protect yourself and your loved ones

Wednesday, October 22
9:00–11:00a.m. | Room 1

Senior Doses AND Regular Flu Shots 'While Supply Lasts'

OASIS Senior Center
801 Narcissus Ave. Corona del Mar

RSVP Recommended, call 949-644-3244 or email OASIScenter@newportbeachca.gov

Park Patrol

Due to the timing of the meeting, these monthly summaries will be two months behind (i.e. in June you will receive April summary). During the month of **August**, Park Patrol completed the following:

PATROL CHECKS	
Youth Sports Groups	19
Field related issues/checks	118
Park/Picnic/reservation issues/checks	12
Community Center issues/checks	31
Playground checks	155
Other	127
PUBLIC CONTACTS	
Education	4
Alcohol	5
Dog related	238
Written Warnings Issued	2
Citations Issued	1

Special Event Permits

As of September 15, 2025, there were 135 Special Event Permits processed and issued for the year. Those events of note for this period are:

Event Name	Location	Dates	Attendance
Summer Concert on the Green (Pacific Symphony)	Newport Beach Civic Center	August 17, 2025	3000
Movie in the Park	Sunset Ridge Park	September 5, 2025	250
Summer Concert on the Green (Tijuana Dogs)	Newport Beach Civic Center	September 14, 2025	2000

Facility Use

During the period of August 16, 2025 - September 15, 2025, were:

FACILITY USE (Indoor)	
Civic Center Community Room	17
Community Youth Center (CYC)	6
Junior Guard Building	3
Marina Park Event Room	6
Marina Park Classrooms	18
Newport Coast Community Center	31
Newport Coast Community Center Gym	17
OASIS Event Room	0
OASIS Classrooms	7
FACILITY USE (Outdoor)	
Marina Park Picnic/Park Area	8
Picnic/Park Area	30
Fields	5



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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item **VI-A**
October 7, 2025

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

FROM: Public Works Department
John Salazar, Deputy Public Works Director
949-718-3460, jsalazar@newportbeachca.gov

PREPARED BY: Kevin Pekar, Parks and Trees Superintendent
949-644-3069, kpekar@newportbeachca.gov

TITLE: Continuation of Reforestation Request – 1716 Santiago Drive

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation (PB&R) Commission consider the reforestation request of a City American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive due to a blocked yard drain, roots encapsulating the water meter and the applicant's desire to re-grade and renovate the parkway as part of a larger landscape renovation project.

The applicant, Robert Kone, resident at 1716 Santiago Drive, has met the procedural requirements established in City Council Policy G-1 – *Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees* (City Council Policy G-1) to apply for reforestation. If approved by the PB&R Commission, staff recommends requiring the replanting of a one-for-one, 36-inch box holly oak (*Quercus ilex*) replacement tree. The applicant would pay for both removal and replacement, but the work would be performed by a City contractor coordinated by the Public Works Department.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Kone contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of an American sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive. Mr. Kone explained that he wished to renovate the parkway, lowering the grade to the same level as the sidewalk. Furthermore, Mr. Kone has experienced blockages to his landscape drain, which is situated a couple feet from the tree's location. The replacement tree would be located farther from this drain. Finally, the tree's roots surround the water main line to the house and Mr. Kone fears this may cause a rupture in the future.

Although the species is listed as a Problem Tree in the City Council Policy G-1, staff inspected the tree and determined that the tree is in good condition and did not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the Policy. Mr. Kone was advised of the reforestation process as an option. He is willing to pay for the tree removal and the planting of a 36-inch box holly oak (*Quercus ilex*) replacement tree. Additionally, as required by City Council Policy G-1, the applicant provided the meeting minutes documenting the Dover Shores Community Association Board of Directors discussing and approving removal and replacement of the tree.

This item was presented to PB&R Commission at the September 2, 2025, meeting. Commission voted to continue the item to allow the applicant, who was not in attendance, to gather more evidence of property damage or other reasons why the reforestation was necessary. Additionally, the subject tree was not properly posted prior to the meeting, which would better inform surrounding neighbors of the request.

NOTICING:

Robert Kone, Councilmember Erik Weigand and Dover Shores Community Association have received a copy of this report. The tree was posted with information regarding the reforestation request, and postcard notifications were sent by the City to property owners within 500 feet of the subject tree's location. The agenda item has also been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Reforestation Application
- B. Dover Shores Community Association Meeting Minutes/Approval
- C. Tree Removal Report/Review
- D. Info Sheet – Holly Oak
- E. Postcard Notification Map



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

Public Works Department

Municipal Operations Division

Tree Removal or Reforestation Application

Per City Council Policy G-1 (Retention, Removal, and Maintenance of City Trees), I am **requesting** a tree removal(s) to be reviewed by staff and submitted to either the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission for consideration at a future meeting or the appropriate City approving authority. I am aware that Commission meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of each month (except for holidays) at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

One (1) Liquidambar styraciflua (American Sweet Gum)

Quantity and species, if known, of tree(s).

1716 Santiago Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

Location of tree(s)

Please be as specific as possible

Requestor

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Property Owner
<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Association
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other _____

Address/ Phone (Daytime) / Email

1716 Santiago Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

949-500-2357

robb@bestssco.com

Signature:

Date: 6-4-25

Print Name:

Robb Kone

REFORESTATION REQUESTS: Please proceed to Section B.

Section A. For Tree Removal Requests Only

Removal Criteria (Check one or more)

Please provide copies of photos, bills, documents or any other related material that will verify the checked items.

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Proven and repeated history of damaging public or *private, sewers, water mains, roadways, sidewalks, curbs, walls, fences, underground utilities or foundations. (*Greater than \$500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Repeated history of significant interference with street or sidewalk drainage. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dying Has no prospect of recovery. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Diseased Cannot be cured by current arboricultural methods. In advanced state of decline with no prospect of recovery. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Hazardous Defective, potential to fail, could cause damage to persons/property upon failure. Assessment by City Arborist will identify structural defects, parts likely to fail, targets-if fails, procedures and actions to abate. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Beautification Project In conjunction with a City Council-approved City, commercial, neighborhood, or community association beautification program. |

Section B. For Reforestation Requests Only

Reforestation is the concept of systematically replacing Problem or All Other Trees which are creating hardscape and/or view problems and cannot be properly trimmed, pruned or modified to alleviate the problem(s) they create, or those which have reached their full life, and are declining in health, or are simply the wrong species of tree(s) for the planted location.

As initiated by:

☐Property Owner

☐Community Association

☐Other _____

Check all items applicable:

☐Tree(s) causing curb, gutter, sidewalk or underground utilities damage.

☐Wrong tree species for location

☐View encroachment

☐Area has clearly defined contiguous boundaries that include the tree(s) proposed.

☐Residential communities, neighborhoods, or business organizations who apply for reforestation must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of the property owners within the area defined.

☐Areas represented by a legally established community association, may submit a resolution of the Board of Directors formally requesting a reforestation.

☐Individual property owners must submit a petition signed by a minimum of 60% of a maximum of 30 private property owners (up to 15 contiguous private properties on both sides of the street up to 500' in either direction from the location of the proposed reforestation site) as well as the endorsement of the appropriate homeowners' association, if applicable.

*A request for reforestation requires a written agreement submitted to the Parks, Beaches, and Recreation Commission by the petitioning sponsor (Individual private property owner(s) or group) to pay 100% of the costs of the removal and replacement of the public tree(s) in advance of any removal activity. The actual removal and replanting will be coordinated by the Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division using the City tree maintenance contractor.

*There shall be a minimum of a one-for-one replacement of all tree(s) removed in reforestation projects. Replacement tree(s) shall be a minimum size of 36" boxed tree and cost ranges from \$706 to \$910, unless the parkway space will not accommodate a 36" boxed tree or a tree cannot be planted due to planting restrictions contained in City Council Policy G-6.

This form does not replace the requirements of any of the City tree policies. Its use is intended to expedite the tree removal or reforestation requests and to ensure compliance with all City requirements. Please refer to individual City Council Policy G-1 for additional information.

REQUESTOR COMMENTS: This tree is growing over the main waterline and is pushing the main water line box up

I understand this tree type has invasive roots and will likely cause a waterline issue. The sidewalk appears to have been repaired in the past

Removals, except emergency, will be subject to the notification processes, time frames and authority as specified in the City Council G-1 Policy.

Dover Shores Community Association
Architectural Committee Minutes
June 26, 2025

Committee Members Present: Peggy Pugh
David George

Committee Members Absent: Tim Hawke

Management Representatives Melissa Mora

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Administration

No administration items were discussed at this meeting.

Items Discussed

1924 Galaxy – Homeowner submitted revised plans to their front yard/bayside hardscape & landscape improvements. It was reviewed by the committee and the only issue was the planter boxes near 1918 Galaxy. Motion duly made, second, and carried unanimously to approve the work for construction pending neighbor approval via email that the raise planter boxes do not block their bayside view.

1453 Galaxy – Homeowner submitted revised plans to the new home and 3-car garage with exterior materials & colors, concept hardscape plan. It was reviewed by the committee and there were some missing items that were requested by the architect including neighbor awareness forms, pool equipment notes, and siding color. It was also noted that the front exterior plant material is overgrown and needs to be trimmed and cleaned up. Motion duly made, second, and carried unanimously to approve the conceptual design with corrections noted on the plans by the architect and to resubmit changes for a final review.

1716 Santiago – Homeowner submitted a removal/reforestation application for a city tree in front of 1716 Santiago Drive. The application was reviewed by the committee. Motion duly made, second, and carried unanimously to approve the removal of the tree in front of 1716 Santiago Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

APPROVED:  DATE: 7/17/2025



Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division

August 12, 2025

TO: Landscape Manager

FROM: City Arborist

SUBJECT: *Tree Removal Review*

PROPERTY OWNER(S) / REQUESTER INFORMATION:

Name: Robert Kone

Tree Location: 1716 Santiago Dr / Front – 1

The applicant, Robert Kone, contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of an American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive due to utilities issues and a desire to renovate the parkway.

A field inspection determined the American Sweetgum is in good condition and does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy. Staff is denying the removal request of the American Sweetgum and has advised Mr. Kone of the appeal process. Mr. Kone has provided the required HOA board meeting minutes along with the HOA board signature of approval to remove and replace the tree with a Holly Oak (*Quercus ilex*) 36-inch box tree.

REPLACEMENT TREE(S): ☒ YES ☐ NO

REPLACEMENT TREE(S):

Holly Oak (*Quercus ilex*)

LANDSCAPE MANAGER – COMMENTS / RECOMMENDATIONS:

Signature: 

Date: 8-12-2025



Public Works Department/Municipal Operations Division

TREE INSPECTION REPORT

Name: Robert Kone

Location(s) of tree(s): 1716 Santiago Dr / Front – 1

Request: The applicant, Robert Kone, contacted the City Arborist to request the removal of an American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*) located at 1716 Santiago Drive due to utilities issues and a desire to renovate the parkway.

Botanical/Common Names: Liquidambar styraciflua / American Sweetgum

Estimated Tree Value: \$3,260.00

Replacement Street Tree:

Damage: N/A

Parkway: Concrete Brick Turf (X) Other

Comments: A field inspection determined the American Sweetgum is in good condition and does not meet the criteria for removal referenced in the G-1 Policy.

Mr. Kone is willing to pay for the tree removal and the planting of a Holly Oak (*Quercus ilex*) 36-inch box replacement tree.

Inspected by: _____

Date: August 12, 2025

John J. Nelson, City Arborist

Recommendation: Staff is denying the removal request of the American Sweetgum and has advised Mr. Kone of the appeal process.

Reviewed by: _____

Date: August 12, 2025

Kevin Pekar, Landscape Manager









DetailNotesImagesDocumentsObservations

Inventory Detail

Tree ID	986367	Old Tag #		Save
District	16			
Area	16			
Address	1716 SANTIAGO DR			
Side/Site	Front - 1			
Alt Address				
Tree Species	Liquidambar styraciflua / Liquidambar			
Common Name	American Sweetgum			
Size	13-18			
Height	30-45			
DBH				
Condition	FAIR			
Pruning Frequency				
Grow Space				
Space Size				
Overhead Utility				
Sidewalk Damage				
Note:				
Irrigation Flag	Yes	No		
Monitor Flag	Yes	No		
Service Type	Grid Pruning			
Season	AUG/OCT			
Estimated Value	\$3,260.00			
Next Date				

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Service History							New
Scope	WO Ref #	Description	Who	Service Date	Invoice Date	Service	Price
Invoiced	53436	2024 - Grid 16 (Broadleaves) - (June Progress)	GSTS	6/28/24	6/28/24	Grid Pruning	59.44
Invoiced	46168	2022 - GRID 16 (Westcliff) - Broadleaves (May progress)	GSTS	5/24/22	5/31/22	Grid Pruning	56.58
Invoiced	40698	2020 - Grid 16 - Westcliff (All Trees)	GSTS	5/04/20	5/29/20	Grid Pruning	53.85
Invoiced	33166	2018 Grid 16 - Westcliff (All Trees) - May Progress	GSTS	5/18/18	5/31/18	Grid Pruning	51.33
Invoiced	25153	2016 - Grid 16 (Westcliff) - Broadlefs	GSTS	5/24/16	5/26/16	Grid Pruning	49.43
Invoiced	18302	2014 - West Cliff Revised	GSTS	4/30/14	5/31/14	Grid Pruning	48.00
Work History			WCA	4/26/11		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	5/19/08		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	10/05/05		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	3/14/02		Other	0.00
Work History			WCA	1/04/00		Other	0.00



City of Newport Beach: Trees Section – Tree Info Sheet

Holly Oak (*Quercus Ilex*)

Quercus ilex is native to the Mediterranean but has been naturalized in the UK and New Zealand and is widely planted in California. This tree has a dense, rounded canopy that provides ample shade. Its leaves are dark green and leathery, with a glossy surface that reflects sunlight beautifully. The bark is dark and deeply furrowed, giving the tree a rugged, ancient appearance. It produces small, inconspicuous flowers that eventually give way to acorns. This tree is well-suited for urban environments, as it is highly tolerant of drought and poor soil conditions. Its robust nature makes it a reliable choice for parks and streetscapes. In ancient Greece, the leaves of the tree were used to tell the future. The acorn was a symbol of fertility and used as a charm to increase chances of conception.

Description:

Has evergreen foliage

Height: 50 feet

Spread:

40 to 70 feet

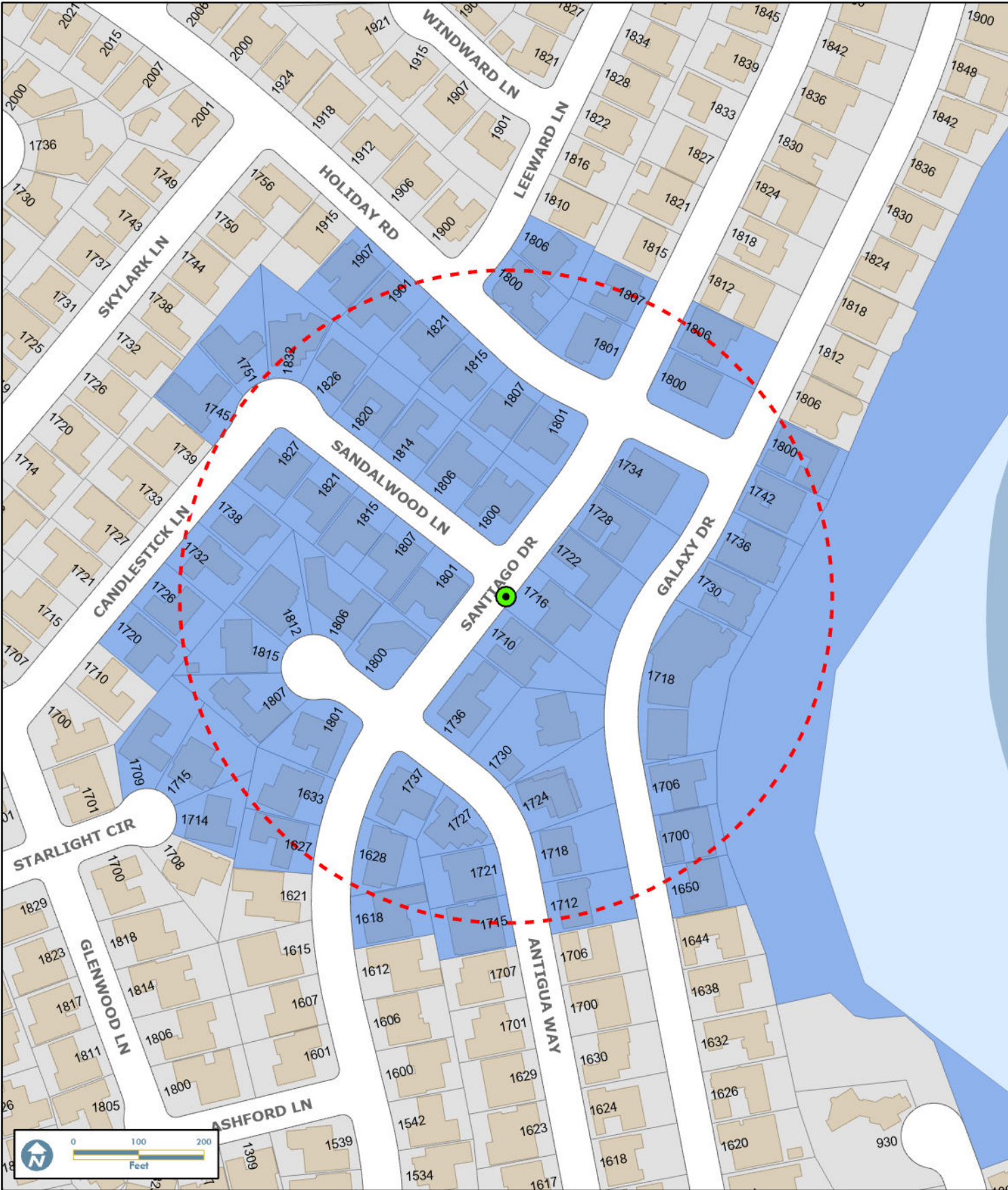
Crown shape:

Rounded

Growth rate:


0-24-inch per year





Tree Reforestation

1716 Santiago Dr

-  Tree Location
-  Properties Notified
-  500 Feet


City of Newport Beach
GIS Division
August 11, 2025

REFORESTATION: 1716 SANTIAGO DR

Parks, Beaches & Recreation
Commission

October 7, 2025



BACKGROUND



Applicant: Mr. Robert Kone, at 1716 Santiago Dr.



Tree Location:

1716 Santiago Dr (Front 1) (ID# 986367)



Tree Species:

American Sweetgum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*)

- ❑ Continued from Commission meeting on September 2, 2025

SITE CONDITIONS

Applicant

1716 Santiago Dr.



Blocked drain /
encapsulated water meter

SITE CONDITIONS

at 1716 Santiago Dr



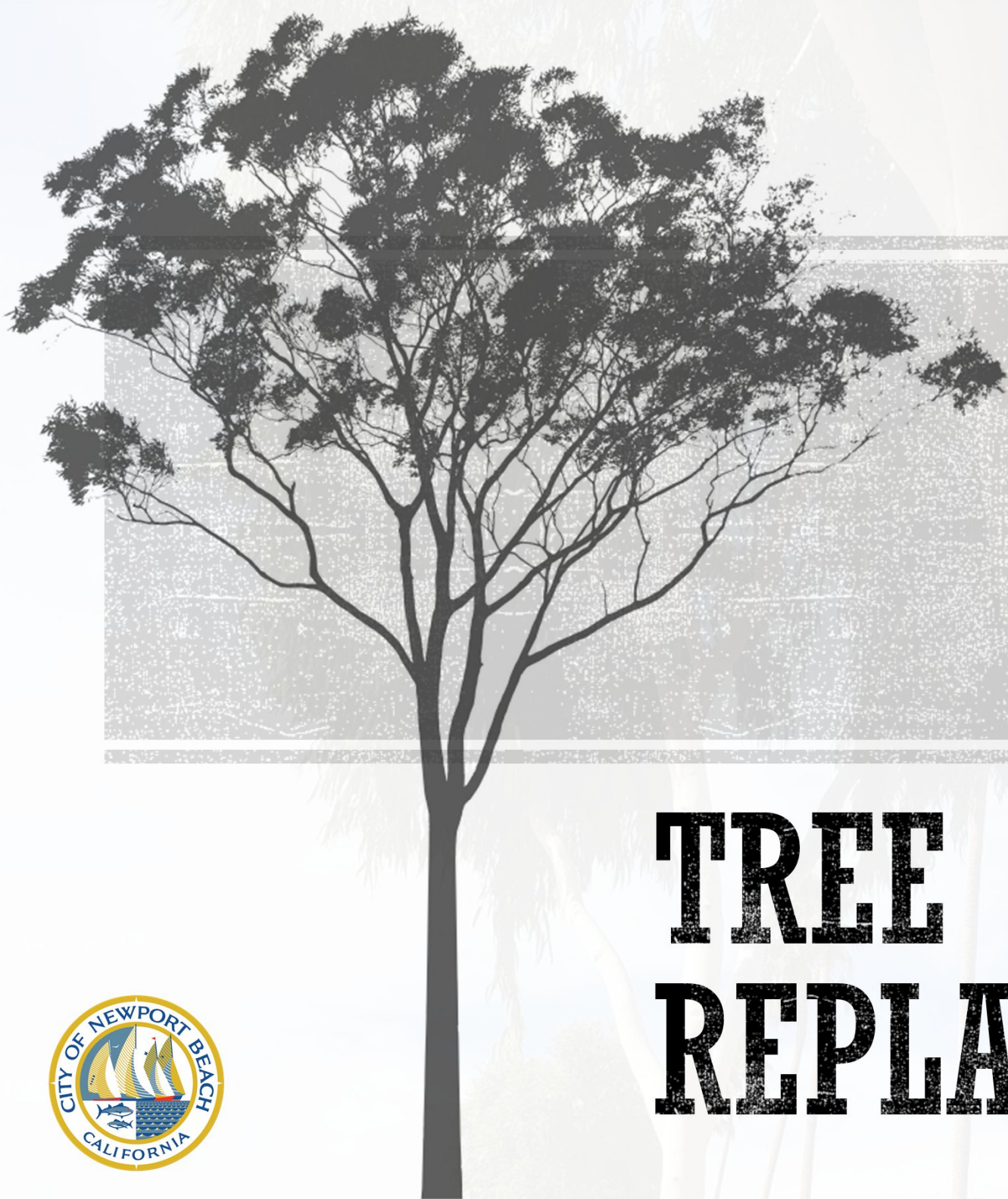
Raised parkway
grade

Applicants' Proposal



Blocked drain /
encapsulated water meter

The Applicant wishes to regrade/renovate the parkway, free up the blocked yard drain and water meter, and relocate a new slower growing Holly Oak away from the utilities.



TREE REPLACEMENT



City of Newport Beach: Trees Section – Tree Info Sheet



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Notifications

- Tree Postings
- Postcard mailers to all property owners within 500-feet
- Applicant has met procedural requirements set forth in G-1 Policy for PB&R Commission's consideration of the request.



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH
Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission
October 7, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., the Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission will meet to consider the Tree Reforestation Request at 1716 Santiago Drive. The meeting will be held at the Civic Center Council Chambers, 100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department, Municipal Operations Division at 949-644-3055.

The Agenda Report will be available on the City's website on October 3, 2025: www.newportbeachca.gov.



Tree Reforestation 1716 Santiago Dr

- Tree Location
- Properties Notified
- 500 Feet

NEGIS
City of Newport Beach
GIS Division
August 11, 2025

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Questions?

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

October 7, 2025



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH



Urban Forest Analysis (Corona Del Mar) and Canopy Cover Analysis (Citywide)

JUNE 2025

Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission Meeting

OCTOBER 7, 2025

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Urban Forest Analysis

Project Background

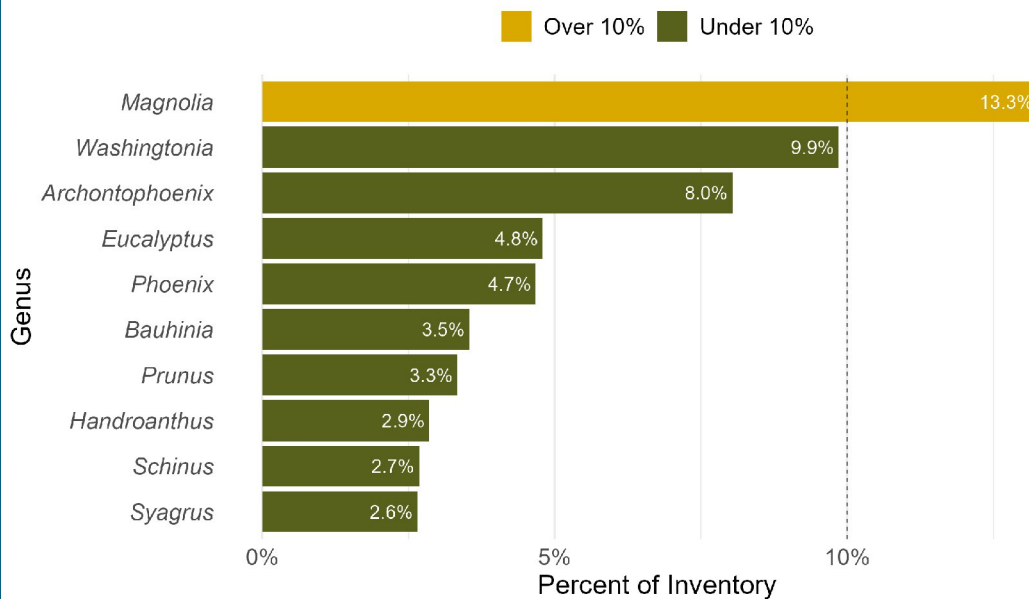
- 1) Conduct an updated inventory of 3,353 tree sites within the Corona del Mar neighborhood.
- 2) Compare the inventory data to urban forest sustainability indicators.
- 3) Assess risks to pests and diseases.
- 4) Determine tree maintenance needs.
- 5) Provide management recommendations.



Sustainability Indicators – Species Diversity

Genus Diversity (106)

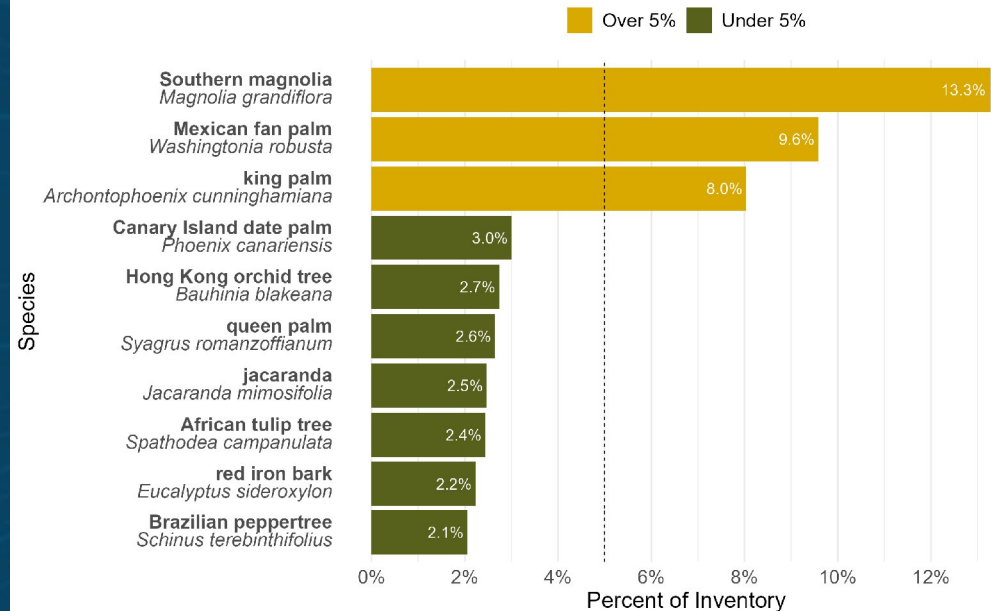
Sustainability goal: No genus represents more than 10% of the inventory



The top 10 genus make up 55.7% (1,871 trees) of City's inventory.

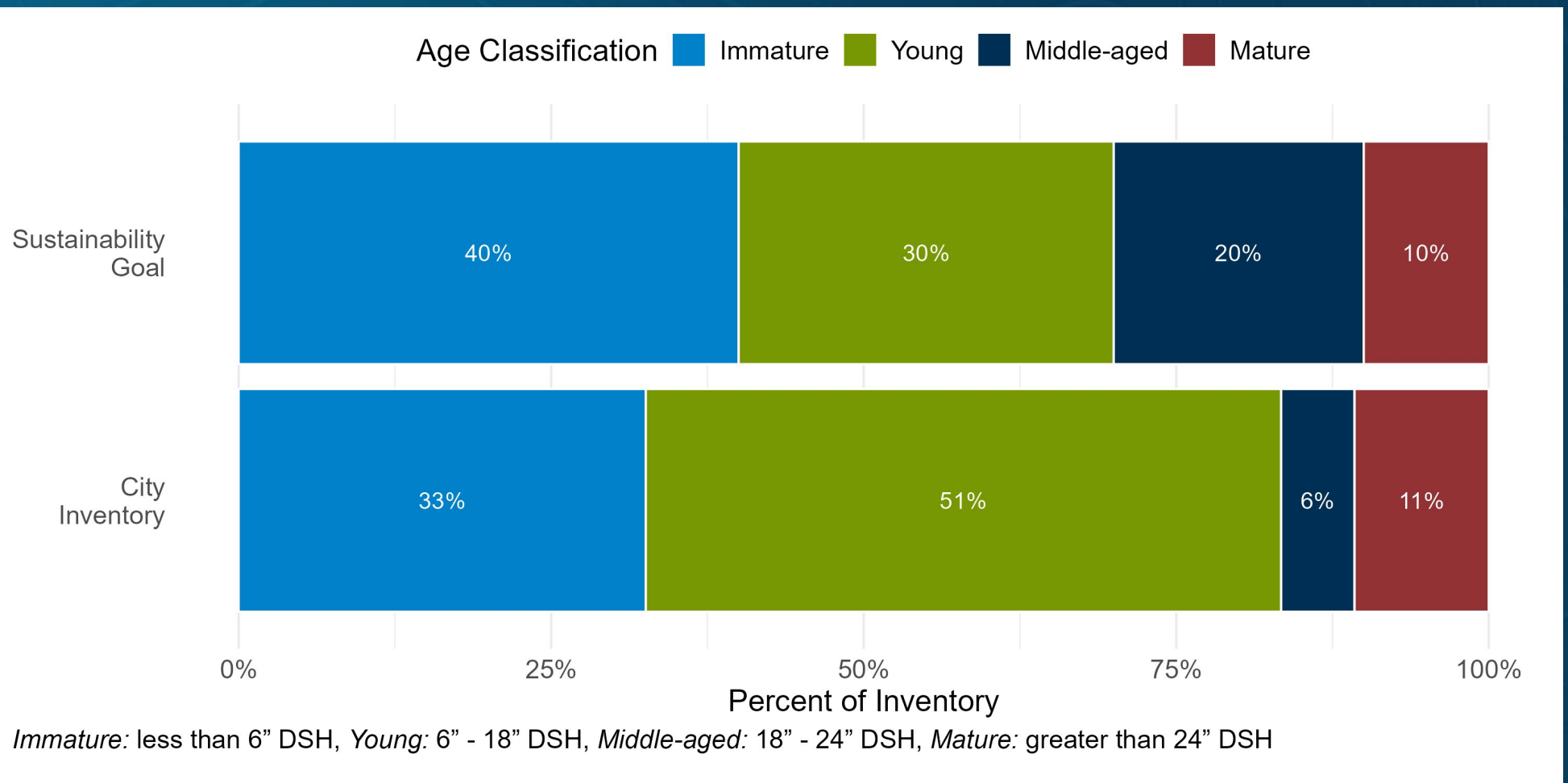
Species Diversity (164)

Sustainability goal: No species represents more than 5% of the inventory



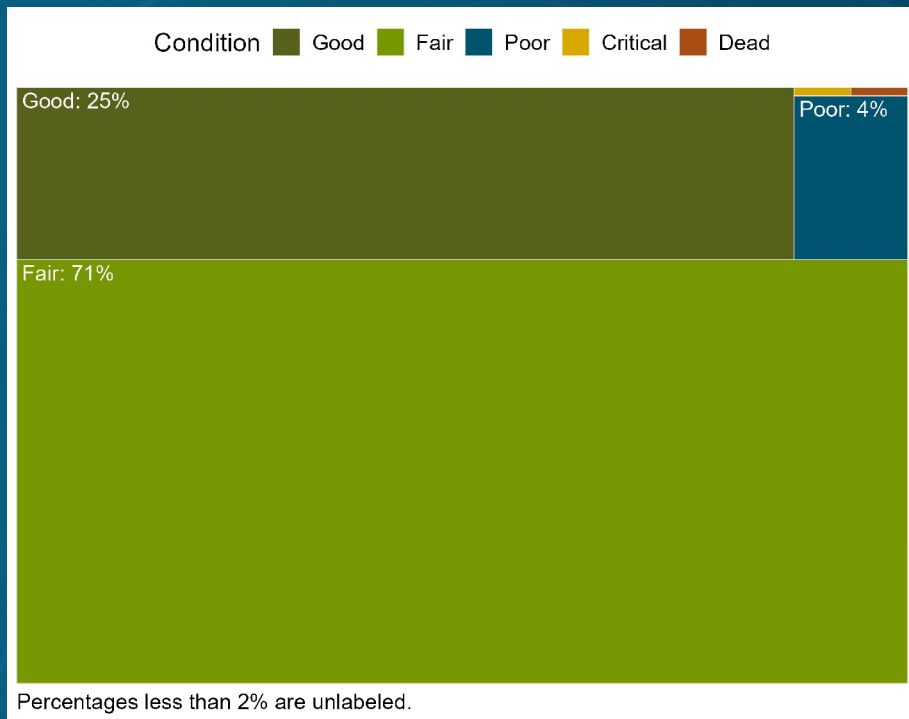
The top 10 species make up 48.5% (1,629 trees) of City's inventory.

Sustainability Indicators – Age Diversity

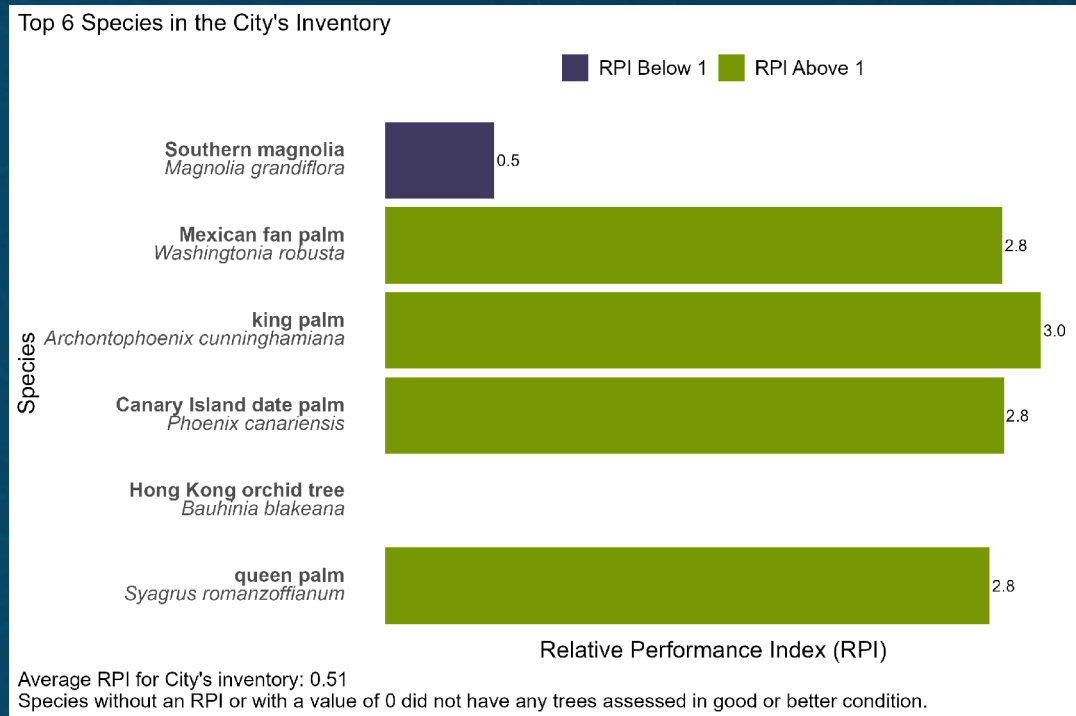


Sustainability Indicators – Condition

Inventory Condition

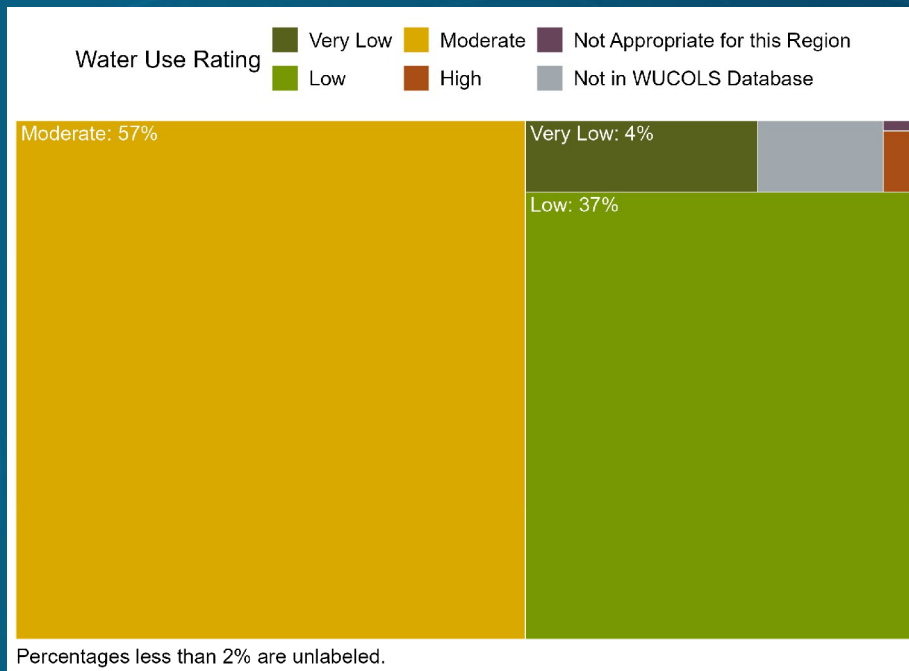


Rating Against Inventory



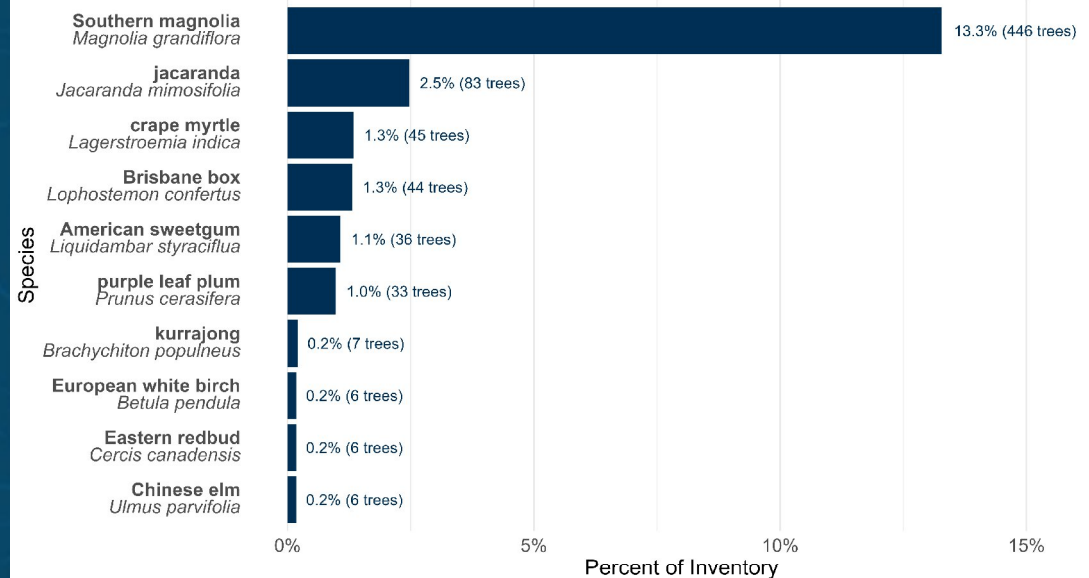
Sustainability Indicators – Climate Resiliency

Water Use Rating



Suitability for Future Climate

Top 10 Species in Inventory Unsuitable for Future California Climates



A total of 22 species (740 trees or 22.0%) in the City's inventory are predicted to be unsuitable for future climates. Note: Research excluded palm species

Pest and Disease Vulnerability

- South American Palm Weevil
 - Palms are 28% of CDM inventory
 - 93% of that population is vulnerable
 - Best control methods still not known
- Other potential pest and diseases common to Southern Ca.
- Monitor high risk species like Canary Island date palm, *Ficus* spp., *Eucalyptus* spp.



CDM Inventory Recommendations

- 233 Vacant Planting Sites
- 276 Structural Prune
- 20 for elevated risk assessment
- 28 Removals
- Overall trees in a safe and healthy (96% fair or good) condition
- Monitoring Plan for Magnolia Trees



Canopy Cover Analysis

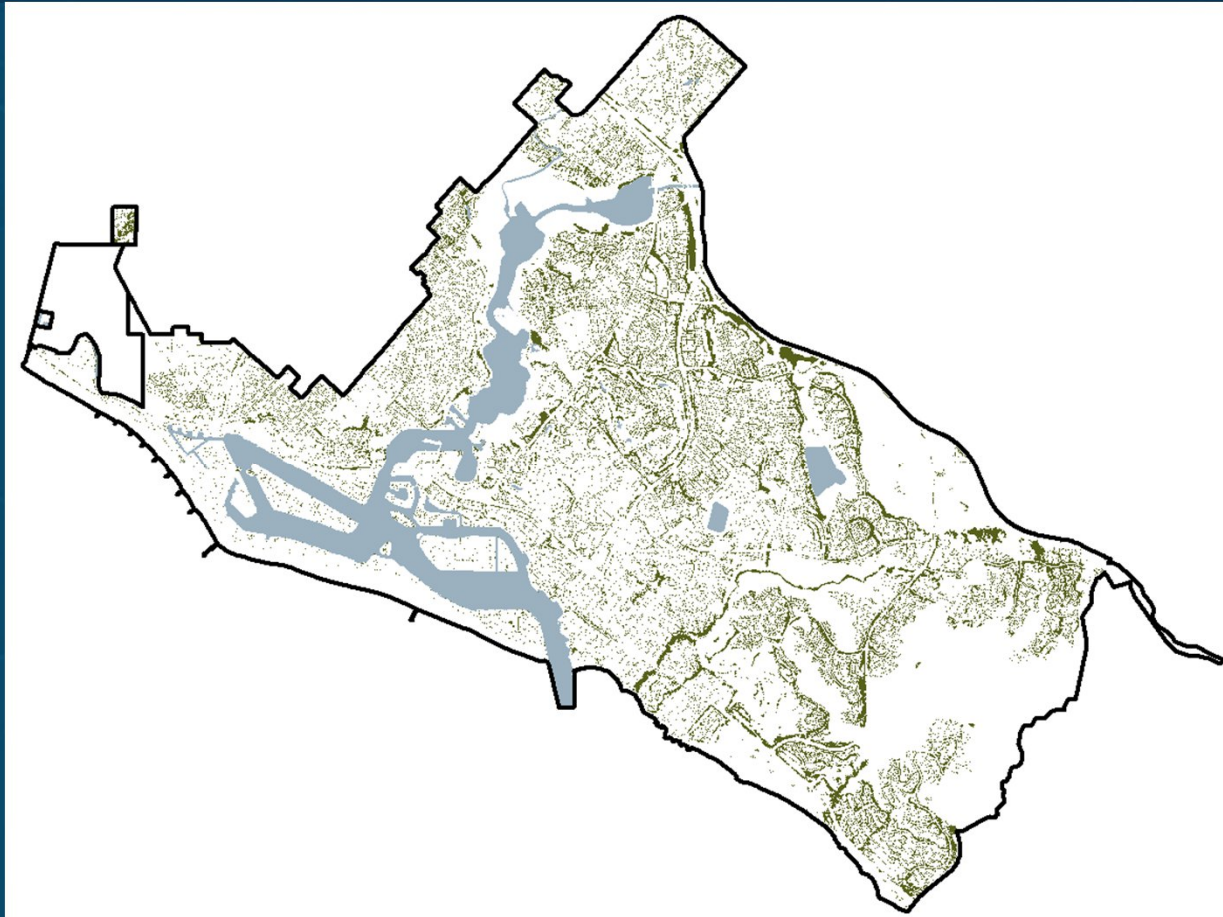
Project Background

- 1) Conduct a City-wide canopy cover analysis.
- 2) Summarize results by census tracts, zoning types, and parks.
- 3) Set baseline for long-term planning.
- 4) Provide recommendations.



Canopy Cover Analysis

- 2024 NAIP Imagery with .6 meter resolution.
- Machine learning classification:
 - Tree canopy
 - Vegetation
 - Bare earth
 - Impervious surfaces
 - Water

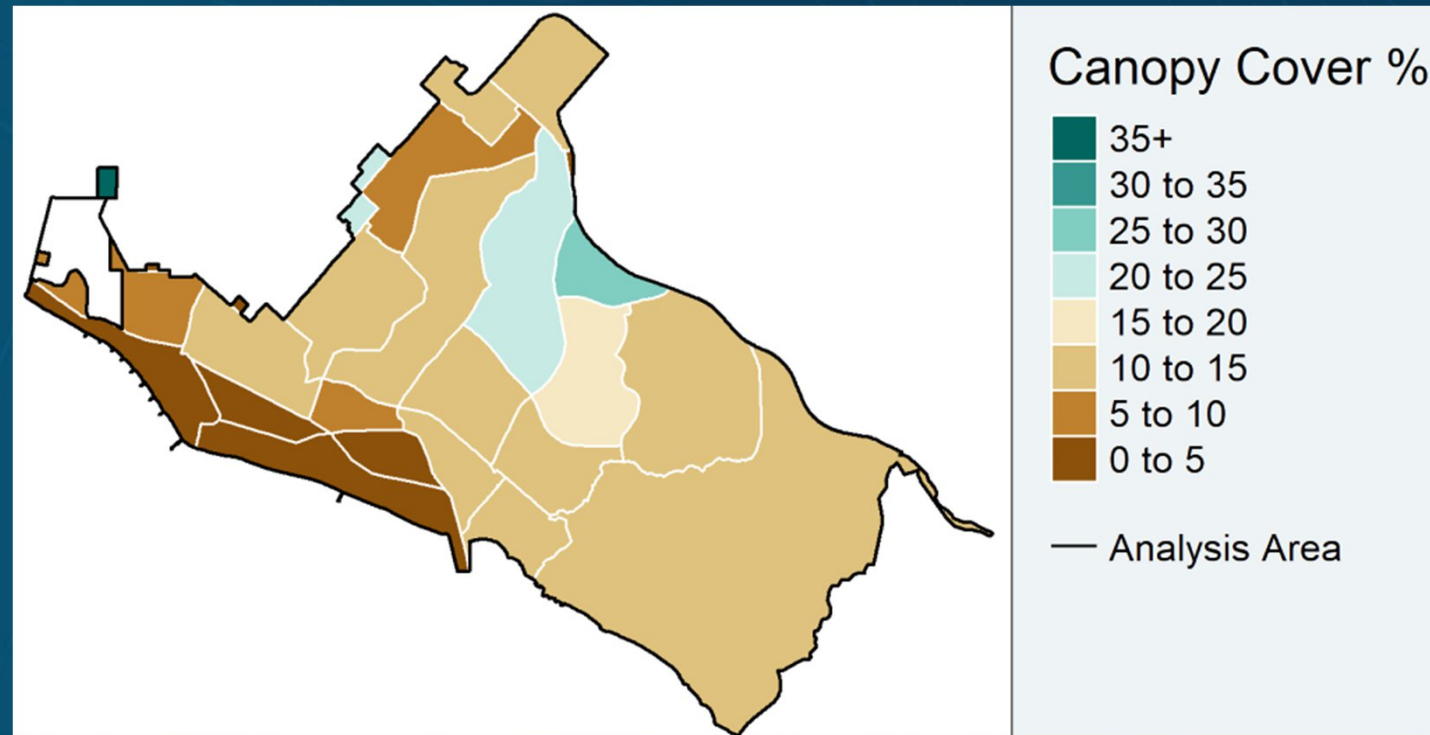


Canopy Cover Analysis

Land Cover Class	Acres	Percent
Tree canopy	2,159	13%
Low to medium vegetation	4,885	29%
Bare earth/non-photosynthetic vegetation	687	4%
Impervious	7,592	46%
Water	1,329	8%

Canopy Cover Analysis – Census Tracts

- Coastal zone and Newport Preserve are lowest 9 (2% - 7%).
- Relatively equal distribution throughout rest of the City.

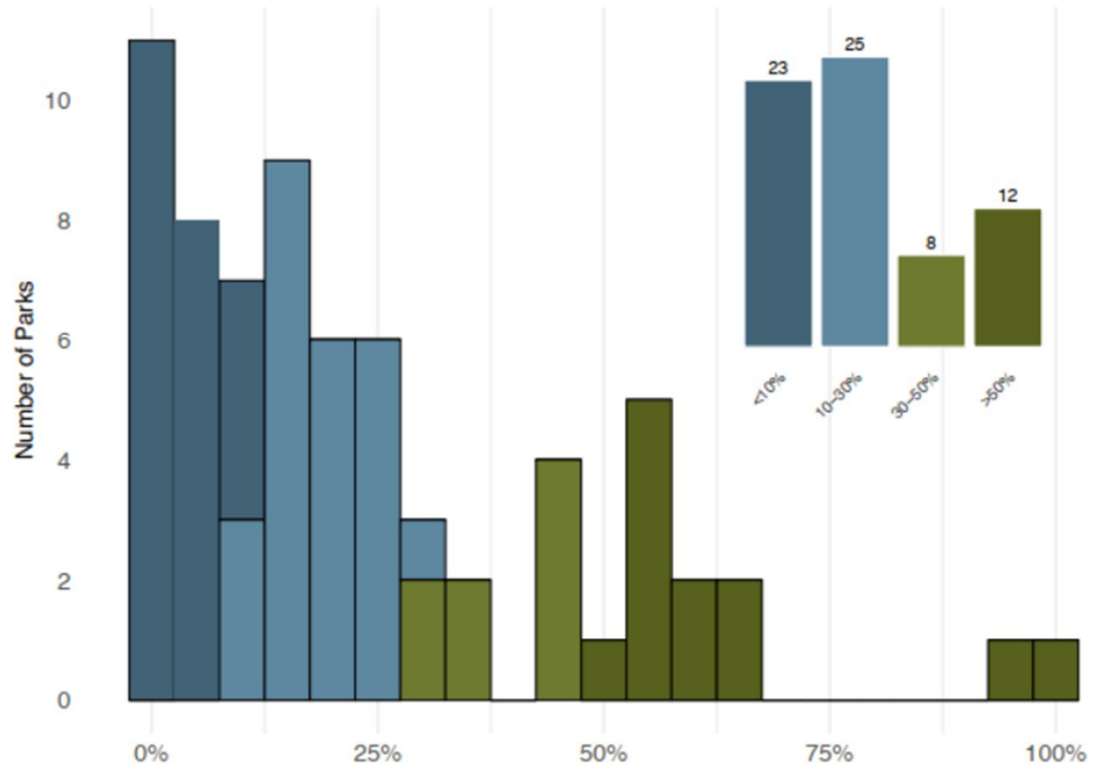


Canopy Cover Analysis – Parks

- 24% average across all parks.
- Only 6% of City canopy.
- Park use limits canopy potential.
- Canopy data for each park.

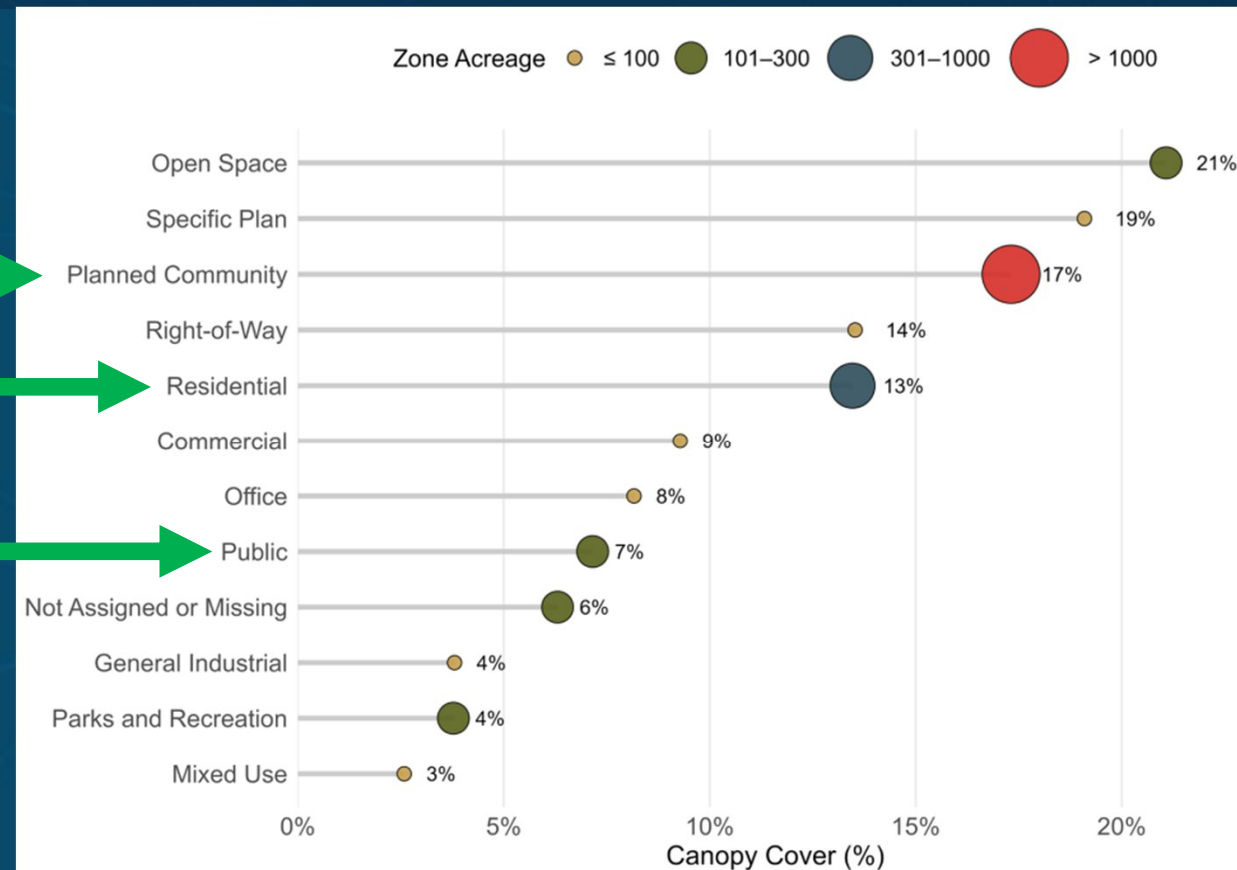
Exhibit 12. Canopy Cover Distribution Across Parks

71% of parks have less than 30% canopy cover.



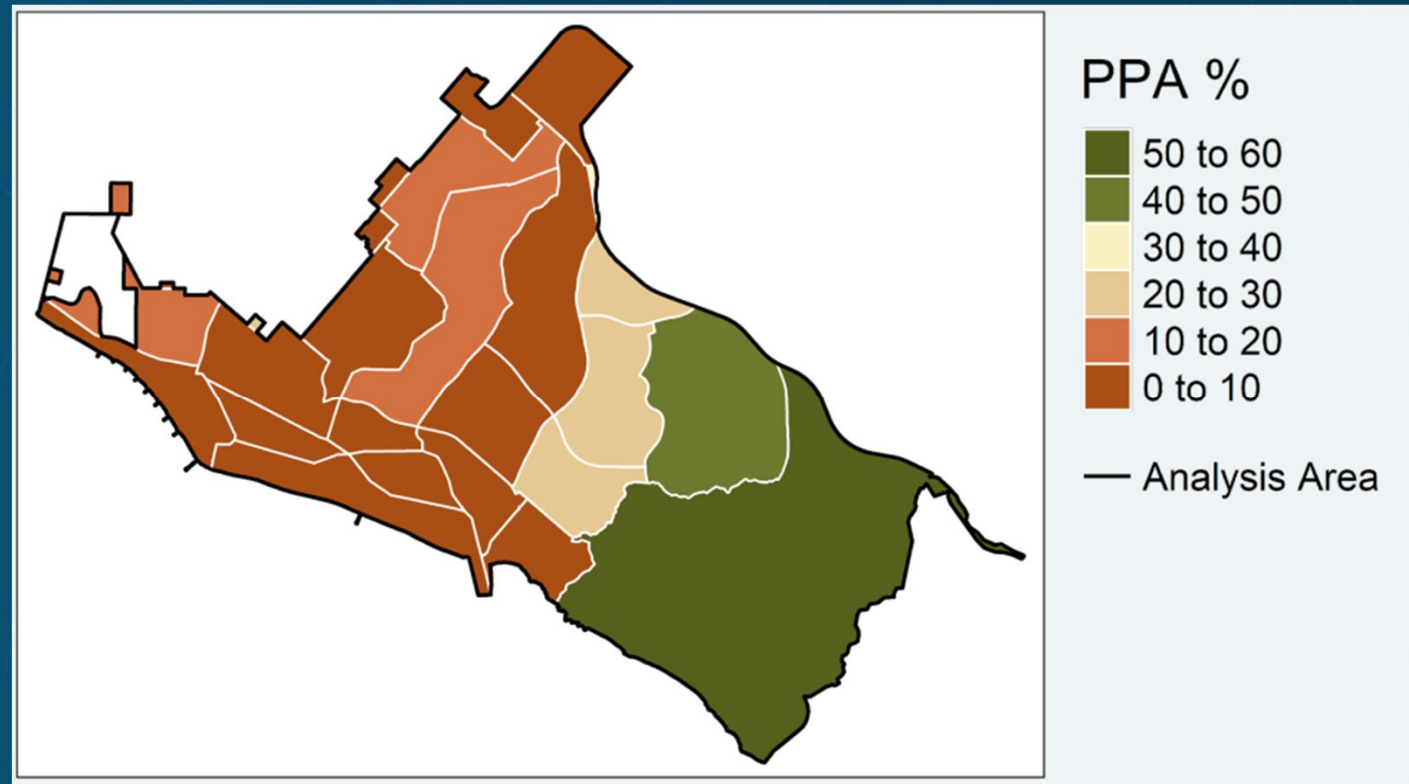
Canopy Cover Analysis – Zoning Types

- Planned community, residential, and public zone types likely offer best opportunities for tree planting based on canopy levels and total acreage.

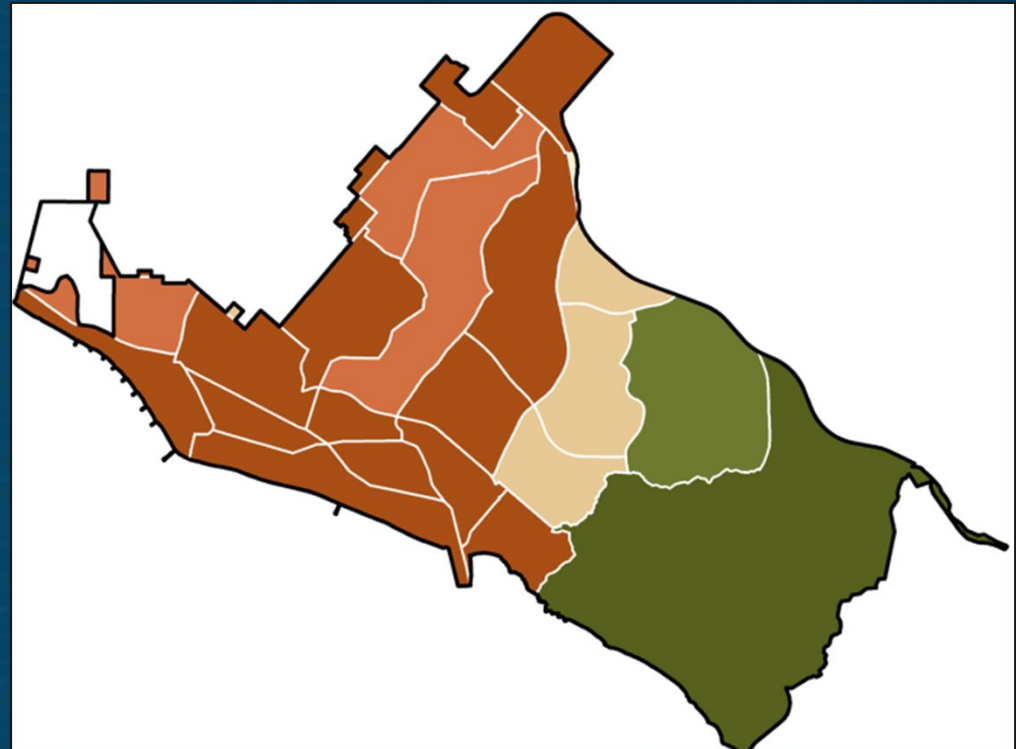
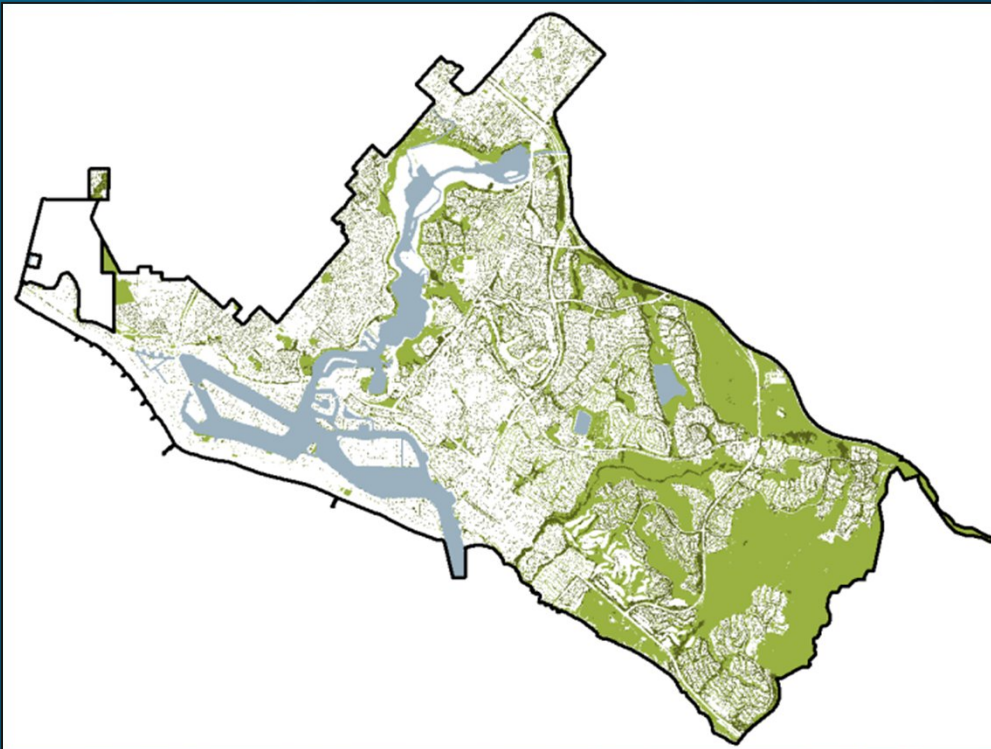


Canopy Cover Analysis – Possible Planting Area

- Western portion of city is developed, dense, water restrictions.
- East is open space, large lots, low density.
- Must make space for trees to increase canopy cover.

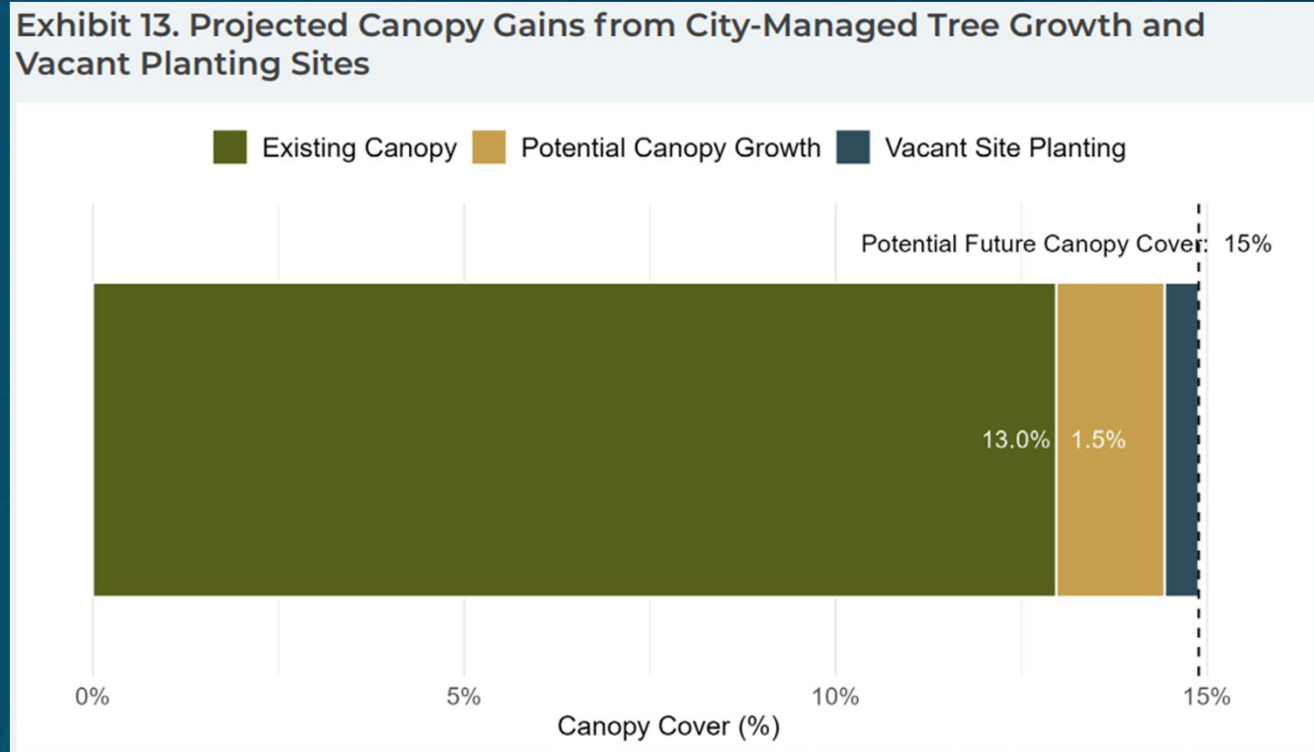


Canopy Cover Analysis – Possible Planting Area



Canopy Cover Analysis – Goal Setting

- 15% is likely with known data.
- Other factors:
 - Private property growth/loss
 - CIP's
 - Development



Recommendations

City-Wide Recommendations

- Take steps towards establishing a city-wide canopy cover target and align urban forestry efforts.
- Consider a private property tree protection ordinance.
- Refine data to create a planting strategy.
- Develop partnerships to support urban forestry goals.



An aerial photograph of a coastal town, likely Santa Monica, showing a dense residential area with many houses, a sandy beach, and turquoise ocean water. The town is built on a hillside, with houses of various colors and styles. The ocean is a vibrant blue, and the beach is a light tan color. The town is surrounded by green trees and vegetation.

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Thank you!

OCTOBER 7, 2025



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NEWPORT BEACH

PB&R Commission Staff Report

Item: **VI-C**
October 7, 2025

TO: Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

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TITLE: General Plan Harbor, Bay and Beaches Element, Natural Resources Element, and Recreation Element—Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Parks, Beaches and Recreation Commission review comments from the Ad Hoc Committee and direct staff to forward to General Plan Advisory Committee for consideration, along with any additional input as appropriate.

BACKGROUND:

At August 5, 2025, PB&R meeting the Community Development Department presented three draft elements (1) Harbor, Bay, and Beaches; (2) Natural Resources; and (3) Recreation to the Commission. The Commission requested the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to further explore the three draft elements to provide more informed feedback. Commissioners Daruty, Kirby and Malouf were appointed to the Ad Hoc Committee at the September 2, 2025 meeting. They met twice to review and compile comments (Attachment A).

DISCUSSION

The process for feedback is still available and open for public review and comment. If there is a lack of consensus or divergent opinions, Commissioners may participate as community members through the public review process. The elements are available online at <https://newporttogether.mysocialpinpoint.com/2050-general-plan-draft-elements>. Comment fields are available for each goal within the elements for feedback.

NOTICING:

The agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the PB&R Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – PB&R GPAC Ad Hoc Committee Comments

PB&R GPAC Ad Hoc (September 2025)

- **We like when a concept is in one element, but is also relevant in other elements, that is stated in each and is cross-referenced by number and via hyperlinks.**
- **We believe the safety of people on foot versus motorized and other non-foot traffic should be a balancing factor in the areas below & where otherwise applicable. Especially in consideration of prioritizing safe access to parks, beaches, & other recreation facilities.**
 - Preamble to HBB10 “Public Access to Public Resources
 - Preamble to R7 “Beach Recreation”
 - NR1.1 (safety consideration in addition to promoting walkable & bikeable neighborhoods)
- **We like these areas that highlight the importance and value of our Urban Forest. Additionally, we think it is important to recognize the threat of invasive species and the significance of their eventual removal.**
 - Policy NR-7.1: Review existing policies, procedures, and guidelines regarding plant, shrub, and tree palettes, and consider revisions to ensure they feature native and naturalized non-invasive species. (New code)
 - Policy NR-7.2: Adopt standards for new public parks to include recommended vegetation featured on the revised plant, shrub, and tree palette. (Parks and Rec)
 - Policy NR-7.3: Perform regular removal of invasive species on public lands to protect native habitats. (Parks and Rec)
 - Policy NR-7.7: Monitor and assess the health and air quality benefits of the urban forest canopy through regular tree surveys and air quality measurements. (Parks and Rec)
 - Policy NR-7.8: Consider drafting an urban forest management plan that prioritizes native and naturalized non-invasive tree species known for improving air filtration and species habitat. (Parks and Rec)
- **We also think it is important to educate the public about invasive species and encourage them to use native species.**
 - Policy NR-7.4: Create and distribute educational resources and incentives to increase awareness and use of native and resilient species in landscaping on private properties. (Community Involvement)
 - Policy NR-7.5: Work with local nurseries to highlight native and naturalized non-invasive species and discourage the sale of invasive species. (Community Involvement)

- Policy NR-7.6: Create or promote a yard habitat certification program encouraging landscaping practices that support native ecosystems. (Community Involvement)
- **We like the idea of promoting more dog parks. We believe this should have its own bullet point as opposed to being a part of Policy R-4.2:**
 - Policy R-4.2: Prioritize park improvements based on identified needs, including shade structures, dog parks, and other improvements identified through community outreach. (Imp. 23.1)
 - The bullet point prioritizing new dog parks might mention the frequency of infractions related to dogs off leash, dogs in protected areas, etc., and that additional dog parks would not only provide dogs a safe place to recreate, but reduce the dangers to people of dogs off leash and to wildlife and more of dogs in protected open spaces.
- **We like the recognition of the need for providing and maintaining support facilities in parks and recreational spaces in Policy R-8.**
 - We suggest specifically calling out the need for additional restrooms or porta potties and drinking fountains near the Upper Newport Bay where increasing numbers of people are traversing the streets and pathways on foot, bicycles, and other non foot vehicles.

Questions:

- Policy R-5.8: Use reasonable efforts to evaluate tree canopy cover in parks and the public right-of-way, **considering shade and priority active transportation corridors**. (Policy S-7.1.5)
 - ◆ What is meant by this highlighted portion?
- Would it be relevant to include something about assessing the use of parks and how under-utilized areas might be repurposed for public use? (i.e. the back corner of Sunset Ridge Park behind the playground)
- Who exactly is the Newport Bay Watershed Executive Committee? HBB12
- Should the Newport Bay Conservancy be referenced as a coordinating entity in HBB12.2, as the Upper Newport Bay is their area of specialty and there is a longstanding coordination with the City?