

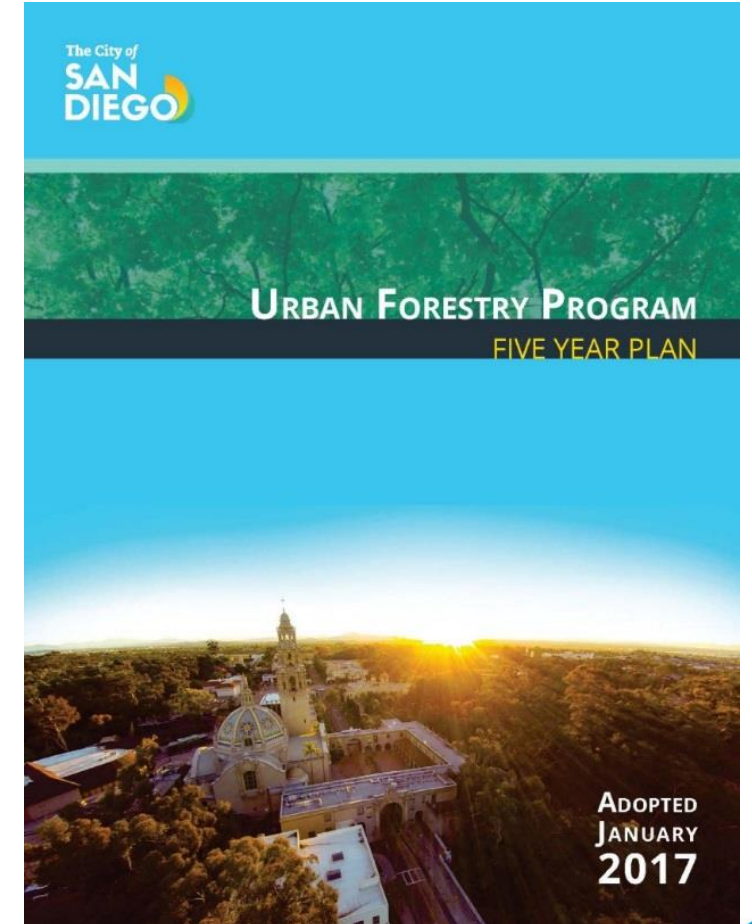
San Diego Urban Forestry Program Update / Mature Trees

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San Diego's Urban Forestry Program

- **Manages and Maintains**
 - Over 200,000 street trees
 - Over 600,000 park trees
- 5 year plan – Canopy, Efficiency, Reduce Risk
- SD Climate Action Plan: 13% tree canopy cover
- **Free Tree SD:** www.sandiego.gov/trees





City of San Diego Tree Activity FY 2021

- 2,300 new trees in parks and street locations
- 2,200 trees removed for health and safety
- 36,000 trees trimmed for health and safety
 - 2-year palm trim cycle, 10-year shade tree trim cycle
- 1,200 requests for new street trees
- 6,000 resident requests for street tree maintenance (115/week)

Tree Maintenance/Removals

- All requests for tree removals or tree maintenance must go thru Get it Done
- Certified arborists (TRAQ)
 - Determine maintenance
 - Answer resident questions
- In-house Tree Maintenance Team
- Qualified City contractor



Tree Removals

- Tree removals are the last option
- Public safety and Forest health
- Some Removal Reasons: Dead, Diseased, High Risk, Sidewalk Lift, Capital Improvements
- Tree condition can change in a few months
- Transportation Dept. makes final determination for removals based on City municipal code
- Adjacent property owner is notified with option for replacement tree

Mature Trees

- Maintain and protect our existing trees regardless of maturity – 8 inch diameter
- Large trees provide exponentially more ecosystem benefits – Livable communities
- Sidewalk Repairs
- Conserve-A-Tree Program
 - Protected trees do require notice to the public through the Community Advisory Board



Questions

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