

PROJECT OVERVIEW

URBAN ECOLOGY FRAMEWORK AND TREE PROTECTION ORDINANCE REWRITE

Background

The Nature strategy of Atlanta City Design elevates the need to improve and emphasize Atlanta's ecological character in a growing city. The Urban Ecology Framework (UEF), expands on the City Design, by identifying how ecosystems can be protected, restored and accentuated while the City is growing in population. An aspiration of the UEF is to reach 50% tree canopy through strategic replanting, improved programming and funding and the protection of trees. While the UEF outlines where protection and restoration should occur, the Tree Protection Ordinance (TPO) is the method to regulate development and our tree canopy. However, the existing ordinance must be updated.

Atlanta's "city in a forest" tree canopy is a source of pride and perhaps the defining natural feature of the city. It is an extraordinary economic, environmental, and quality of life asset, boasting the highest percentage of land area covered out of any major U.S. city. It is from this perspective that a new tree ordinance should be framed: not as a burdensome requirement but to maintain and enhance Atlanta's competitive advantage over other cities and improve equity.

The Process

The Department of City Planning and project team have identified the below tasks for both the UEF and TPO processes. Note the schedule is subject to change.



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