

# Our Precious Urban Forest:

Discovering, Understanding, Enhancing in a Time of Climate Change

Saturday, November 21st 10:00 am – Noon

Time	Activity
Pre Event	Urban Forest Slideshow- What Does the Urban Forest Mean to You?
10:00	Introduction and Opening Poem
	Review of what has happened since the first tree summit. Should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• iTree Tree Inventory</li><li>• Urban Forest Committees</li><li>• Soil Your Undies/Educational Outreach During COVID-19</li><li>• Tree Preservation</li><li>• Tree Policy working with DRC and Planning</li></ul>
10:10	Icebreaker Question- “What Makes up an Urban Forest” <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participants can raise hand or post in chat function.</li><li>• Limit to a couple of sentences</li></ul>
10:15	Keynote Speaker Kristin Ramstad, Manager of Oregon Urban and Community Forestry Assistance Program  <b><i>Urban Forests in a Climate of Change</i></b>
10:30	Breakout Discussion #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introductions</li><li>• What makes up your urban forest?</li><li>• What problems do you see with the health of trees in our urban forest? Which do you think are caused by humans and which by climate change?</li></ul>
10:50	Share-Out from Breakout #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One idea per group, rotate through groups as time and ideas allow.</li></ul>
10:55	5 Minute break, Tree trivia during break
11:00	Return to Keynote Speaker <b><i>Urban Forests in a Climate of Change, Continued</i></b>
11:20	Q&A

11:25	<p>Breakout Discussion #2 - Participants placed in topic areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tree Preservation and Advocacy</li> <li>• Small Actions at Home (that have a big impact)</li> <li>• Community Action (iTree, Urban Forest Committee, Action Plan, Partnerships.)</li> <li>• Where Should We Focus Restoration/Reforestation Efforts? Where Aren't We Looking?</li> </ul>
11:45	<p>Share Out Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask for one big idea from each group.</li> <li>• Leaders will take notes that will be shared with everyone after the summit.</li> </ul>
11:55	<p>Conclusion</p> <p>We need to all participate in taking care of our urban forest. We all need to address maintenance and retention of old trees as part of our understanding of a healthy urban forest ecology. There are roles for individuals, neighborhood associations, HOA's, the city, and school district. How do we develop mechanisms for long term commitments?</p>
	<p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes sent to all participants</li> <li>• Watch for opportunities to participate throughout the year.</li> </ul> <p>Thanks for coming - stay engaged!</p>

**Key Takeaways:**

Value our large trees. Develop appreciation for our unique urban forest.

1. Ecological benefits of a healthy and connected urban forest *system* (trees, soil, understory, infrastructure, etc)
2. Promote tree care/maintenance, soil health, green landscaping at the individual level. Understand where and when to plant trees
3. Emphasis that community engagement, projects and participation (iTree, Trees on Campus, Soil Your Undies, Urban Forest Committees) can have a huge impact on policy/management decisions and the urban forest system.
4. How do we ensure that our urban forest thrives during a time of climate change? How does our urban forest help us mitigate the impacts of climate change?