

DILWORTH PLANNING TO STAY SHADY

The Dilworth Street Tree Master Plan is complete! After months of meetings, mapping the existing conditions, getting suggestions from residents, and being thoroughly reviewed by the City Arborist, we have a final Master Plan for our neighborhood street trees. For more information on this plan, and to see the final Street Tree Plant List, go to www.dilworthonline.org.

WHAT DOES THIS PLAN DO?

The Master Plan will guide what variety of street tree is planted on each section of road in Dilworth. It directs that whenever possible, a large shade tree is planted. Because of constraints such as narrow planting strips and overhead power lines, it's not possible to plant large trees everywhere, but wherever they can be planted, they will be.

Using large trees whenever possible was identified as a key goal early in the planning process. Why? Because large trees provide the most ecological and health benefits (such as shade!), and because large trees are very much a part of Dilworth's signature "look."

WHAT DOESN'T THIS PLAN DO?

1. This plan will not change ANY of the existing trees—what has already been planted will stay planted. This plan will be used to select new trees.
2. This plan doesn't affect any trees on private property—it only deals with the public street trees. Street trees take a lot of abuse, and only a small number of trees have been proven to succeed as street trees. Since the main goal is to achieve a large tree canopy, the Master Plan uses only the types of trees that will do well in this environment.
3. This plan won't make Dilworth a monoculture (planting only one type of tree). The Master Plan includes 20 different varieties of trees. Since street trees make up less than 1% of the overall tree canopy, diversity in our neighborhood landscape is achieved by ALL the trees that make up our tree canopy, not just the street trees.
4. This plan doesn't show where on a street a tree will go. It only identifies the type of trees being planted. The city arborist is responsible for choosing the exact location.

WHEN WILL WE SEE MORE TREES BEING PLANTED?

The city's planting season for deciduous trees is during the winter months when the trees are dormant. So, expect to see new street trees lining our neighborhood by next Spring.

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