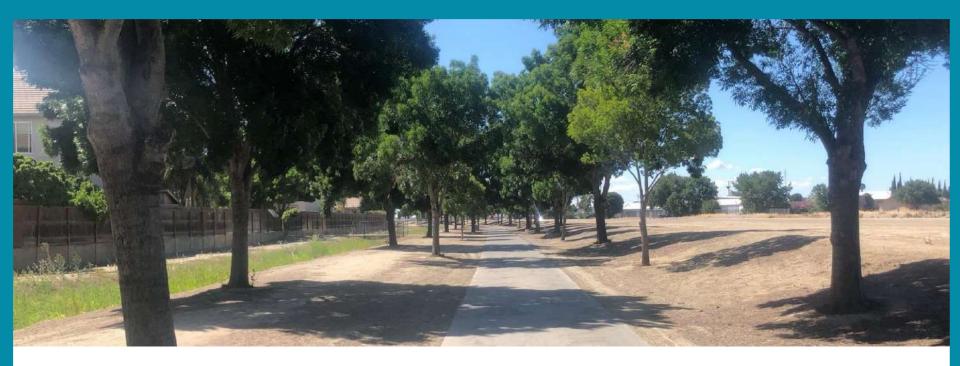
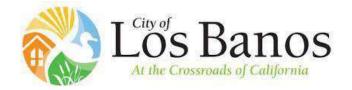
# Los Banos Urban Forest Management Plan



# **UFMP OUTLINE**

**APRIL 2022** 





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# UFMP Vision Project Lead Statement (or mission statement, optional) Executive Summary

About Los Banos' Urban Forest
Benefits and Services
Program Overview
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# **Analysis of Los Banos' Urban Forest**



# URBAN FOREST RESOURCE



#### PUBLIC TREES

Diversity, Size, Condition, Maintenance Planting Sites of Existing Trees Future Possible Planting Sites

#### <u>Urban Forest Benefits & Services</u>

Citywide Urban Forest Public Trees Cost-Benefits Analysis

# **Urban Forest Management Framework**



General Plan, Parks Master Plan

#### **PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

Public Trees, Private Trees Management Structure Funding Structure Results of City Staff Interviews

#### TREE CODE AND REGULATIONS

Street Trees, Private Trees

#### **URBAN FORESTRY BEST PRACTICES**

Pruning Cycles, Maintenance, Utility, Planting, Others

#### FUNDING BEST PRACTICES

# **The Community Framework**

ENGAGEMENT TO INFORM THE PLAN

Survey Summary

#### **ENGAGEMENT TO IMPLEMENT THE PLAN**

Strategies
Communication Avenues
Volunteers, Partnerships
Tree Commission
Environmental Justice

# **Urban Forest Management Goals**



# **Urban Forest Management Goals**

#### **VISION**

Our City's trees, forests, and other natural resources are recognized as integral to sustaining life and health for all City residents. A healthy, thriving, and sustainable urban forest is a community priority, to be thoughtfully managed and cared for by partnerships between the City and its residents to maximize public safety and benefits that include a thriving ecosystem, vibrant economy, and livable communities shared by all who live, work, and play in Los Banos.

# **Urban Forest Management Goals**

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**Program Efficiencies and Fair Policies** Long-lasting improvements to the urban forest are achieved with improved levels of service and sound policies, protocols, and standards.

**Health and Sustainability** The urban forest grows sustainably through Best Management Practices and shared commitments.

**Preservation and Resiliency** Continuous process of long-range planning and management enhances and protects the urban forest for future generations.

**Community Engagement** The growth and management of the urban forest is informed by education and engagement that is equitable, inclusive, diverse, and transparent.

**Green Asset Management** Trees are vital components of the community to be thoughtfully managed.

# **Urban Forest Management Goals**



#### **GOALS**



**Tree Management Policy** Urban forest policies are the foundation for preserving the environmental benefits, management, and the character of Los Banos' urban forest.

**Capacity, Training, and Authority** Los Banos has the capacity and expertise to provide optimal levels of service for sound urban forest management.

**Budget and Funding** City resources enable comprehensive urban forest management for the preservation and enhancement of tree benefits.

**Assessments and Planning** A thorough understanding of the urban forest ensures data-driven decisions, sustainable and comprehensive planning, and amplified tree benefits.

**Community Engagement** Sustainable urban forest management and equity is achieved through a partnership with the City and its residents resulting in improved well-being, human health, and local economies.

**Green Asset Management** Los Banos proactively manages the public trees, continues to grow and expand a healthy canopy, effectively mitigates storm damage, maintains public safety, and optimizes urban forest benefits.

# **Urban Forest Management Goals**

# ACTIONS



Capacity, Training, and Authority: Implementation team, Tree Commission, certifications, training, staffing levels

**Budget and Funding:** Alternative funding sources, budget requests, sustained funding

**Assessments and Planning:** Inventory, ecosystem benefits, monitor/audit, mitigation strategies, UTC assessment

**Community Engagement:** Outreach strategy, Tree City USA, public surveys, partnerships, volunteers, education, workshops, communications.

**Green Asset Management:** Maintenance, removals, risk, pruning cycles, planting, species selection, diversity, pests/diseases, tree canopy goals, planting priorities

# **Urban Forest Management Goals**



Recommendations for each section within:

"Urban Forest Analysis"

"Management Framework"

"Community Framework"

All combined into 1 table

# Implementation and Monitoring Plan

## IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Actions Organized by Implementation Year Ongoing, 1-2 years, 3-5, 6-10, 11+

#### **MONITORING PLAN**

**Evaluate**: Audit summary and guidance

Monitor: Benchmark values for tracking

Report: Recommended metrics to report by goal

Revise: Cycle, applying the audit

# **Appendices**



#### **REFERENCES**



List of works cited in order presented

#### MASTER STREET TREE LIST

List of recommended street or parkway, accent, median trees

#### TREE & SIDEWALK SOLUTIONS WORKBOOK

Decision process, checklist, solutions toolkit

#### **URBAN FOREST AUDIT RESULTS**

Results of the 2021 audit by category

#### INTERACTIVE GOAL & ACTION WORKSHEET

Detailed list of actions by goal including 10 attributes, targets, considerations, cost/time, and funding mechanism(s)

#### TREE ORDINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommended changes to Title 10 Ch.1, Title 9 Ch.3, & proposed Tree Protection Ordinance

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