

Meeting Date: 3/20/2023

To: Sanitation and Streets Commission

Maryo Mogannam, Chair

Kimberlee Hartwig-Schulman, Vice Chair

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Through: Carla Short, Interim Public Works Director

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From: Nicholas Crawford, Superintendent of Bureau of Urban Forestry

Subject: Presentation on Bureau of Urban Forestry Performance Measures

Director's Recommendation: Receive and discuss informational presentation.

Executive Summary: This presentation and report introduces performance measures for the Bureau of Urban Forestry's *StreetTreeSF* program. This program was formed as a result of the passing of Proposition E on November 8, 2016. The measure shifted responsibility for the maintenance of trees along public streets and surrounding sidewalks from public property owners to the City of San Francisco.

The presentation will cover overall progress of the program that is now in its sixth year. The presentation tracks the percentage of the approximately 125,000 trees that have been maintained thus far and the progress on an annual basis. Lastly are some discussions addressing estimated targets for the next couple of years and upcoming program changes.

Attachments:

• PowerPoint Presentation













March 20, 2023

Performance and Data Evaluation: Urban Forestry

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StreetTreeSF is a voter-approved initiative managed by San Francisco Public Works to professionally maintain and care for the 124,000-plus street trees growing throughout all neighborhoods in the City. San Francisco Public Works is developing StreetTreeSF into an efficient and cost-effective system to routinely and proactively maintain street trees, ensuring that all public trees are inspected and pruned on a regular basis.

Learn more at sfpublicworks.org/StreetTreeSF

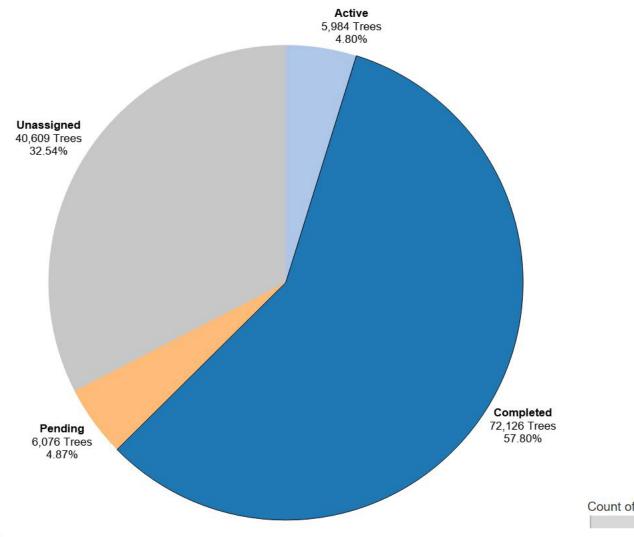
StreetTreeSF: Progress Status

Status

Active

Completed Pending Unassigned



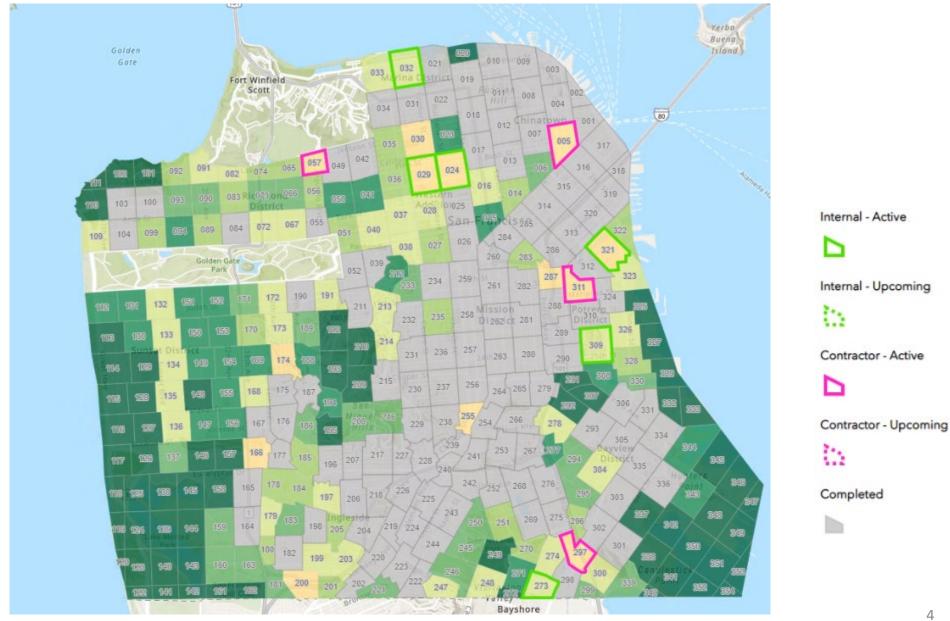


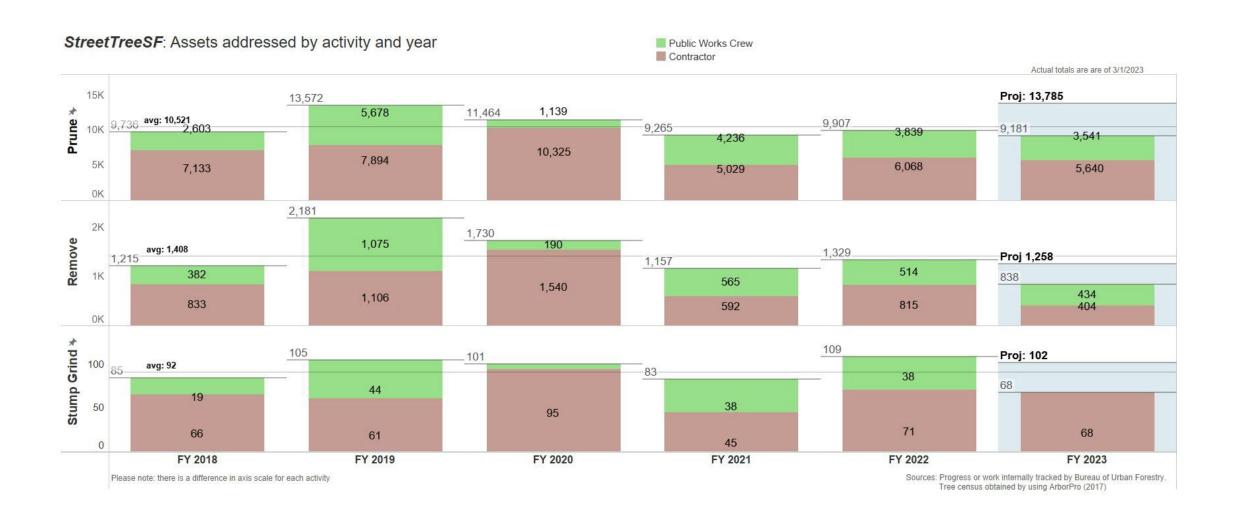
Count of Assets

124,795

Sources: Progress or work internally tracked by Bureau of Urban Forestry.
Tree census obtained by using ArborPro (2017)

Key map for tree maintenance schedule





Plan to complete the estimated 40,600 unassigned trees, as of March 2023:

18,600 FY2023-24

22,000 FY2024-25

Key factors to make targets possible:

- ✓ Implementation of ongoing inspection strategy with contractors in FY24 (instead of pre-inspections)
- ✓ More staffing expected (inspectors and arborists)
- ✓ Laser-focused attention on contracting process; streamlining where possible

Future pruning cycle should be faster, as most challenging trees and structural deficiencies already have been addressed.

Key maps will be revised to reflect the pruning frequency needs of specific tree species, corridors, and unaccepted rights of way.



QUESTIONS?