

# Memorandum

**REPORT TO:** Community Development Board

**FROM:** Alex Nordquist, Forestry Division Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** Work Session with the Forestry Division on the Urban Forest Master Plan Update

**MEETING DATE:** May 4, 2026

**AGENDA ITEM TYPE:** Plan/Report/Study

**RECOMMENDATION:** Conduct work session and provide input.

**STRATEGIC PLAN:** 4.1 Informed Conversation on Growth: Continue developing an in-depth understanding of how Bozeman is growing and changing and proactively address change in a balanced and coordinated manner.

**BACKGROUND:** The City of Bozeman Forestry Division has started an update to the Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP). This document was last updated in 2016. The UFMP is an issue plan under the Montana Land Use Planning Act and the Community Development Board has a role in the development and approval of issue plans.

Alex Nordquist, Forestry Division Manager, will provide a presentation on the UFMP's structure and topics and upcoming participation opportunities outlined in the community engagement plan. An Engage Bozeman [webpage](#) [external link] has been set up as the primary information tool for the plan update. A public kickoff meeting for the project was held online on April 28th.

The Division's [webpage](#) [external link] has information on existing programs such as a cost share program for planting new public trees, a street tree guide, and city-wide public tree inventory. The Division manages and maintains the public trees in parks and street boulevards. The Division also participates in the development review process as a member of the Development Review Committee. There are two areas in the municipal code, Chapter 16 [Article 5](#) [external link] and Chapter [38](#) [external link] that influence the work of the Division.

Discussion with the Board after Mr. Nordquist's presentation will focus on planning and development integration.

**UNRESOLVED ISSUES:** None.

**ALTERNATIVES:** As identified by the Board.

**FISCAL EFFECTS:** None at this time.

Attachments:

[May 4, 2026 Urban Forest Master Plan Update slides.pdf](#)

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