

Memorandum

REPORT TO: Urban Parks and Forestry Board

FROM: Mitch Overton, Director of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Work Session: 2026 Urban Forest Management Plan - Review Preliminary Draft UFMP

MEETING DATE: July 23, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Citizen Advisory Board/Commission

RECOMMENDATION: No Action; Board Member discussion.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 6.5 Parks, Trails & Open Space: Support the maintenance and expansion of an interconnected system of parks, trails and open spaces.

BACKGROUND: The City of Bozeman is currently developing an updated Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP), to replace the existing 2016 document. The Urban Parks & Forestry Board recently adopted this project's Community Engagement Plan, which details major milestones throughout the year as the plan develops with input from the Board, relevant city staff, and the community at large. A significant component of plan development includes Work Sessions with the Urban Parks & Forestry Board, to discuss and review key themes of the project's scope. For this meeting, a draft version of the overall management plan has been prepared, providing a framework for its design and content. This Work Session allows for advisory comments, discussion, and review of the draft version to consider for the final product. An additional Work Session is planned for the September 24th meeting: Review updates based on public comments for the Draft UFMP to Final UFMP prior to City Commission review.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: N/A

FISCAL EFFECTS: The Urban Forest Management Plan is a CIP item allocated within the FY26 Forestry Division budget. Carryover into the FY27 budget year will occur, as the consultant is billing on a monthly basis throughout plan development.

Attachments:

[26.07.09 UFMP Preliminary Draft.docx](#)

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