

Policy P206 Urban Forest

Responsible Business Unit/s	Programs Delivery
Responsible Officer	Manager Programs Delivery
Affected Business Unit/s	Programs Delivery, Business & Construction, Development Services

Policy Objectives

The City of South Perth has long been renowned for its green leafy streets, parks, and residential areas. The objective of this policy is to ensure that tree cover in the City is maintained and enhanced where possible in light of increased densities on private land, a drying climate and ageing tree stock.

Policy Scope

This Policy is concerned with the management of trees on land under the care and control of the City.

Policy Statement

An urban forest is a forest or a collection of trees that grow within a city, town, or a suburb. Urban forests play an important role in ecology of human habitats in many ways: they filter air, water, sunlight, provide shelter to animals and recreational area for people. They moderate local climate, slowing wind and stormwater, and shade homes and businesses conserving energy. They are critical in discounting the urban heat island effect, thus potentially reducing the number of unhealthy ozone days that plague major cities in peak summer months.

The City recognises and values the significance of an urban forest in terms of creating functional and aesthetic streetscapes, reserves and in the provision of natural habitat.

The City will plan for the provision, retention, and maintenance of suitable trees in accordance with the strategies established in the Urban Forest Strategy Plan. The City recognises the need to remove unsuitable or unsafe trees on land under its care and control when required.

Tree planting will be in accordance with strategies identified in the Urban Forest Strategy Plan, Public Open Space Strategy and Green Plan.

Legislation/ Local Law Requirements

Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011

Other Relevant Policies/ Key Documents

Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031

Policy P205 Tree Preservation

Policy P210 Street Verges

Policy P350.5 Trees on Development Sites and Street Verges

Urban Forest Strategy 2018 Plan

Public Open Space Strategy

Green Plan

Street Verge Guidelines