

# Policy P206 Urban Greening

| Strategic Direction         | Environment (Built and Natural)             |
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| Responsible Business Unit/s | Parks and Environment                       |
| Responsible Officer         | Manager Parks and Environment               |
| Affected Business Unit/s    | Parks and Environment, Development Services |

## Policy Objectives

The City of South Perth (the City) has long been renowned for its green leafy streets, parks, and residential areas and is known as the City of active places and beautiful spaces. The objective of this policy is to foster a resilient, healthy and diverse green liveable place for all people, fauna and flora in line with the following principles:

- Protects, prioritises and enhances ecological systems.
- Contributes to beautiful, healthy places for everyone to enjoy.
- Builds climate resilience.
- Balances affordability with impact and urgency.
- Supports a growing community.
- Fosters intergenerational stewardship.

## Policy Scope

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

## Policy Statement

Urban greening is the method of increasing the amount of nature around urban areas through the process of retaining and planting trees and vegetation and ensuring our neighbourhoods have adequate habitat, shade and UV protection during hot weather. It is acknowledged that maintaining and improving vegetation and tree health is a fundamental component to achieving the objectives of this policy.

The City focuses on the following four (4) pillars of the City of South Perth Urban Greening Strategy (the Strategy) for maintaining and enhancing the urban greening of the City:

1. Protect

The City's ecologically sensitive riverside environment is protected as a community asset. The City's vegetation, tree canopy, and green spaces are further protected. This includes mature trees, newly planted trees, and remnant bushland areas. Our stakeholders and community have an important role as caretakers and protectors of ecological systems.

2. Enhance

The City's environment and community wellbeing is enhanced by expanding existing urban greening and incorporating innovative nature positive design responses.

3. Manage

Long term greening outcomes are achieved by investing in resourcing and management of right people, right funding and right practices.

4. Connect and Support

The City has active partnerships and collaborates with stakeholders to protect, enhance and manage urban greening.

The City demonstrates leadership and supports education and urban greening efforts in the community. Our community has a connection, is engaged and has a sense of ownership for urban greening in the City.

## **Reporting**

As part of the performance measures of the Strategy, the City will report on the following areas of the City's urban greening progress:

- Four-yearly measurement of canopy cover and urban heat
- Number of trees/plants planted and their locations
- Vegetation and tree health
- Survival rates of trees.

Success of the reporting measures may vary based on ongoing budget allocations and changes to climate conditions.

Council has established an Urban Greening Advisory Group to advise and make recommendations on the achievement of the goals and objectives of the Strategy.

## **Request for Removal of Trees on City Managed Land**

As protecting, enhancing and managing the tree canopy is an essential component to achieve the strategic direction of the Strategy, the City will not consider requests for removal of trees on land under the care and control of the City unless the request is for the following reasons:

- Removal of the tree is required for public safety; or
- Removal of the tree is required to protect the health of flora and fauna in the area.

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| <b>Legislation:</b>    | City of South Perth Public Places and Local Government Property Local Law 2011                                                                                                     |                   |                                |
| <b>Organisational:</b> | City of South Perth Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031<br>P207 Natural Areas<br>P210 Street Verges and Vegetation<br>Urban Greening Strategy 2025 -2050<br>Street Verge Guidelines |                   |                                |
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