



Saint Louis University Campus Tree Care Plan

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Saint Louis University (SLU) campus tree care plan is to identify the policies, procedures, and practices that are used in establishing, protecting, maintaining, and removing trees on the SLU campus. The overall goal of the plan is to ensure a safe, attractive, and sustainable campus urban forest. The specific objectives of the plan are:

- Ensure proper species selection, high-quality nursery stock acquisition, and industry-consensus planting procedures
- Promote species diversity and proper age structure in the tree population
- Protect high-value campus trees during construction and renovation projects
- Promote tree health and safety by utilizing ISA's best management practices when maintaining campus trees
- Ensure that trees are reasonably replaced when there is mortality due to weather, pest infestations, injury, or construction displacement
- Encourage campus community members to respect and value the campus urban forest

RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT:

The SLU Grounds Services Department within the Facilities Services Division under the direction of the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Services is responsible for implementation of the Campus Tree Care Plan.

CAMPUS TREE ADVISORY TEAM:

The Saint Louis University Tree Advisory TEAM is tasked with providing important input into the care and improvement of the campus landscape with a primary focus on the health and maintenance of the campus tree population.

The team members will voluntarily serve for a period of one academic year with a renewal option. Members will appoint team members to conduct day-to-day business of the team. Members are expected to actively participate and contribute in guideline and policy related issues along with research and information collection that would aid in the campus tree care plan. The SLU Tree Advisory Team will meet bi-annually to review current maintenance practices including but not limited to pruning, fertilization, installation/replacement, removal and protection.

Members include:



Grounds Services – Jeff Macko, Director
Grounds Services – Jim Anthony, Supervisor
Grounds Services – Clint Tucker, Grounds Worker/Certified Arborist
Facilities Management – Keith McCune, Assistant Director
Department of Biology – Dr. Gerardo Camilo, Associate Professor
Center For Sustainability – Dr. Damon Hall, Assistant Professor
Saint Louis University Student(s) – Nicholas Weber
St. Louis City Forestry Division – Jerry Overmann, Urban Forester

CAMPUS ARBORCULTURE PRACTICES:

Installation Practices

Plant Selection

Tree species used on SLU campus will come from a list of acceptable species as developed by the SLU Tree Advisory Team (see attachment A). This list will contain both native and non-native species that have been thoroughly screened for adaptability and serviceability to the physical conditions based on site orientation, drainage, soil, etc. Consider the restrictions of the planting site, the purpose for the tree, and ea



Tree planting shall conform to the most current ANSI A300 Part 6: Tree, Shrub and Other Woody Plant Maintenance – Standard Practices (Transplanting). The planting process will conform to these standards and to the most current Best Management Practices (BMP) for Tree Planting published by the International Society of Arboriculture.





make it clear where members of the community can find a copy of the plan. It should also include information on how they can become involved in management of the campus landscape through service projects and other activities