



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION

Sarah Berling, Kelly Brezoczky, Tamara Michie,
Gerald Montmorency and JC Myers

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East Side of Monte Verde Street
Between Ocean and 7th Avenues

REGULAR MEETING Thursday, April 11, 2024

MEETING 2:30 PM

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- A.** Mission Trail Nature Preserve at Rio Road

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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1. March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Orders of Business are agenda items that require City Council, Board or Commission discussion, debate, direction to staff, and/or action.

2. Consideration to update signage at the Mission Trail Nature Preserve
3. Results of the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) Community Survey
4. Discuss agenda topics for the May 22, 2024 Urban Forest Master Plan Community Meeting #2
5. City Forester's Report for March 2024
6. Public Works Director's Report for March 2024

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION Staff Report

April 11, 2024
CONSENT AGENDA

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Robert M. Harary, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 - March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes

**FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 14, 2024**

MEETING TIME 2:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Berling, Brezoczky, Michie, Montmorency, Myers
ABSENT: None
STAFF PRESENT: Robert Harary, P.E., Director of Public Works
Paul Tomasi, Director of Public Safety
Justin Ono, City Forester
Tom Ford, Administrative Analyst
Mary Bilse, Environmental Programs Manager
Yvette Culver, Commission Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Myers led the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXTRAORDINARY BUSINESS

Item A: Police Chief's Briefing on Beach Closures and Emergency Funding

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Paul Tomasi explained the rationale for beach stairway closures, coordinating storm events with other regional agencies, and potential sources of emergency funding. He noted that the City just received a FEMA grant of \$117,000 of which about \$50,000 can be used to repair the beach access stairs.

Chief Tomasi answered questions of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Item B: Arbor Day/Earth Day/Community Day 2024

Environmental Programs Manager Mary Bilse presented the Staff Report for the 2nd Annual Earth & Arbor Day event to be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Devendorf Park from 10 am to 2 pm.

This event addresses the City's adopted Climate Adaptation Plan which calls for active engagement and development of partnerships with community stakeholders, local businesses, and residents to achieve steady progress towards the City's climate resilience goals. In April 2023, the Public Works and Community Activities Departments hosted the City's inaugural Earth & Arbor Day event, and a total of 18 community groups participated.

Similar to last year, the event will take place at Devendorf Park. As of now, 37 organizations are confirmed to participate. The Forestry Division will lead a tree planting ceremony. A 24-inch coast redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*) will be donated by West Coast Arborists and planted at the southeast corner of the park. A secondary 24-inch coast live oak tree (*Quercus agrifolia*) will also be planted in memory of Janice Bradner, who led the "Downtown Detail" Community engagement program in recent years.

Ms. Bilse answered questions of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

Kristi Reimers
Cindy Lloyd
Dale Byrne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We are having problems with the Zoom link. People on Zoom that are calling in may not be able to see into the Council Chambers.

CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: February 8, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Michie moved to approve the Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2024, seconded by Commissioner Brezoczky, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Berling, Brezoczky, Michie, Montmorency, Myers
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ORDERS OF BUSINESS

Item 2: Receive a presentation from Integral Corp./Haro Kasunich & Associates/EMC Planning Group providing the preliminary findings of the Shoreline and Beach Erosion Exposure Modeling, Task 3, and Coastal Hazard and Sea Level Rise Vulnerabilities, Task 4, which are part of the Coastal Engineering Study

Ms. Bilse recommended that the Commission receive a presentation from Integral Corp. who will be providing the findings of the Shoreline and Beach Erosion Exposure Modeling, Task 3, and Coastal Hazard and Sea Level Rise Vulnerabilities, Task 4, which are part of the Coastal Engineering Study, Phase 1.

Dr. David Revell introduced his team, including Matt Jamieson. Dr. Revell spoke on Task 3: Shoreline and Beach Erosion, Exposure with Sea Level Rise. Matt Jamieson presented the information of the Task 4: Coastal Hazard and Sea Level Rise, Vulnerability Assessment. The presentation slides and technical reports for these two tasks can be found at the City website at: <https://ci.carmel.ca.us/climate-committee> .

Dr. Revell also stated that Phase 2, which has just begun, will include adaptation strategies, community outreach, a socio-economic analysis, and update of the City's Local Coastal Program. Dr. Revell answered questions of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dale Byrne

Item 3: Receive a presentation by Carmel Cares regarding Project Plans for the Ocean Avenue Medians Landscaping Project

City Forester Justin Ono recapped the August 2023 Commission meeting when the Commission selected Design Option #3 for the Ocean Avenue Median Islands Landscaping Project. He recommended that the Commission now receive the presentation from Carmel Cares regarding the specific landscaping design for Option #3 and requested the Commissioner to provide any final adjustments prior to issuing an Encroachment Permit for construction. Forester Ono introduced Dale Byrne of Carmel Cares.

Mr. Byrne commended Forester Ono for lighting a fire under this project and get things moving. He noted that this is a joint City and Carmel Cares project working together as a team, and introduced MPC Professor Alan Wheat who developed the landscaping design of the medians. Professor Wheat presented the project goals, priorities, wildlife corridor, the benefits of using native plants and locally-sourced boulders, renderings, a living fence meandering along the medians, colorful plants at the ends of the medians, and cost estimates. He answered questions of the Commission.

Director Harary said that Public Works has \$25,000 in the budget this fiscal year to pay for the materials, but no money can be used for outside labor. He anticipates another \$25,000 allocation for beautification for the next fiscal year budget that can also be used for this project materials as well.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Lloyd
Rich Pepe

Commissioner Brezoczky moved to approve the proposal for the Ocean Avenue Median Project based on the specific median plans, and requested City staff to work with the team on implementing this concept across the four additional medians, seconded by Commissioner Berling, and carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Berling, Brezoczky, Michie, Montmorency, Myers
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Item 4: Receive a presentation regarding a component of the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP): the Preliminary Tree Species List

Director Harary noted that UFMP Steering Committee members Ramie Allard, Donna Jett, and Linda Smith were present.

City Forester Ono presented the Staff Report and introduced the UFMP draft Tree Species List. The new tree list is much more comprehensive in species diversity than the existing list to adapt to climate change, provides more detailed information about each species, and is displayed in tabular, rather than narrative, format for easier side-by-side comparisons. Forester Ono is asking the Commissioners, UFMP Steering Committee members, and interested stakeholders for feedback prior to its inclusion in the upcoming UFMP. Mr. Ono also stated that a second UFMP Workshop is being scheduled for late May at Sunset Center, and answered questions of the Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Cindy Lloyd
Ramie Allard
Linda Smith

Director Harary mentioned that we also received written comments from Steering Committee members Peter Quintanilla that was handed out, and Linda Smith sent in additional information. He stated that the feedback received

at this meeting was exactly the kind of public input and comments that we were looking for, and requested that all comments on the Tree Species List be submitted to the City Forester in writing.

Item 5: City Forester's Report for February 2024

City Forester Ono presented the City Forester's Report for February 2024

- Status of the Urban Forest Master Plan:
 - The first draft of the UFMP was expected in December but has been delayed and is expected next month.
 - Coordinated with Commissioner Brezoczky regarding coding of information submitted under the UFMP Community Survey to better distinguish input from Carmel residents versus input from respondents from adjacent geographic areas.
- In February, Forestry crews picked up 19 piles of storm damaged trees and branches, removed 20 fallen, dead, or hazardous trees, and pruned 7 trees. Storm cleanup is still ongoing. No new city trees were planted due to the urgency of storm recovery.
- The February 4th storm impacts included: 106 tree incidents, 43 trees fell, 8 trees in active failure removed, 50 large limbs, power lines down in 4 locations, and 12 homes impacted.
- The intense storm also brought on over 300 calls and/or emails. 224 "tickets" were resolved, but do to staffing challenges, a backlog of 863 tickets remain outstanding.
- Predominantly as a result of the February 4th storm, our 3 tree contractors removed 18 falling trees and pruned 15 trees with broken hanging branches under contract Task Orders.
- Landscape maintenance work across the City continues to be fully engaged by Town & Country.
- Purchased an electric chainsaw as a first step to electrifying tools for tree crews.
- Began to transition tree permit intake processing from the Community Planning and Building counter at City Hall over to the Public Works/Forestry office. Cross training underway with an official transfer date scheduled in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ramie Allard

Linda Smith

Item 6: Public Works Director's Report for February 2024, including an Update on Repairs of the Beach Access Stairs

Director Harary presented the Public Works Report for February 2024, including an Update on Repairs of the Beach Access Stairs, as follows:

City Council actions related to Forestry, Parks and Beach issues

- On March 4th, Council accepted donations valued at \$148,814 plus 5,958 volunteer hours from Carmel Cares, for 2023.
- For the Coastal Engineering Study, Phase 2, Council approved a \$450,000 Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with EMC/Intergral/Haro Kashunich, entirely funded by a Coastal Commission Grant. Also, \$100,000 of City funds was reallocated from Phase 2 into the Shoreline Infrastructure Repair project to pay for beach access stair repairs.

Forest, Parks and Beach-related Capital Improvement Projects

- At the March 5th Council meeting introduction of the Capital Improvement Program, Director Harary noted that the following forestry, parks, and beach-related projects were completed, or are scheduled to be completed, in Fiscal Year 2023/24:

- Capital Improvements: Mission Trail Nature Preserve (MTNP) Tank, Pump House, Well Removals, the UFMP (although outreach and ordinance updates will carry on into next fiscal year), purchased 2 Forestry trucks, and completed Coastal Engineering Study, Phase 1.
- Operating Budget Projects: Removed 43 fallen trees in MTNP, Scenic Pathway gardeners, Wildfire Risk Assessment, split rail fences at Forest Hill Park and North Dunes, Leadership Carmel's Nature Play Equipment project at Forest Hill Park, MTNP footbridge reconstruction off Eleventh Avenue, and North Dunes Habitat Restoration and monitoring.

Update on Volunteer Organizations

- The Friends of MTNP coordinated with Environmental Programs staff regarding new, donor-funded MTNP entry signs. Sign designs will be submitted to the Forest and Beach Commission and Planning Department for approval in April.

Miscellaneous Forestry, Parks and Beach-related Public Works items

- Coordinated with Leadership Carmel Class of 2024 to guide submittals required for staff to process the Encroachment Permit associated with the Scenic Pathway Overlook Legacy Project approved by the Forest and Beach Commission in February.

Update on repairs to Beach Access Stairs

- On February 22nd, a meeting was held with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) regarding repairs that are needed along the shoreline, including beach access stairs, rock revetments, and seawalls. The CCC advised the City that certain maintenance-oriented repairs above the mean high tide line could be completed by City forces under a City-issued Emergency Coastal Development Permit.
- Subsequent to the meeting, Public Works managers inspected all concrete and wooden beach access stairs and prepared a "Game Plan" to repair the stairs as follows:
 - Beach access will remain open at: Fourth Avenue stairs, Del Mar parking lot, and Thirteenth Avenue stairs.
 - In March, Public Works will make repairs on the following concrete stairs and open them up as soon as possible: Eighth Avenue, Tenth Avenue South, Eleventh Avenue, and Santa Lucia.
 - In April, Public Works will repair the wooded stairs at Martin Way and open them up.
 - Two stairs were structurally damaged and will require engineering, permits, and a contractor to repair, at Tenth Avenue North and Twelfth Avenue.
 - Access will remain deferred until sand comes back at the Ninth Avenue stairs and Eighth Avenue equipment access ramp.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- MTNP Signage
- UFMP Community Survey Results

ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

Yvette Culver. Commission Secretary

Approved by:

JC Myers, Chair



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION Staff Report

April 11, 2024
ORDERS OF BUSINESS

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Mary Bilse, Environmental Programs Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration to update signage at the Mission Trail Nature Preserve

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the replacement of five existing park entry signs at the Mission Trail Nature Preserve (MTNP), as well as the addition of five accompanying display boards in which park updates and trail information can be posted.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The MTNP is a 34-acre park that encompasses three miles of hiking trails. The Preserve was designed as a nature park in 1979 for passive recreational use, including walking and birding. The park boundaries include the Flanders Mansion, Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden, meadow off Martin Road, and a primary entrance off Rio Road.

Most of the Preserve is designated as an Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area (ESHA), which refers to areas with rare or ecologically-valuable plants, such as the Hickman's Onion, animals, such as the Dusky Footed Wood Rat, and/or habitats that are sensitive to human activity. The Preserve's habitats also include a Monterey pine forest, coast live oak woodland, redwood grove, wetlands, willow riparian corridor, and coastal prairie.

The City's management plans to remove invasive plants, restore wetlands, improve the trail system, and other activities are described in the "MTNP Master Plan," "MTNP Baseline Biological Assessment," and "MTNP Stream Stability Study" which can be found on the City's website from the following link:
<https://ci.carmel.ca.us/post/mission-trail-nature-preserve>

The Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve is an official City Support Group that helps maintain the Preserve. Part of that ongoing maintenance includes improving signage at the park.

Currently, the MTNP has wooden park map signs at the five primary entrances: Rio Road, Eleventh Avenue, Martin Road, Hatton Road/Flanders driveway, and Mountain View Avenue that were installed in 2015. The existing entry sign is depicted in **Attachment #1**.

The Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve have collected funding to replace these five signs as well as

purchase five additional signs so that a pair, in a wide V-configuration (example of V-configuration is shown in **Attachment #1**), would stand at each of the five entrances. Of each pair, one sign would include a park map, and the other side would consist of a weather-resistant, postable display board which can be used to post communal trail updates and notices, such as coyote sightings or clean up after your pet reminders. The park map signs will be replaced with new park map decals to reflect updated trail alignments. Staff will work with the Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve to update the park map; an example of the updates are reflected in **Attachment #1**. The key code on the map will better indicate that bicycles are only allowed on service trails. All messaging and signage would be laminated prior to posting, and outdated postings would be removed by the Friends in a timely manner. The proposed signs would be 22.5" x 30" x 1.5" thick red cedar wood.

The Community Planning and Building and Public Works Departments have reviewed the proposed sign designs and recommends approval of their installation. Upon approval of the proposed signs by the Forest and Beach Commission, a no-fee Encroachment Permit would be issued by the City. The signs are anticipated to be installed by the Friends by late May 2024.

Environmental Evaluation

This action does not constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code Section 21065. It has no potential to cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and, therefore, does not require environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the City for the proposed signs as the Friends of Mission Trail Nature Preserve are fully funding this project.

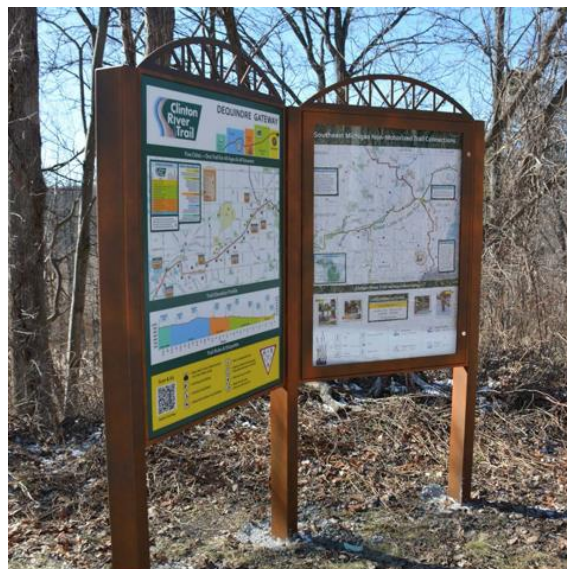
ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 Mission Trail Nature Preserve Sign Photos

Existing Entry Sign at Mission Trails Nature Preserve



Example of V-Configuration Sign



Example of Map Updates:





CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION Staff Report

April 11, 2024
ORDERS OF BUSINESS

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Thomas C. Ford, Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Results of the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) Community Survey

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a presentation regarding the results of the UFMP Community Survey. Interpret the survey results, identify consistent themes in the survey responses, and discuss how they can be integrated into the Master Plan, long-term decision making, and/or management of the urban forest.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On June 19, 2023, Forest and Beach Commissioners and Steering Committee members proposed questions to be included in the UFMP Community Survey. City staff collected and consolidated proposed questions.

At the September 7, 2023 Special Meeting of the Forest and Beach Commission, the Steering Committee finalized the Survey questions, and the Survey was launched on September 27th and available in both online and paper formats. The Survey was noticed on the City's website, published in the "Carmel Pine Cone," in a number of City Friday Letter newsletters, and posted via "Constant Contact." The Survey remained open for 47 days and closed on November 13th. A total of 358 responses were received with 318 online surveys and 40 paper surveys.

The complete, unedited Survey results presented at the December 2023 meeting of the Forest and Beach Commission are attached as follows:

- **Attachment #1** includes graphical results of all questions, Questions 1- 21.
- **Attachment #2** provides unedited narrative responses to Question 10, requesting responders to comment on their level of satisfaction of the City's care of public trees.
- **Attachment #3** provides unedited narrative responses to Question 20 which requested responders to identify the most important issue to be addressed in the UFMP.

The presentation that will be received today is posted on the City's website at:

www.ci.carmel.ca.us/UFMP

The presentation will also be in the agenda packet of the following Forest and Beach Commission meeting. This presentation is a deeper analysis of the data which splits responses into different sets of data to add residents, commissioners, and staff in decision-making.

The purpose of this presentation and discussion is to identify consistent themes in the survey responses and discuss how they can be integrated into the Master Plan and long-term decision making. Some common themes, as indicated in question 10, include:

1. Public trees require more maintenance/trimming
2. Dead trees/limbs are dangerous during storms and around power lines
3. There is a perceived need for more Forestry staff
4. Trees that have died/fallen need to be replaced

ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION

This action does not constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code Section 21065. It has no potential to cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and, therefore, does not require environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for this discussion. The Community Survey was funded under the UFMP project.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Unedited Survey Results

Attachment 2 - Appendix

Attachment 3 - Appendix 2 Q20

CITY OF CARMEL – URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN – COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS
DECEMBER 2023

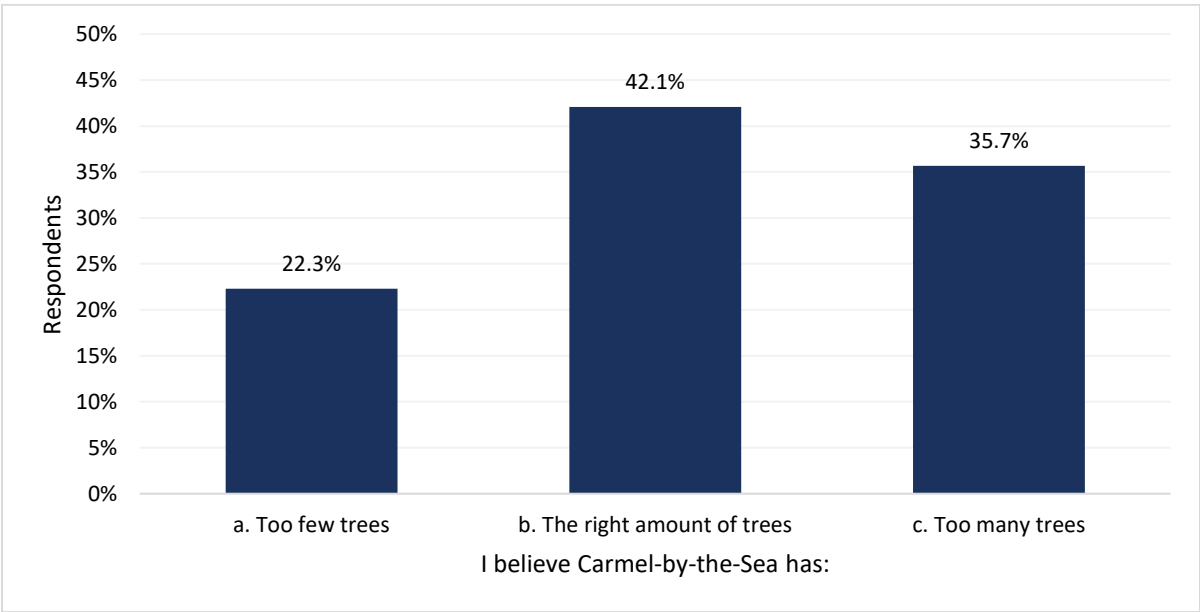
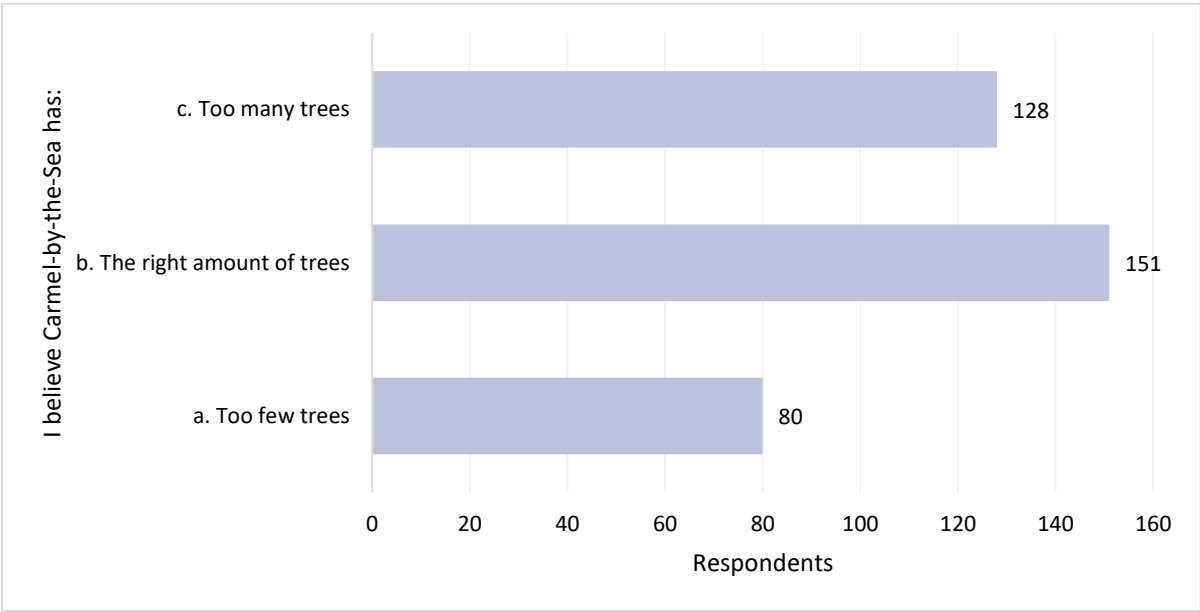
Attachment 1

Question 1.

I believe Carmel-by-the-Sea has:

- a. Too few trees
- b. The right amount of trees
- c. Too many trees

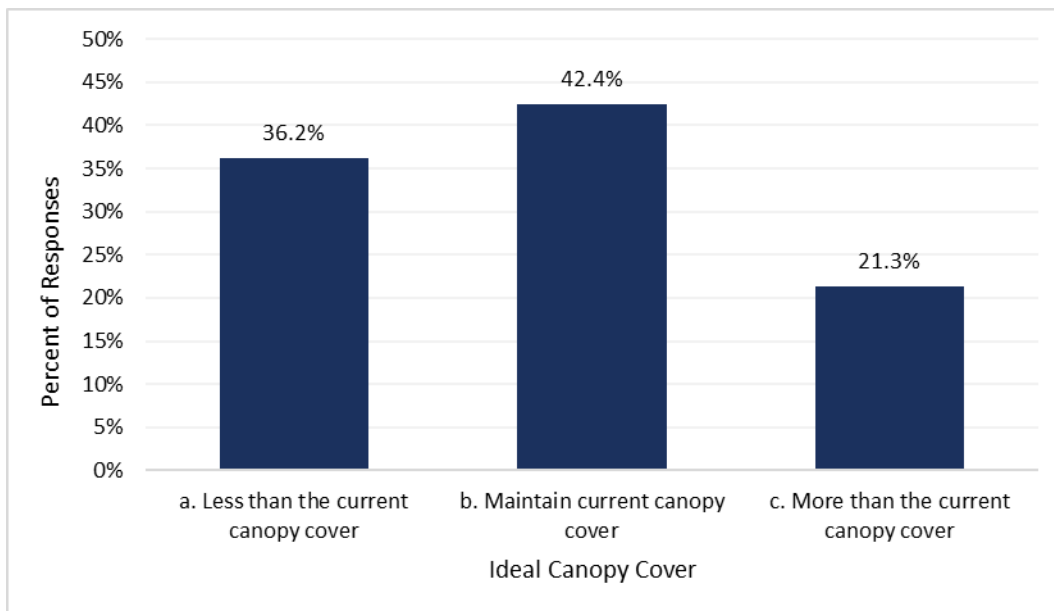
a. Too few trees	b. The right amount of trees	c. Too many trees
79	150	128
22.3%	42.1%	35.7%



Currently, tree canopy covers 36% of Carmel-by-the-Sea. Considering that many trees are very mature, the urban forest management plan will need to consider replacing aging trees along with meeting community goals for future canopy cover. In your opinion, what is the ideal canopy cover for Carmel's future urban forest?

- a. Less than the current canopy cover
- b. Maintain current canopy cover
- c. More than the current canopy cover

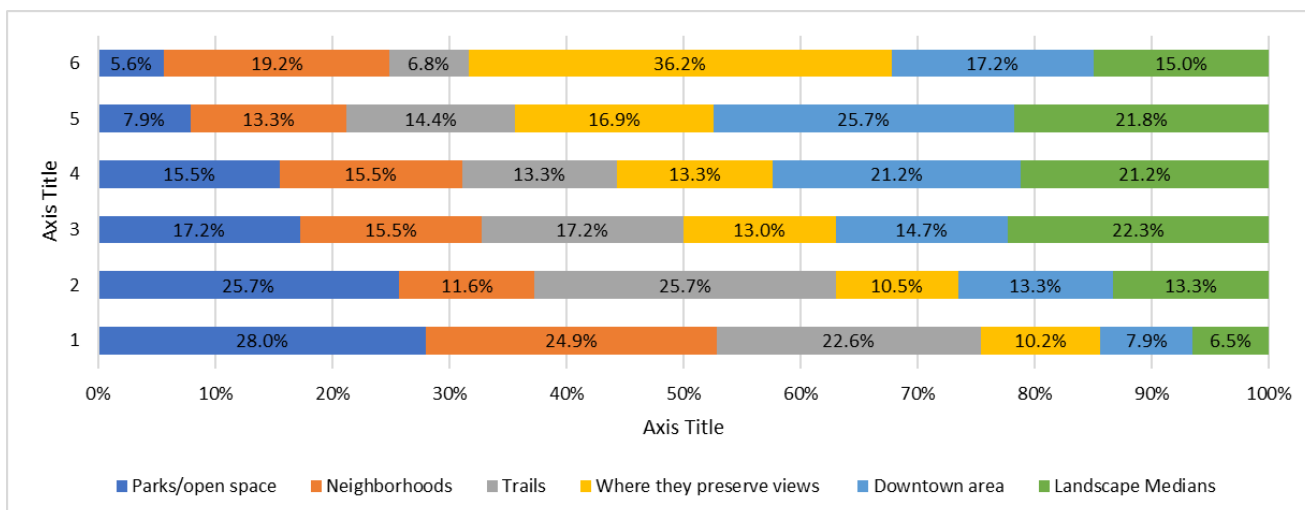
a. Less than the current canopy cover	b. Maintain current canopy cover	c. More than the current canopy cover
129	151	76
36.2%	42.4%	21.3%



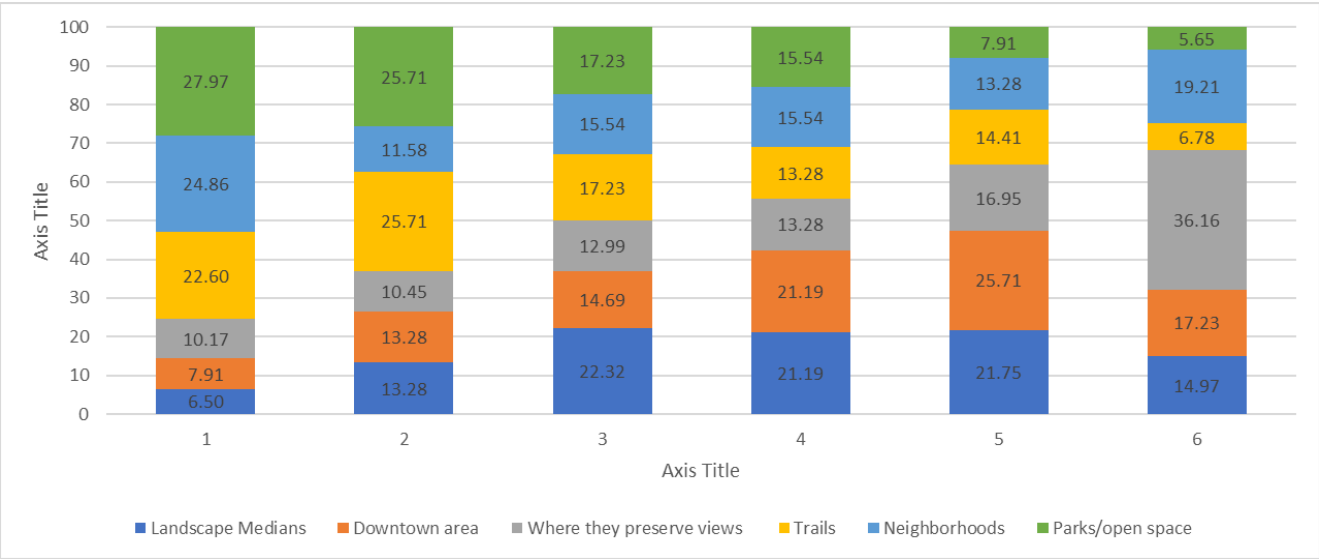
To help us better understand where YOU most value trees and shade in Carmel-by-the-Sea, please rank (1-6) the following responses, with 1 representing where you most value and enjoy trees and 6 representing where you least value trees.

- ___ Landscaped medians
- ___ Downtown area
- ___ Neighborhoods
- ___ Parks/Open space
- ___ Trails
- ___ Where they preserve views

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Parks/open space	28.0%	25.7%	17.2%	15.5%	7.9%	5.6%
Neighborhoods	24.9%	11.6%	15.5%	15.5%	13.3%	19.2%
Trails	22.6%	25.7%	17.2%	13.3%	14.4%	6.8%
Where they preserve views	10.2%	10.5%	13.0%	13.3%	16.9%	36.2%
Downtown area	7.9%	13.3%	14.7%	21.2%	25.7%	17.2%
Landscape Medians	6.5%	13.3%	22.3%	21.2%	21.8%	15.0%



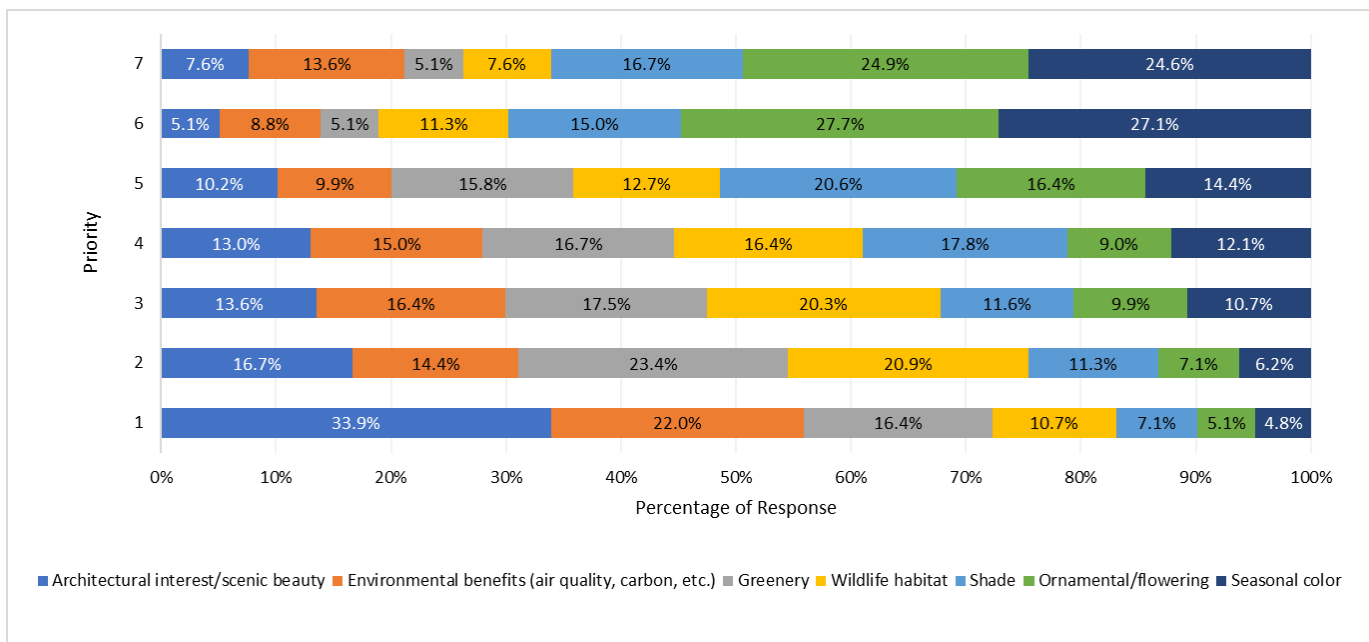
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Landscape Medians	6.50	13.28	22.32	21.19	21.75	14.97
Downtown area	7.91	13.28	14.69	21.19	25.71	17.23
Where they preserve views	10.17	10.45	12.99	13.28	16.95	36.16
Trails	22.60	25.71	17.23	13.28	14.41	6.78
Neighborhoods	24.86	11.58	15.54	15.54	13.28	19.21
Parks/open space	27.97	25.71	17.23	15.54	7.91	5.65



What characteristics of trees in Carmel-by-the-Sea do YOU appreciate most? Please rank (1-7) the following, with 1 representing the characteristic you most value and 7 representing the characteristic you least value.

- ___ Shade
- ___ Ornamental/flowering
- ___ Seasonal color
- ___ Wildlife habitat
- ___ Architectural interest/Scenic beauty
- ___ Greenery
- ___ Environmental benefits (air quality, carbon, etc.)

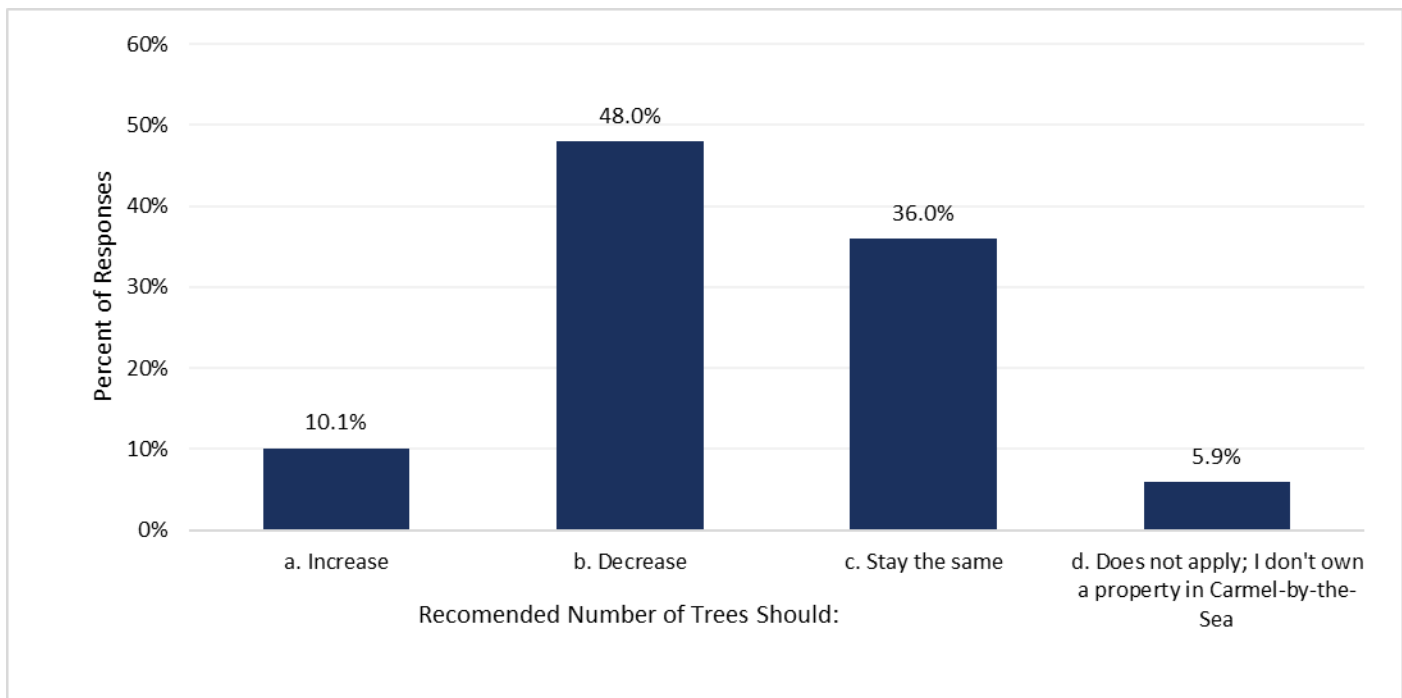
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Architectural interest/scenic beauty	33.9%	16.7%	13.6%	13.0%	10.2%	5.1%	7.6%
Environmental benefits (air quality, carbon, etc.)	22.0%	14.4%	16.4%	15.0%	9.9%	8.8%	13.6%
Greenery	16.4%	23.4%	17.5%	16.7%	15.8%	5.1%	5.1%
Wildlife habitat	10.7%	20.9%	20.3%	16.4%	12.7%	11.3%	7.6%
Shade	7.1%	11.3%	11.6%	17.8%	20.6%	15.0%	16.7%
Ornamental/flowering	5.1%	7.1%	9.9%	9.0%	16.4%	27.7%	24.9%
Seasonal color	4.8%	6.2%	10.7%	12.1%	14.4%	27.1%	24.6%



For a typical 4,000 square foot lot in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the City Municipal Code recommends the lot have 3 Upper Canopy trees (e.g., Monterey pine, Monterey cypress, and coast redwood) and 1 Lower Canopy tree (e.g., coast live oak), for a total of 4 trees. Do you believe the recommended number of trees on a typical 4,000 square foot lot should:

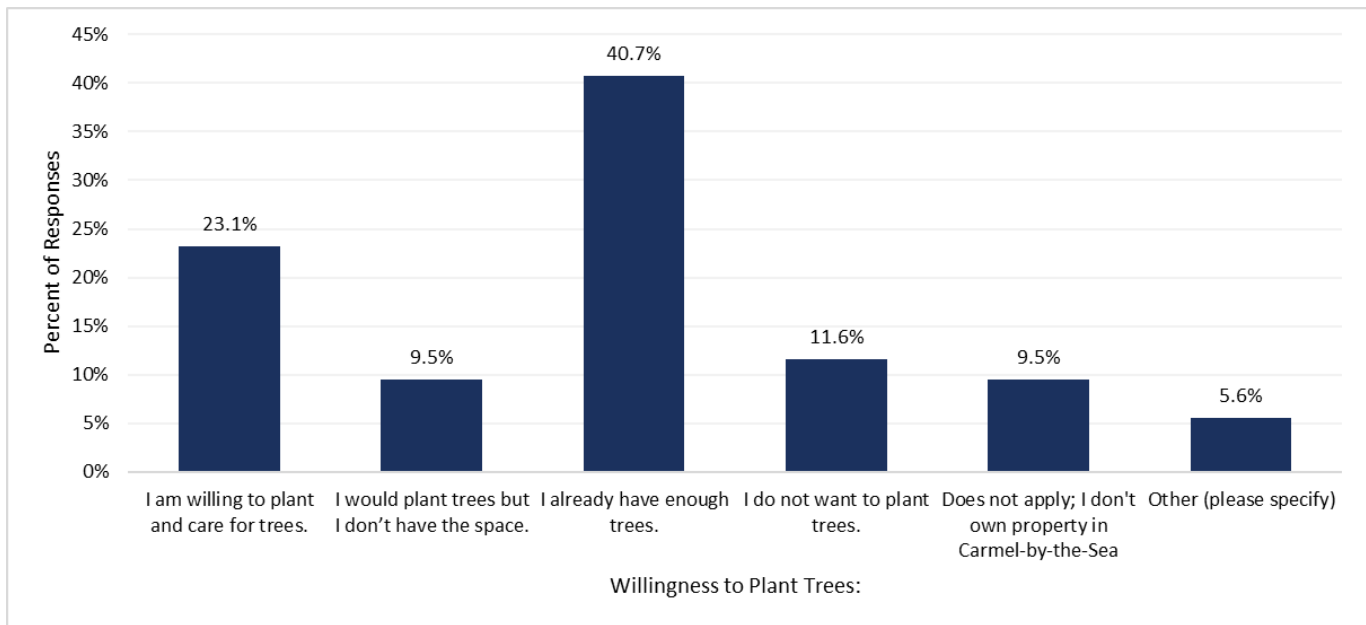
- a. Increase
- b. Decrease
- c. Stay the same
- d. Does not apply; I don't own a property in Carmel-by-the-Sea

a. Increase	b. Decrease	c. Stay the same	d. Does not apply; I don't own a property in Carmel-by-the-Sea
36	171	128	21
10.1%	48.0%	36.0%	5.9%



Describe your willingness to plant trees on your private property in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Check all that apply:

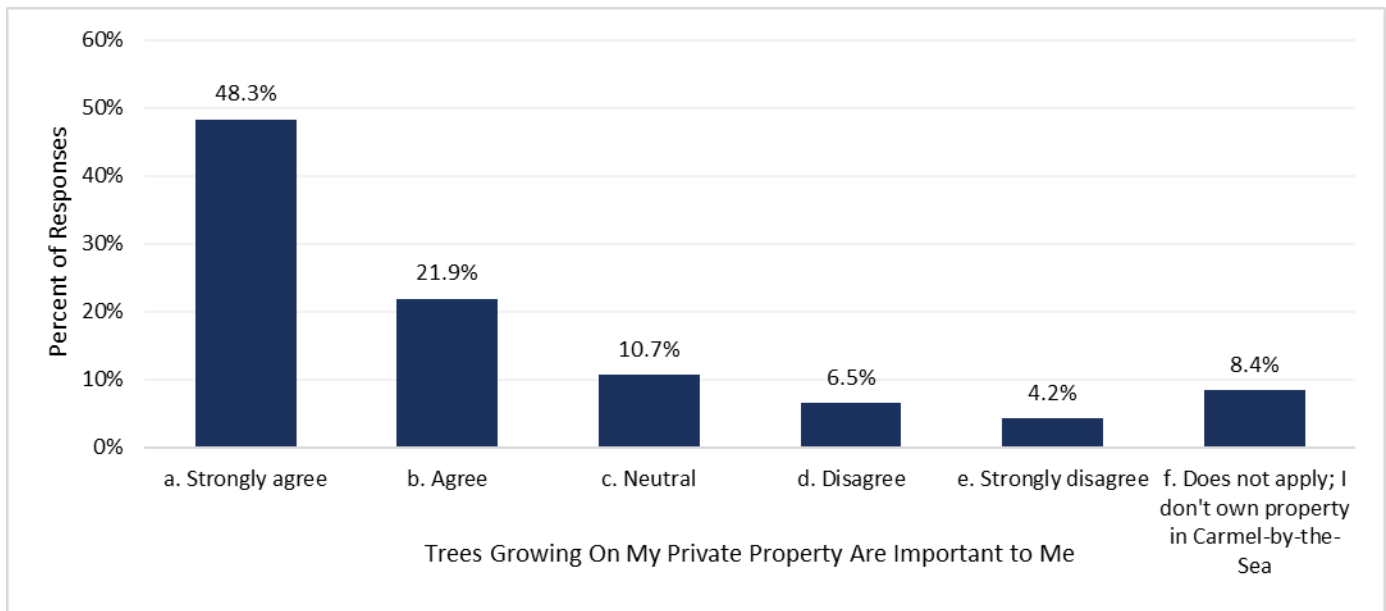
- ☐ I am willing to plant and care for trees.
- ☐ I would plant trees but I don't have the space.
- ☐ I already have enough trees.
- ☐ I do not want to plant trees.
- ☐ Does not apply; I don't own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea



he trees growing on my private property in Carmel-by-the-Sea are important to me:

- d. Strongly agree
- e. Agree
- f. Neutral
- g. Disagree
- h. Strongly disagree
- i. Does not apply; I don't own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea

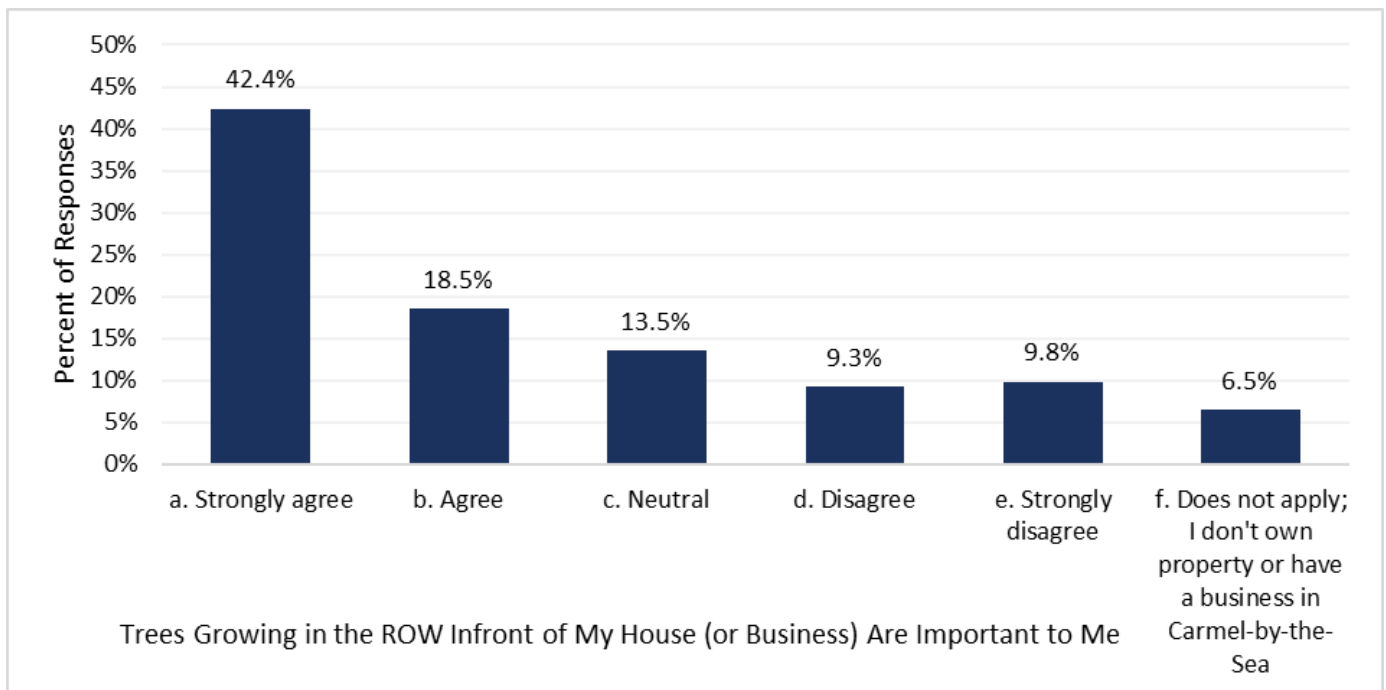
a. Strongly agree	b. Agree	c. Neutral	d. Disagree	e. Strongly disagree	f. Does not apply; I don't own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea
172	78	38	23	15	30
48.3%	21.9%	10.7%	6.5%	4.2%	8.4%



The trees growing in the public right-of-way in front of or near my house (or business) are important to me:

- a. Strongly agree
- b. Agree
- c. Neutral
- d. Disagree
- e. Strongly disagree
- f. Does not apply; I don't own property or have a business in Carmel-by-the-Sea

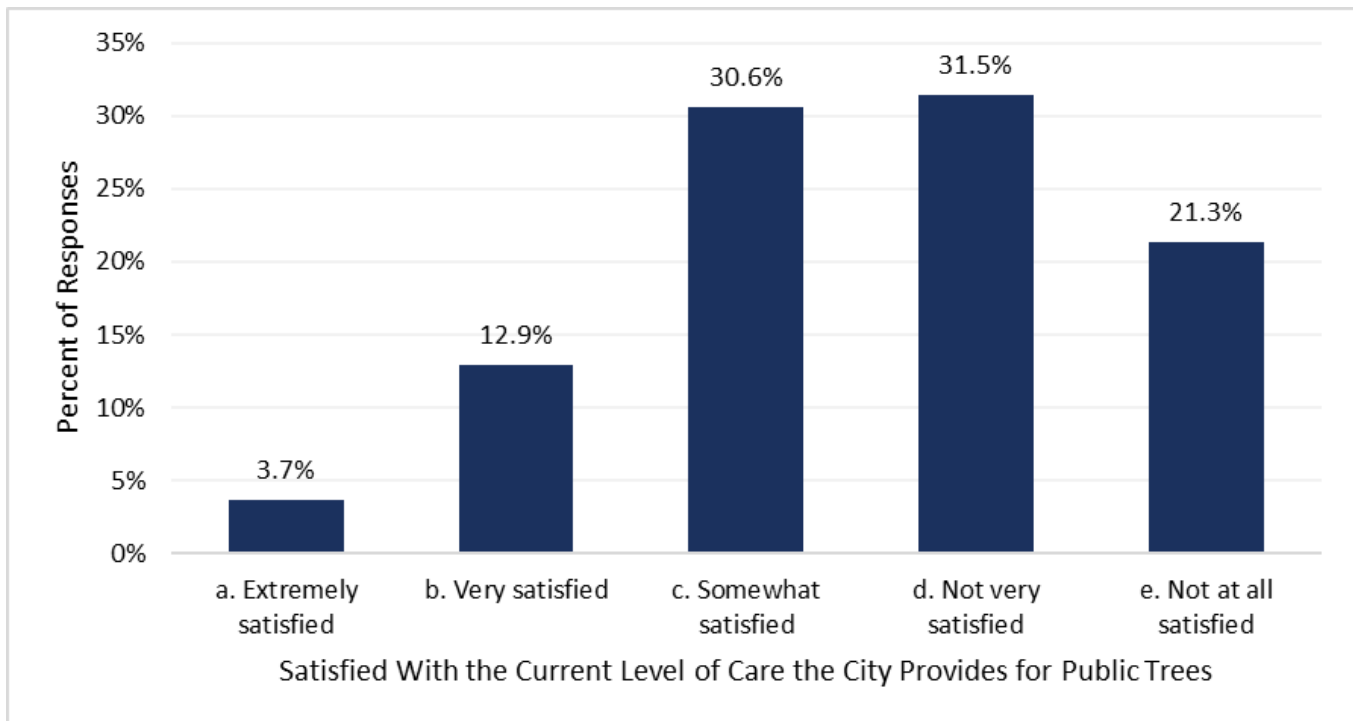
a. Strongly agree	b. Agree	c. Neutral	d. Disagree	e. Strongly disagree	f. Does not apply; I don't own property or have a business in Carmel-by-the-Sea
151	66	48	33	35	23
42.4%	18.5%	13.5%	9.3%	9.8%	6.5%



Are you satisfied with the current level of care that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea provides for public trees?

- a. Extremely satisfied
- b. Very satisfied
- c. Somewhat satisfied
- d. Not very satisfied
- e. Not at all satisfied

a. Extremely satisfied	b. Very satisfied	c. Somewhat satisfied	d. Not very satisfied	e. Not at all satisfied
13	46	109	112	76
3.7%	12.9%	30.6%	31.5%	21.3%



In 50 words or less, please tell us why you selected your response to the previous question:

For full results, see Appendix 1.

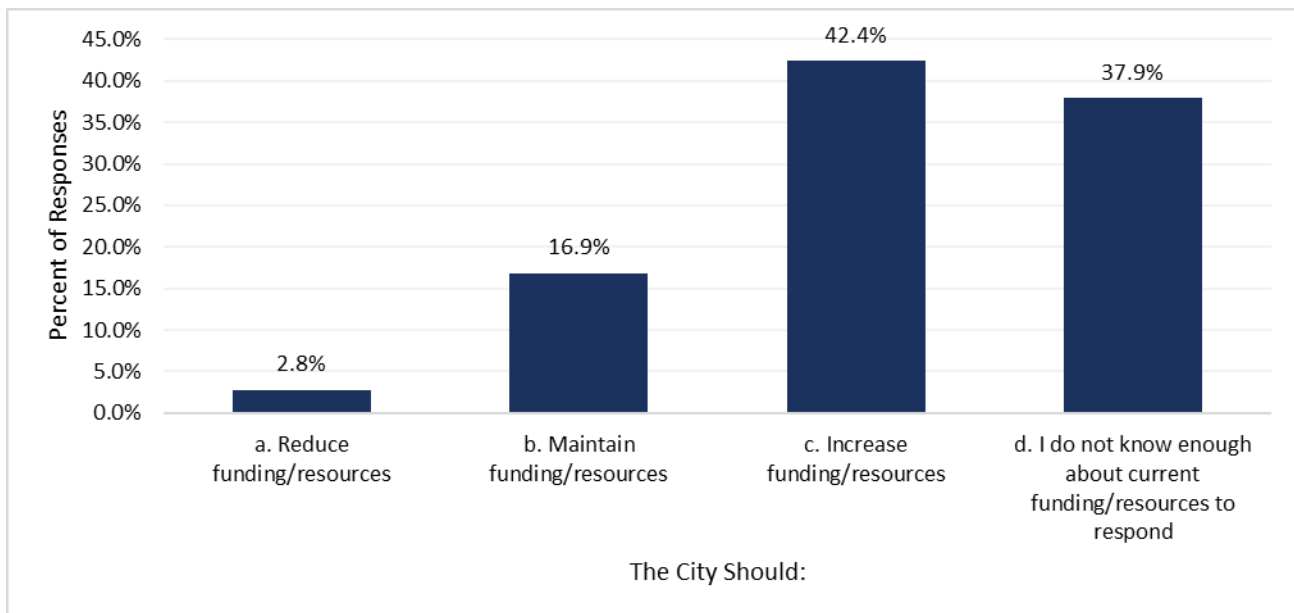
Common themes include

1. Trees need more maintenance/trimming
2. Dead trees/limbs are dangerous during storms and around power lines
3. Need more staff in the Forestry Department. Too many trees, not enough staff.
4. Need more replacement trees where trees have fallen/died

How do you feel about the level of funding and resources the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea currently allocates to provide for the care of public trees? The City should:

- a. Reduce funding/resources
- b. Maintain funding/resources
- c. Increase funding/resources
- d. I do not know enough about current funding/resources to respond

a. Reduce funding/resources	b. Maintain funding/resources	c. Increase funding/resources	d. I do not know enough about current funding/resources to respond
10	60	151	135
2.8%	16.9%	42.4%	37.9%

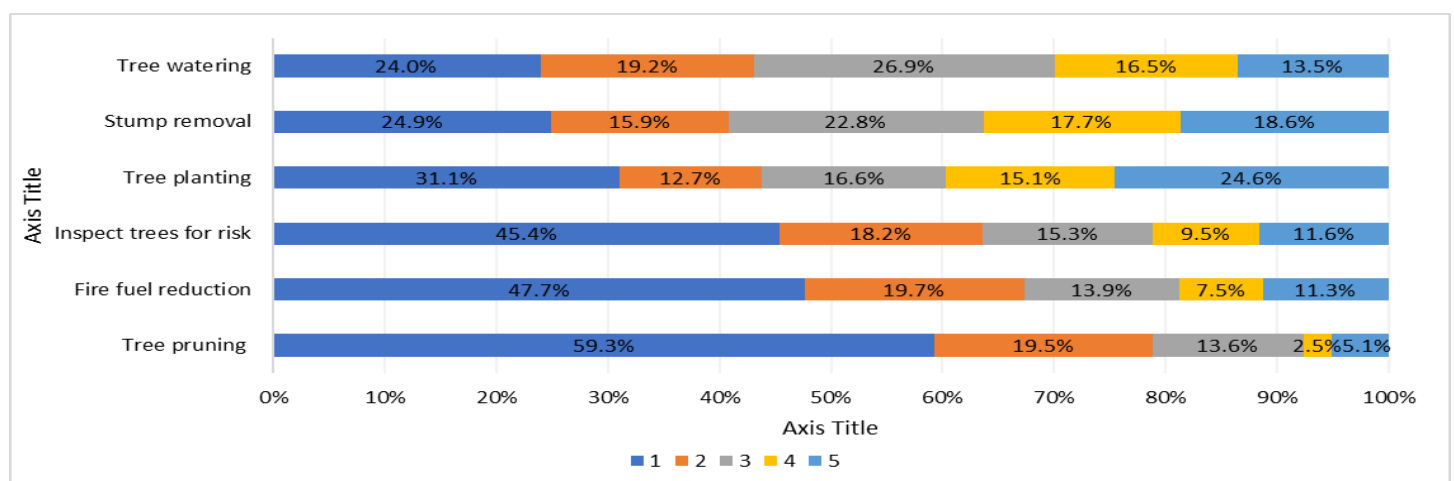


Please indicate your priority for the following Public Works' Forestry Division tasks. Use a check or an X in each row to indicate your priority, with 1 indicating the highest priority and 5 indicating the lowest priority:

	1	2	3	4	5
Tree planting					
Tree watering					
Stump removal					
Tree removal					
Tree pruning (i.e., thinning canopy, removing deadwood/broken limbs)					
Inspect trees for risk/consultation on private property					
Fire fuel reduction					

	1	2	3	4	5
Tree pruning	59.3%	19.5%	13.6%	2.5%	5.1%
Fire fuel reduction	47.7%	19.7%	13.9%	7.5%	11.3%
Inspect trees for risk	45.4%	18.2%	15.3%	9.5%	11.6%
Tree planting	31.1%	12.7%	16.6%	15.1%	24.6%
Stump removal	24.9%	15.9%	22.8%	17.7%	18.6%
Tree watering	24.0%	19.2%	26.9%	16.5%	13.5%

	Tree planting	Tree watering	Stump removal	Tree pruning	Inspect trees for risk/consultation on private property	Fire fuel reduction
1	31.1%	24.0%	24.9%	59.3%	45.4%	47.7%
2	12.7%	19.2%	15.9%	19.5%	18.2%	19.7%
3	16.6%	26.9%	22.8%	13.6%	15.3%	13.9%
4	15.1%	16.5%	17.7%	2.5%	9.5%	7.5%
5	24.6%	13.5%	18.6%	5.1%	11.6%	11.3%

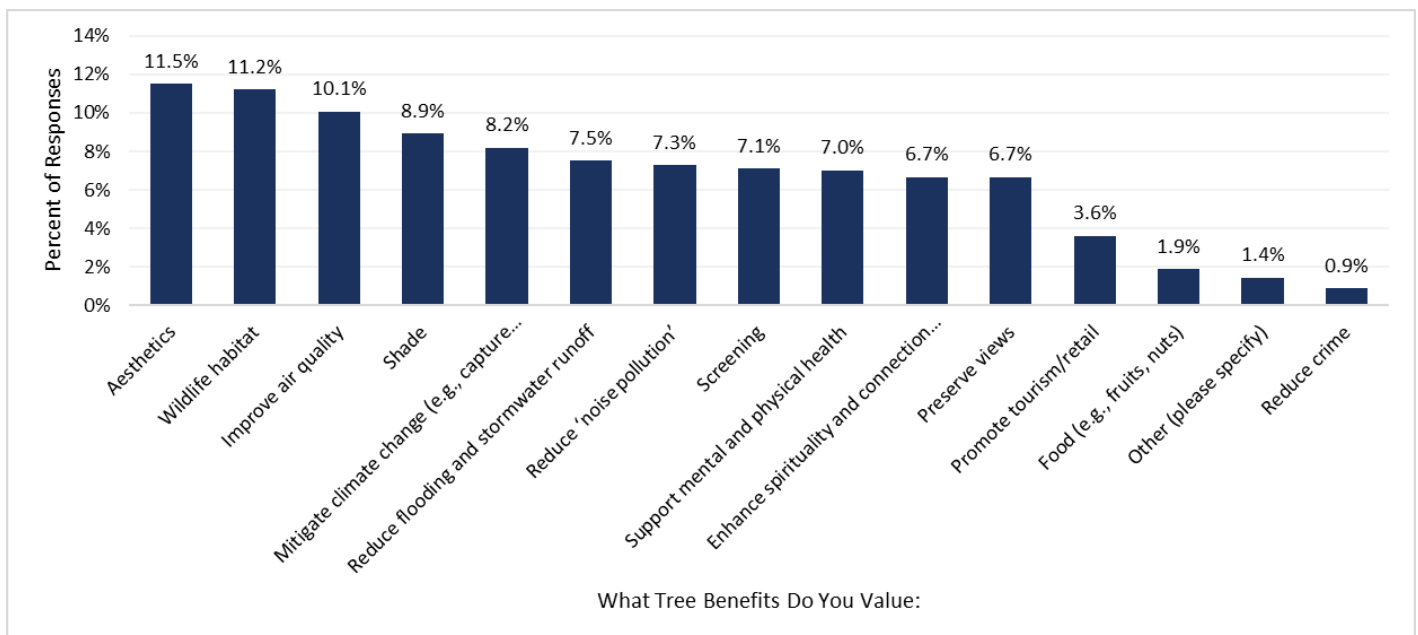


What tree benefits or "services" in Carmel-by-the-Sea do you value? Please select all that apply:

- Screening
- Support mental and physical health
- Wildlife habitat
- Aesthetics
- Shade
- Reduce 'noise pollution'
- Promote tourism/retail
- Improve air quality
- Mitigate climate change (e.g.: capture CO₂)
- Food (e.g., fruits, nuts)
- Reduce flooding and stormwater runoff
- Enhance spirituality and connection with nature
- Preserve views
- Reduce crime
- Other _____

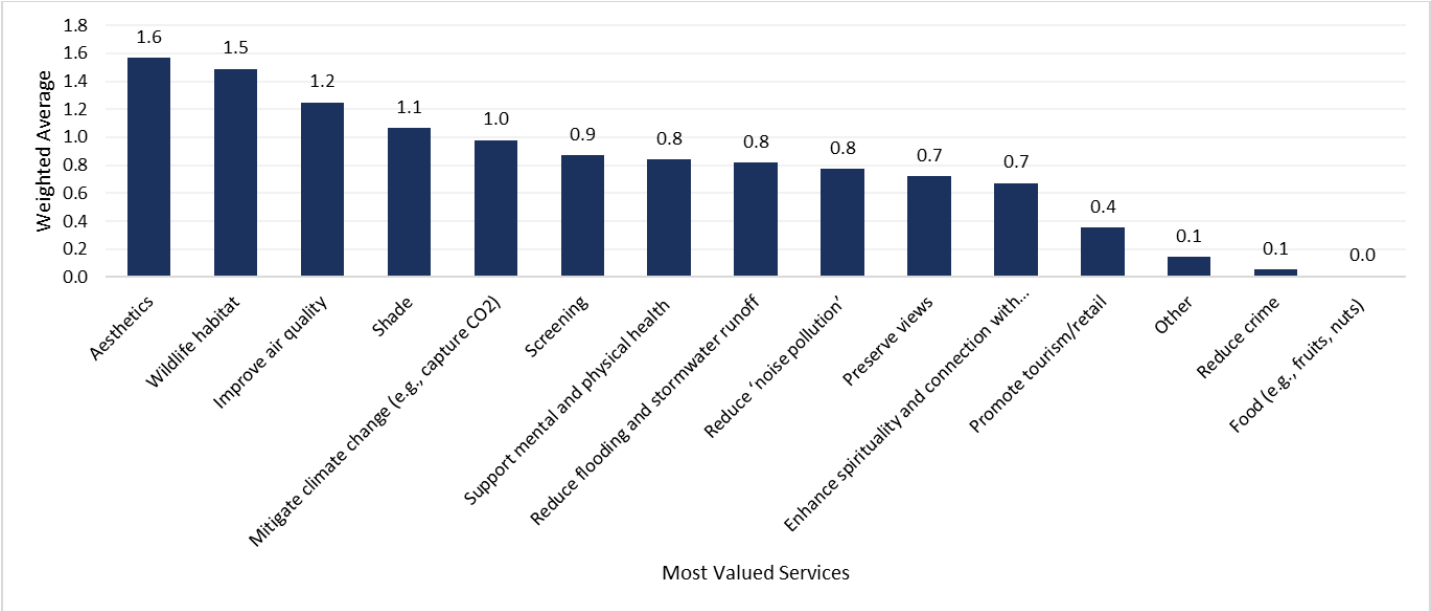
a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
163	161	257	264	205	167	83	231	188	43	173	153	153	20	33
7.1%	7.0%	11.2%	11.5%	8.9%	7.3%	3.6%	10.1%	8.2%	1.9%	7.5%	6.7%	6.7%	0.9%	1.4%

d	c	h	e	i	k	f	a	b	l	m	g	j	o	n
11.5%	11.2%	10.1%	8.9%	8.2%	7.5%	7.3%	7.1%	7.0%	6.7%	6.7%	3.6%	1.9%	1.4%	0.9%



Of the benefits or "services" that you selected in the previous question, please rank the benefits or "services" you value most, with 1 representing the benefit or "service" you value most. Feel free to use the space below to indicate your rankings, or write your numeric ranking next to your responses to the above question. (Graph on following page.)

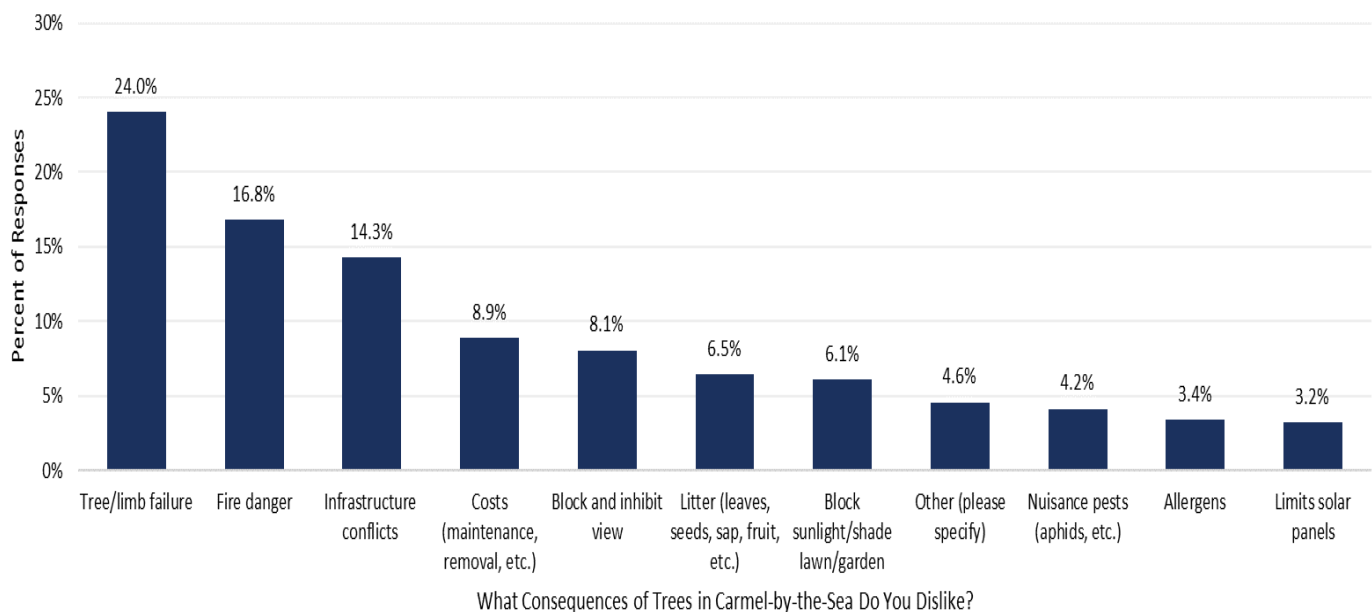
Rank	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Screening	25	23	28	21	15	9	10	4	3	7	0	3	0	0	0
Support mental and physical health	22	32	18	16	15	16	5	7	7	4	1	0	0	0	0
Wildlife habitat	43	55	61	37	16	9	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aesthetics	92	45	29	27	13	18	7	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0
Shade	19	26	29	34	29	14	17	10	3	2	1	0	1	0	0
Reduce 'noise pollution'	4	8	11	29	30	24	11	14	13	4	2	0	0	0	0
Promote tourism/retail	4	8	5	6	12	7	9	4	6	2	4	6	1	0	0
Improve air quality	25	36	34	39	30	20	10	7	7	4	0	0	0	0	0
Mitigate climate change (e.g., capture CO2)	29	32	20	11	15	23	17	10	6	5	3	0	0	0	0
Food (e.g., fruits, nuts)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reduce flooding and stormwater runoff	15	14	23	17	21	11	14	13	12	8	7	0	0	0	0
Enhance spirituality and connection with nature	12	15	13	14	10	13	13	11	8	13	5	8	1	0	0
Preserve views	26	15	14	14	15	4	3	9	9	8	15	4	2	0	0
Reduce crime	0	1	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	1	1	2	0
Other	9	2	3	0	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0



What consequences of trees in Carmel-by-the-Sea do you dislike? Please select all that apply:

- a. Block sunlight/shade lawn/garden
- b. Litter (leaves, seeds, sap, fruit, etc.)
- c. Infrastructure conflicts (damage to sidewalks/foundations)
- d. Allergens
- e. Nuisance pests (aphids, etc.)
- f. Tree/limb failure (during storms, possible damage to property, etc.)
- g. Block and inhibit view
- h. Limits solar panels
- i. Fire danger
- j. Costs (maintenance, removal, etc.)
- k. Other _____

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k
72	76	168	40	49	283	95	38	198	105	54
6.1%	6.5%	14.3%	3.4%	4.2%	24.0%	8.1%	3.2%	16.8%	8.9%	4.6%



Question 16

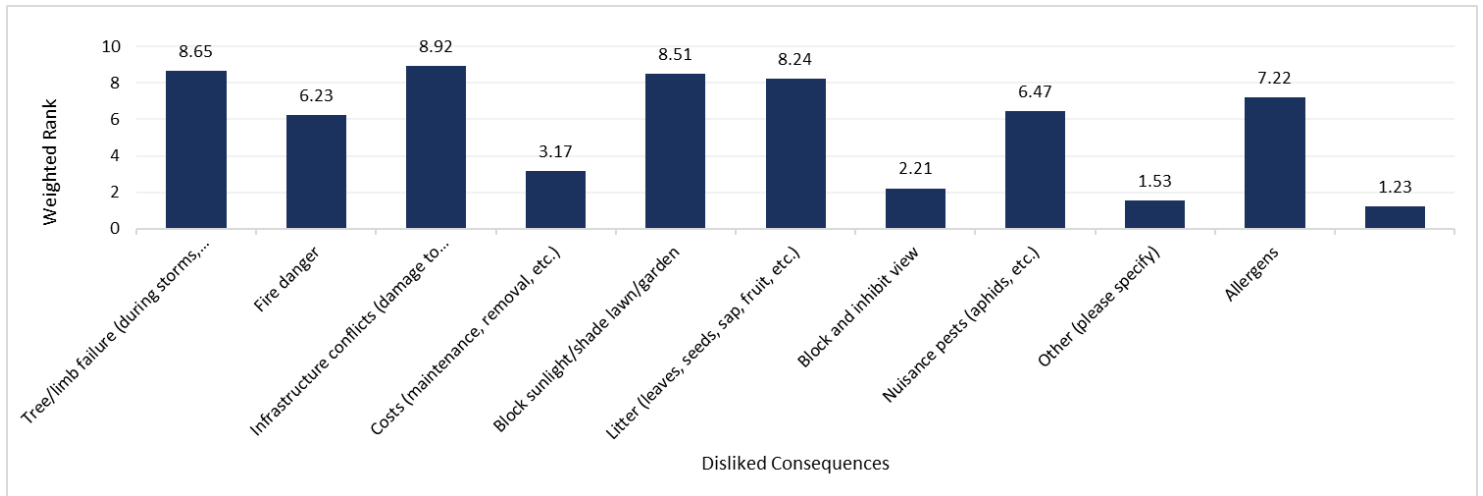
Attachment 1

Of the consequences that you selected in the previous question, please rank the characteristics you most dislike, with 1 being the characteristic you most dislike. Feel free to use the space below to indicate your rankings, or write your numeric ranking next to your responses to the above question.

		Block sunlight	Litter	Infrastructure conflicts	Allergens	pests	Tree/ limb failure	Block views	Limits solar panels	Fire danger	Costs	Other
11	1	11	11	22	2	2	132	15	1	65	7	28
10	2	10	9	31	5	3	78	19	5	66	16	10
9	3	14	10	50	6	6	31	21	5	20	27	3
8	4	15	21	30	7	8	6	8	6	13	17	1
7	5	4	12	13	2	7	5	10	8	5	12	2
6	6	5	4	6	5	4	2	3	3	7	6	0
5	7	4	5	2	5	3	0	5	2	2	1	0
4	8	2	2	0	2	8	0	2	1	0	2	1
3	9	0	0	1	2	3	0	2	2	3	2	0
2	10	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	2	0
1	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

	Block sunlight	Litter	Infrastructure conflicts	Allergens	pests	Tree/ limb failure	Block views	Limits solar panels	Fire danger	Costs	Other
	65	74	155	37	47	254	85	36	183	93	45
	0.201	0.229	0.480	0.115	0.146	0.786	0.263	0.111	0.567	0.288	0.139
	2.2	2.5	5.3	1.3	1.6	8.7	2.9	1.2	6.2	3.2	1.5
weighted score	8.5	8.2	8.9	7.2	6.5	10.3	8.6	7.0	9.6	8.2	10.2

	Block sunlight	Litter	Infrastructure conflicts	Allergens	pests	Tree/ limb failure	Block views	Limits solar panels	Fire danger	Costs	Other
1	3.7%	3.7%	7.4%	0.7%	0.7%	44.6%	5.1%	0.3%	22.0%	2.4%	9.5%
2	4.0%	3.6%	12.3%	2.0%	1.2%	31.0%	7.5%	2.0%	26.2%	6.3%	4.0%
3	7.3%	5.2%	25.9%	3.1%	3.1%	16.1%	10.9%	2.6%	10.4%	14.0%	1.6%
5	11.4%	15.9%	22.7%	5.3%	6.1%	4.5%	6.1%	4.5%	9.8%	12.9%	0.8%
4	5.0%	15.0%	16.3%	2.5%	8.8%	6.3%	12.5%	10.0%	6.3%	15.0%	2.5%
6	11.1%	8.9%	13.3%	11.1%	8.9%	4.4%	6.7%	6.7%	15.6%	13.3%	0.0%
7	13.8%	17.2%	6.9%	17.2%	10.3%	0.0%	17.2%	6.9%	6.9%	3.4%	0.0%
8	10.0%	10.0%	0.0%	10.0%	40.0%	0.0%	10.0%	5.0%	0.0%	10.0%	5.0%
9	0.0%	0.0%	6.7%	13.3%	20.0%	0.0%	13.3%	13.3%	20.0%	13.3%	0.0%
10	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	22.2%	22.2%	0.0%
11	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%	33.3%	0.0%

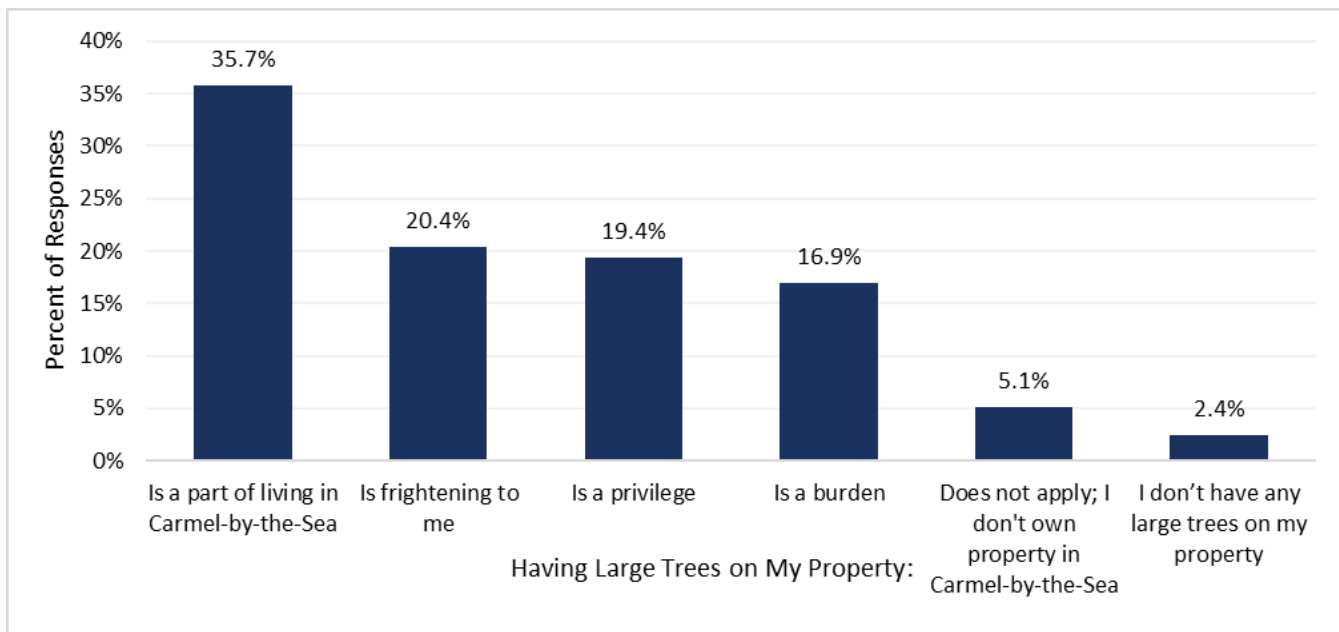


1. Having a large tree(s) on my property in Carmel-by-the-Sea...

(Please select all that apply):

- a. Is a burden
- b. Is a privilege
- c. Is a part of living in Carmel-by-the-Sea
- d. Is frightening to me
- e. I don't have any large trees on my property
- f. Does not apply, I don't own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea

Is a burden	Is a privilege	Is a part of living in Carmel-by-the-Sea	Is frightening to me	I don't have any large trees on my property	Does not apply; I don't own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea
83	95	175	100	12	25
0.169388	0.193878	0.357142857	0.2040816	0.024489796	0.051020408
Rank from highest to lowest choice					
Is a part of living in Carmel-by-the-Sea	Is frightening to me	Is a privilege	Is a burden	Does not apply; I don't own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea	I don't have any large trees on my property
35.7%	20.4%	19.4%	16.9%	5.1%	2.4%

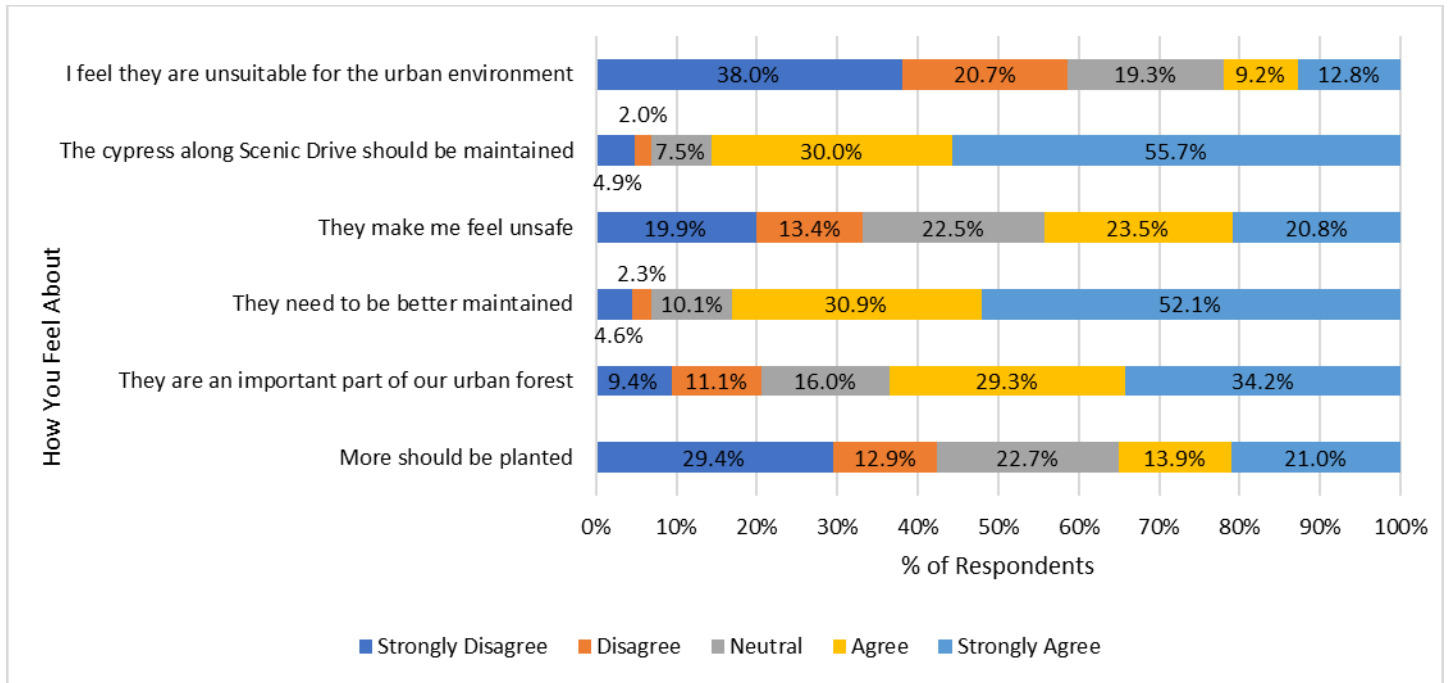


1. The following statements apply to how YOU feel about “Upper Canopy” trees (e.g., Monterey pines, Monterey Cypress, or Coastal Redwood) in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Please share how you feel about each statement below.

Select ONE response for each statement about UPPER Canopy Trees	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
More should be planted					
They are an important part of our urban forest					
They need to be better maintained					
They make me feel unsafe					
The Cypress along Scenic Drive should be maintained					
I feel they are unsuitable for the urban environment					

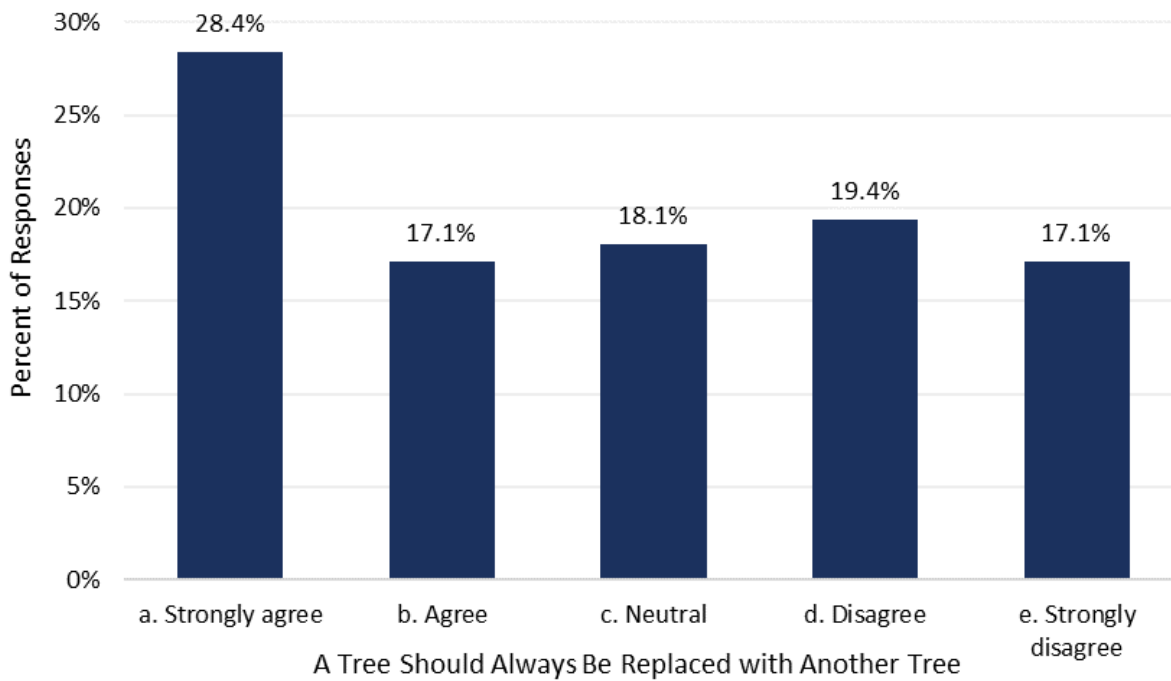
	More should be planted	They are an important part of our urban forest	They need to be better maintained	They make me feel unsafe	The cypress along Scenic Drive should be maintained	I feel they are unsuitable for the urban environment
Strongly Disagree	91	29	14	61	15	116
Disagree	40	34	7	41	6	63
Neutral	70	49	31	69	23	59
Agree	43	90	95	72	92	28
Strongly Agree	65	105	160	64	171	39
	More should be planted	They are an important part of our urban forest	They need to be better maintained	They make me feel unsafe	The cypress along Scenic Drive should be maintained	I feel they are unsuitable for the urban environment
Strongly Disagree	29.4%	9.4%	4.6%	19.9%	4.9%	38.0%
Disagree	12.9%	11.1%	2.3%	13.4%	2.0%	20.7%
Neutral	22.7%	16.0%	10.1%	22.5%	7.5%	19.3%
Agree	13.9%	29.3%	30.9%	23.5%	30.0%	9.2%
Strongly Agree	21.0%	34.2%	52.1%	20.8%	55.7%	12.8%

Graph on next page.



1. If a tree is removed within Carmel-by-the-Sea City limits, whether it is on public or private property, it should always be replaced with another tree.
- a. Strongly agree
 - b. Agree
 - c. Neutral
 - d. Disagree
 - e. Strongly Disagree

a. Strongly agree	b. Agree	c. Neutral	d. Disagree	e. Strongly disagree
88	53	56	60	53
28.4%	17.1%	18.1%	19.4%	17.1%

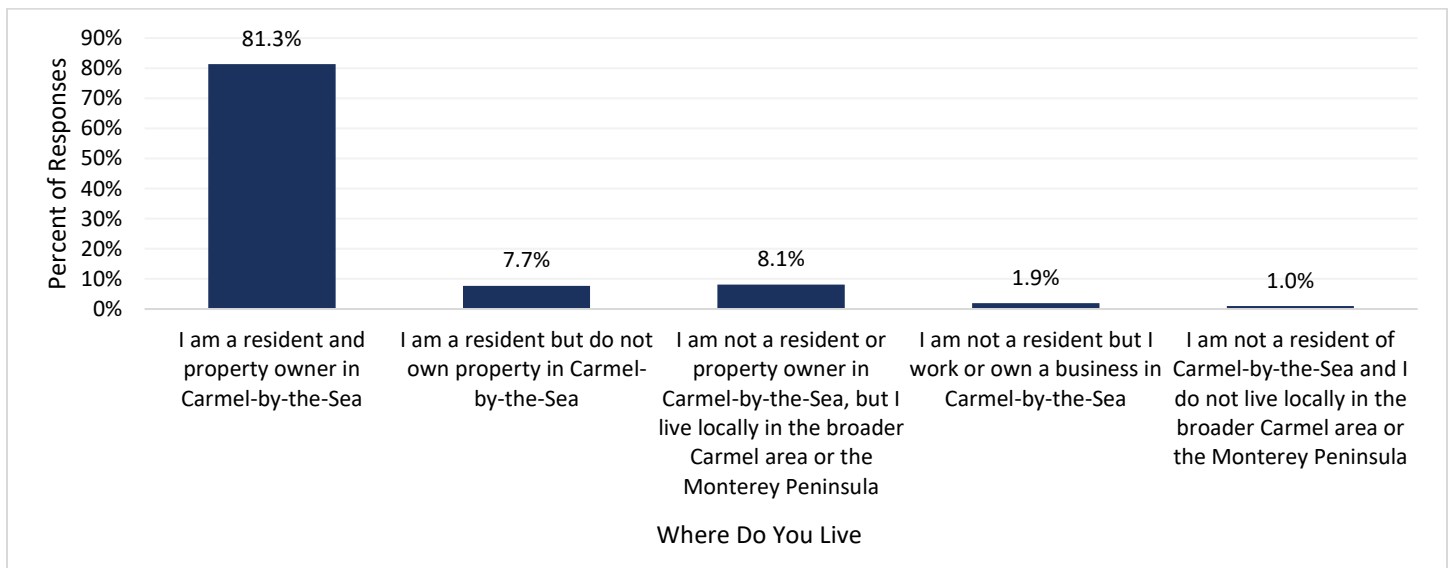


1. In 75 words or less, what is the most important issue that the Urban Forest Master Plan should address?

For full results, see Appendix 2.

1. What is your connection to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea?
- I am a resident and property owner in Carmel-by-the-Sea
 - I am a resident but do not own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea
 - I am not a resident or property owner in Carmel-by-the-Sea, but I live locally in the broader Carmel area or the Monterey Peninsula
 - I am not a resident but I work or own a business in Carmel-by-the-Sea
 - I am not a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea and I do not live locally in the broader Carmel area or the Monterey Peninsula

I am a resident and property owner in Carmel-by-the-Sea	I am a resident but do not own property in Carmel-by-the-Sea	I am not a resident or property owner in Carmel-by-the-Sea, but I live locally in the broader Carmel area or the Monterey Peninsula	I am not a resident but I work or own a business in Carmel-by-the-Sea	I am not a resident of Carmel-by-the-Sea and I do not live locally in the broader Carmel area or the Monterey Peninsula
252	24	25	6	3
81.3%	7.7%	8.1%	1.9%	1.0%



Appendix 1: open ended results of question 10.

Are you satisfied with the current level of care that the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea provides for public trees?

Open-Ended Response. Please tell us why you selected your response to the previous question:

the trees are not maintained allowing them to grow into power lines causing safety concerns and issues

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inadequate forestry dept and staff to do work. need dedicated dept

inadequate staff to do work. need for assistant forester and dedicated forestry dept as in past!

i called: A branch that would fall on a car and the city responded the next day. the branch was removed and the tree trimmed to remove the branches that would cause the tree to sway in the high winds- great job.

Trees that i see being removed are trees that have not been taken care of. While an effort is made to cut them down, I don't see much effort in their maintenance.

I see many dead trees, though the city does seem to be working to get them cut down. (sometimes they cut trees that are not dead or leaning)

Too many healthy trees are suddenly being cut down. Previously it was very hard to cut a tree down, now they are being cut down every day. I think the city is afraid of being sued.

I still need to learn more about what services they offer to property owners (ie concern for dead or diseased trees).

There are too many dead trees that need to be removed in a more timely manner as they are a risk to people and property.

Lovely

Don't want more Monterey pines which block ocean view and create hazards and can't build around them and they come before people which is incorrect as people more important

There are too many trees that fall down during winter storms.

Public open spaces - such as at the intersection of San Carlos St. and Second Av. (Including the slope area) can be much better planned and planted) for trees, shrubs, flowers. I am happy to volunteer to make this happen.

Too many trees by the power lines which caused many power outages last winter.

Consider the role of massive tree roots in the poor condition of Carmel roads. Also, why are they continuously planting trees on Scenic Rd that block view properties? Note, I'm not a view property owner.

The city spends plenty of time watering, trimming and inspecting our trees.

Last winter trees fell down everywhere. There was no preventive measures taken. Nothing was mitigated in advance.

Old and unkept trees are a safety risk to residents and the community.

From Dec 2022 - March 2023, we were without power for more than 15 days. Many of the outages were due to trees falling onto power lines, during the winter storms. These trees were not properly maintained that Carmel needs tree work and reduction..

New resident. Not very well informed about their work.

They are falling on roofs, sidewalks are uneven from roots causing unsafe walking conditions

There are still many overgrown trees that present a safety hazard during storms. I would like the city to be proactive to protect human life and help prevent outages.

Every year, many Carmel property owners suffer thousands of dollars of damage from trees falling on their roofs.

It has been a long wait to get response for a dead tree (this was even before the recent storms)

The main pine tree at Junipero/Ocean was ruined w/trimming

Old trees need to be taken down, including the stumps, and replaced

Right tree in proper place not topped

Need to remove many old trees and replant more than one replacement for each removed.

Trees not trimmed off rooflines

Dangerous trees under power lines power outages and fire risk

There are too many cypress and heavy pines along Carmel beach that should be trimmed as well as ones near telephone poles and power lines

Many trees are too old. They're dangerous and should be replaced by younger trees. If they are not, what will Carmel look like in 20 years?

I had a dead (public) tree in front of my house. During storms with high winds it could have fallen on my house. It was tagged to be removed in January 2022. Despite repeated efforts by me to get it removed, it took one year to have it cut down.

Too many old trees that are potentially dangerous

We prune our trees regularly; City does not, and trees fall.

They came and cut down a dead tree for us. I can sense a renewed interest in trees. I like this and hope to see a proactive approach to the trees that are aging out and dying of disease.

Dead trees hang around too long.

Trees seem to get removed too easily

Don't have enough information to rate otherwise

I think that there are many old trees that are in poor condition that should be removed. Upon removal an aggressive replanting program should take place for future generations

Needs more attention.

Not enough trees are not being planted. Trees are not cared for, watered properly trimmed and fertilized

Trees are not being planted only cut down. Trees are not cared for, watered properly trimmed and fertilized

insufficient trimming around electrical wires

Need vast amounts of new trees, particularly in San Carlos and the Sunset Center. Many tree wells remain empty. Large pine trees need corrective pruning.

last winter

I know they are trying but last winter was an eye opener

With last Winters storms we saw how dangerous it is to have unhealthy trees. The new \$650 permit is cost prohibitive to be able to manage the trees we currently have. I had a tree fall on my house last year and caused substantial damage.

I believe the preservation of the Carmel by the sea forest is of utmost importance and every tree that is taken down should be replaced with like kind if there is enough room!

The number of trees has diminished significantly.

The city leaves ugly stumps after cutting part of the tree. There are also too many diseased and dangerously leaning trees.

Too many restrictions on taking down dangerous trees.

I live on Mission Street, 3NW of 8th, and a magnificent coastal live oak street tree that died a few years ago has been replaced by -- nothing. In fact, the place at the sidewalk where it once grew has been covered over with paving stones.

All the diseased and dead trees need to be removed ASAP before we experience another winter like the last one

Lack of aesthetics and environmental care since 2002.

Loss of the tree shielding me from traffic and sun could've been prevented with proper pruning as requested repeatedly

Trees are in dire need of care.

We need to remove the high risk trees that are dying or dead for our safety. They can endanger roadways, powerlines, pedestrians, homes. I saw huge trees leaning at 45 degree along the roadways that fell with the rains.

benefit by more pruning

Too many unattended regarding power lines and public safety

Need to replant more pines/cypress

Tree well being seems to be prioritized over human well being.

Under maintained

The existing trees are not maintained and they look bad and fail and are dangerous. The City should balance tree branches so the branches do not break and fall on people and property.

While large mature trees are important and add character to our village they require attention to dead limbs and care to stay healthy. The trees around our home have many dead branches and are not cared for and will be dangerous in the winds

Should be more accommdating to allow removal of old potentially dangerous trees and replace with new trees.

Not being aggressive enough to mitigate future issues

The public trees seem to be doing fine, though I'm no expert.

There's too many trees clumped together

Monterey Pines are dyingM. pines are dying, falling during stormy season. The City should give clear policy and make taking out risk trees easily and quickly. This is such a burden to the community and risk to human.

I believe the trees are taken seriously in Carmel

Slow response and need long term plan.

They look good and seem fine - so I'm assuming you're doing a good job. Unaware of any issues.

Not enough attention to old tall pine trees that are dangerous & should be removed

They need to more vigorously address dangerous trees on private property as well as City property

I've noticed some new trees planted to care for the ones that have recently died.

The sick, old trees should be managed and dealt with before they blow over in the next storm.

You're doing a good job with the resources you have but there are still public trees that are dead or need to be trimmed

Trees here have been neglected for years and it's obvious the City can't catch up with removal of DANGEROUS trees

Tree that died are replaced by tiny trees that are not cared for and die - leaving a small dead limb or nothing. When a tree dies in the middle of a road, seems it would be a good time to consider placing it elsewhere.

Would like to make sure that the mature trees that are being removed now are replaced and that the space is not given over to parking/etc—also that replacement happens within a shorter time frame.

N/a

Not maintained, dead, old. Focus is not on maintaining their own trees and only to have income from private properties; therefore owners aren't maintaining them.

Response time to address tree issues is slow.

I realize that the staff has been working extremely hard. The aging canopy poses a potential fire hazard, not just a hazard from trees falling.

There is lack of timely responsiveness to remove trees with known disease, health, took 3 days to remove a Cypress tree that fell on top of a power line in our front yard.

I don't know what the current level of care is but I think the trees seem nice and maintained

Dead trees are not removed in a timely fashion and completely. Dead stumps are a fire hazard

I chose a neutral response because I'm not sure which trees are public vs private.

Because

The public should not have a voice in the care of trees. Decisions should be made solely by the arborist(s). The current process is expensive and inefficient.

Too many cypress & redwood.....not enough native pine & oak

trees that have fallen or ready to fall are taken care of and removed quickly but there is no care to prevent the problem

dead trees and branches are numerous and present fire danger. Wait too long to removed dying trees that present a danger.

The block surrounding my condo, there are at least 5 stumps where trees were removed and no replacements planted. There are several pines at the end of their lives.

dead trees should not be used as power poles! They should be removed.

I see little care provided

Trees should be trimmed annually not just when needed. There are too many electrical wires and trees winding together!!!!

Upper canopy trees naturally grow as as stands in forest environments. Planting them individually weakens their root systems making them weaker and prone to fall in stormy rainy weather.

There are some trees (particularly older Monterey Pines) that are unsafe and need to be removed.

Carmel needs to get serious about the damage upper canopy poses . Insurance rates sky high , fire concerns with old timber etc

No protection for trees from incroachment by paving. Trees get their nutrients from water falling at the drip line if it's not paved over. No treatments to save ailing trees.

It seems difficult to keep up with clearing out aging trees.

Need to remove trees in a timely manner

The city does not clean up the enormous amount of debris produced by redwoods.

Public Trees should not block stop signs, blocks streets or parking and need to be trimmed and maintained for safety first.

Dead trees in the north dunes need to be removed - terrible aesthetics and a failed commitment to do so.

Tree maintenance is lacking from the city

lack of maintenance such as pruning

The City only removes trees. They do not do any proactive pruning. If younger trees are cared for properly, there will be less danger in the future.

More dead branches could be removed

Carmel takes trees seriously. We have not had to dispute trees with the City. The City Forester has been helpful about the health of our trees.

Trees are allowed to cause major damage in storms

when you already have a ton of trees i'm not sure why you have to replant more so it seems to be a bit overboard

Dead/dying/hazardous not taken down, no pruning

Outrageous disregard for the safety of residents and their homes when aging trees are at risk of falling.

Dying should be removed quicker

The town seems most concerned with seeing that no trees are removed nor trimmed. There seems to be no effort to trim and maintain trees so that they remain healthy.

Trees are not being maintained, too many fallen trees around my home. Much property damage. Too many trees and not trimmed or handled before falling.

The City has limited resources and does what they can with what they have, but I wish more could be done

I see dead trees! Look at Junipero and 7th for example -FIRE HAZARD!!!

Too many large canopy trees are at their end of life, city not moving fast enough to remove them and replant new trees

The city is moving way too slow in removing trees that have been designated for removal. There are way too many homes and residents in danger of old diseased tree toppling over during stormy weather

city seems more reactive than proactive in maintenance/removal of trees - especially the pines

We had diseased trees in our area, we were not allowed to take them down until they were fully dead, but then the disease had spread to other trees. Need to be more pro-active about this kind of thing.

Public trees in front of our property are damaging the landscape, sidewalk and brick planter. The tree is also a danger during storms.

Attention to trees is improving this year

City does not maintain trees routinely at all

What is the process for replacement trees which were lost last year in the storm or are lost in the future?

City has gotten more responsive after the last winter where we had so many trees that needed attention. But, there are still many trees that are dangerous and need to be taken down.

Appears uninvolved with PG&E "Tree Hacking" for the high tension lines. (Cypress mid-block on Torres between 2nd/3rd) Also, the city & PG&E are leaving 20 "foot tall Monterey Pine" telephone pole stumps when they cut them just above wire height.

I see too many large trees being cut down—we need to go more to preserve the forest.

trees growing into utility wires, not maintained by city

No help received from previous two foresters despite repeated requests. Inaction resulted in preventable property and tree damage.

too many compromised trees particularly during inclement weather and not enough staff to care for the needs of aging or diseased or unsafe trees

Too many dead and dying hazardous trees remain. And when trees are removed, root balls often remain making replacement impossible. Also, City doesn't replace trees consistently.

Satisfied

dead trees; 20 foot tall stumps; for dead tree (no green) - needs easier/cheaper way to get removal approved; general fear of city trees that impacts/threatens my home and/or impacts my fire insurance and having little/no control on remediation.

Forestry team is fantastic; but, the City NEEDS to invest in additional FULL-TIME employees in the administrative side as well as the tree-care side. Start with bringing the Assistant Forester position back. Why would that ever be taken away?

Not enough being done to prevent unauthorized destruction of existing trees, including slow death from overpruning.

Dead trees should be removed along with the stump and plant whatever is needed to comply with goals. Also removed, totem poles and dead branches.

1. Too many +20' stumps left from partial removal. 2) too many Monterey pines that are dying yet still standing.

older very mature trees don't get enough pruning, causing limb falls during stormy weather

Not removing potentially failing trees fast enough.

Trees leaning toward power lines. Marked years ago to be removed. Old acacia tree at curb need to go.

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Dead and dangerous trees are not being removed

Many trees are a danger to life. Dead trees should be removed at no cost to homeowners for the protection of human life.

Would like to see more care

Many are dying or dead, in need of branch thinning, and possible safety hazards due to their life expectancy.

Trees block roadways, trees are in poor condition, trees can't be cut down but they can fall on people's homes, the 2:1 replanting for every tree taken down is ridiculous

Too many dead, dying that need to go as well as ugly stumps

Dangerous trees are not dealt with. The charges are crazy. There are too many ugly holes in Carmel.

dealt with as needed

We sold our house this year (after 25 years) and saw in the last six years a significant decline in care.

Too many trees for the city to efficiently handle

Carmel is neglecting dangerous trees/fire hazards, but listening too much to residents & businessowners who want to remove healthy trees "for the view or access."

Healthy trees are maintained; unhealthy trees are removed. New trees are regularly planted.

City exerts too much control with the serious side effect of worsening fire damage potential

Disappearing canopy in both residential and commercial rights of way.

Doing well

It seems like the recent storms have caused an overreaction to cutting down trees.

Not sure that there is enough attention paid to fully assess all the trees to prevent fragile/at risk trees from falling/causing problems during storms

The trees look generally well cared for and add to Carmel's charm

Generally, public trees are well maintained

More/better care is always ideal, particularly for a place that promotes itself as a "forest village"

Trees should have been trimmed earlier, but fortunately, they were trimmed before last winter!

n/a

The response time to requests is slow.

After every storm when tree limbs are down the removal is on me.

still too many totem poles, stumps, dieing trees and those who's main trunks are leaning over roadways

PG&E & the City have removed trees that should have just been trimmed.

Trees are not well maintained, unhealthy, too much work for staff to keep up

The public works staff contributes a lot of with limited resources

Too many dead trees not being addressed. I have Reported two trees in city right of way with no response

We have a dying tree outside our house with PG&E wires

Previous Foresters no empowered to do anything when called upon

Trees, greenery, wildlife are the significant gift from Nature to emotionally, mentally, physically , creatively, benefit all life if respected and cared for.

They never water their trees

I assumed you were doing a good job. Sorry if I am wrong.

There is little care given, particularly to new trees.

Many trees seem to be taken care of and in good health

We lost and are losing some trees by our hotel and not sure anything has been done.

We should never have gotten into the situation where we have a backlog of dead/dying trees to remove.

Need to preserve views. Originally there were very few trees in CBTS.

I would like to see trees being watered more, but other than that, I think the city is doing a good job.

Don't know much about this

Poor management and minimal funding and support.

More effort to trim trees around electrical wiring

I am concerned about the fire risk to the city and surrounding areas.

Too many Monterey pines are permitted to age out and are dangerous

It's a land mark

Love to see more trees be planted and watering periodically

Public works crew does a great job!

City does great job on tree pruning and removal. Only concern is they should remove tree stumps

Homeowners should have more say over trees in the public right of way abutting their property.

I have been waiting 7 months to have dead limbs removed from the tree on city property in front of my house.

It's very difficult to get the city to maintain and care for city owned trees.

Just keep re-planting trees where old ones must come out.

City doesn't seem to understand the 'rules'

Do not like "feral" trees. Limbs need to trimmed.

Many trees are a hazard and dangerous to the residents and should be easier to remove as evidenced by the last big storm season.

There are too many dead or dying trees and too many that are entangled in wires They represent a significant fire hazard

More care before storm damage.

I would appreciate more trees in the main business district.

What is the Master Plan? We need qualified foresters and environmental specialists, not resistant bureaucrats to manage our city in a forest.

Very hard to get the forester to look at my trees

The very tall and old trees are not trimmed etc creating hazards for homeowners and visitors

because the issue of tree care is FINALLY getting some attention

Fire hazard from dead tree trunks and branches.

They removed a tall pine in front of our house which could have created a lot of damage if they let it fall.

The staff in Public Works and Forestry are AMAZING

Last year was challenging in that so many trees fell during the winter. However, it seems far too easy to remove trees for lot construction.

Wrong trees placed too close to driveways and intersections

Tree trimming is lacking! Dead trees shouldn't be used as poles for power and cable.

I know the tree managers work very hard. I am a friend of our previous tree manager, Sara Davis.

Extend life of existing trees- prune & care as necessary. Plant next generation forest, but plant thoughtfully. No upper canopy under high voltage wires! Big price paid for zero maintenance of Cypress trees on Scenic. Clean up the mess.

Aesthetics are good; BUT look at how many trees came down in the recent storms and damaged significant property

City is too tough on those who want/need to remove or replace trees

dead trees are not removed and trees are not maintained.

I like trees

They are cutting down too many, and not replacing them.

Too many dead, and overgrown trees.

Need more maintenance of existing trees and more replacement.

I still see dead limbs hanging over streets and trees used as poles for power/cable lines.

City seems quick to cut downtown trees/but not in res'l areas

Trees that are dead or dying need to be replaced.

Because I think too many trees are being cut and destroyed

The trees generally seem to be healthy and the Town is responsive when there is a concern about a tree's health.

Compared to past decades Carmel has failed to protect and improve on this resource

I feel old trees in risk of falling need to be trimmed or cut down to reduce power outages and dangers

Carmel by the Sea is not placing enough importance on replacing/replanting trees that have fallen or have been removed.

My position is neutral. There have been times when care was taken, sometimes not so much.

Things seem o.k.

Inadequate maintenance of residential area trees leading to beyond life pines and NIMBY attitude about planned tree replacement

I have neve seen anyone from the city do anything to the trees unless I have made a call with a concern.

Not really sure what they do.

Dead diseased and dangerous trees all over town. The city has neglected to maintain and or remove problem trees

More trimming required

The city has recently increased their care of old/dying/dead trees which is good. It has been slow to replace lost trees and the size of trees planted are small (leaving years to reforest Carmel).

Not replacing fast enough, fell far behind necessary pruning/maintenance

Many dead and or dying trees. Dying or dead limbs hanging on trees. May trees are top heavy and need to be trimmed.

Need more attention for power lines to avoid outages and business disruptions.

Post Drought & Storms lost so many trees & a safety issue !!!

pretty good effort on maintenance and removal of dead upper canopy trees

There are so many trees that look neglected & need immediate attention from a caring Forester.

not withstanding last winters tree fall, they have stepped up removal of dead and dying pines

On each visit to Carmel, four to six times each year, we observe trees being cared for'

Upset that they cut down the eucalyptus grove off 4th avenue. Also, have requested them to remove downed tree in our front (city owned) yard and no response.

City should be more active in replacing trees that were cut down as a result of last winter's storms

It's a lot of work to keep the trees healthy but they are such an important part of the beauty and value and identity for Carmel. I think the city is likely (hopefully) doing the best it can.

Need more maintenance

Fell old trees

Many are old or have reached beyond safe and manageable proportion

our neighbors cut down four healthy 100+ year old coastal pine trees several months ago using the storm/safety rationale. There was no City Forester and the tree cutting service who is paid was willing to say the trees were unhealthy.

not enough employees for so many trees

Trees are neglected and look terrible

Seem to be doing well

A lot of trees are diseased and need to be removed

So many trees that are planted, die. Also dead trees are not taken down in a timely fashion. No tree maintenance seems to occur

1. Not enough under planting on scenic of cypress' 2. Cypressess not being maintained

So many older Monterey pines, destined to fall, threaten too many homes and people. Glad the February storms brought the problem into undeniable focus.

The level of care is too limited on maintenance e.g. pruning and dead tree replacement including species selection and site prep,

The city does a nice job.

Plant more to compensate for those being cut down

The neglect is obvious.

The city needs to be MUCH more aggressive about removing aged pines.

They plant the trees and let them die. What a total waste!

The need to remove dead tree on ground and dead, stumps, 1,000 identified to remove. do before any more trees are planted

Obvious lack of watering

Many trees have died or damaged in storms and most have not been replaced. The downtown area looks shabby and trees really make it much more beautiful.

Too many stumps, dead trees, empty spots and a denuded Delores between Ocean & 7th

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Trees removed years ago were not replanted (e.g., Santa Rita west side near 4th)

Many of the trees planted are neglected and die.

Very non committal on those questions asked by the general public.

Weekly reports show maintenance a priority

Forestry seems under staffed and funded based on the number of trees in the village and their ability to handle issues in a timely manner

I don't see any activity by the city.

Roots uprooting streets should be addressed

I feel like the city takes the trees seriously. Requiring people to get permission to take out trees is important.

It's so difficult to remove trees or branches that are dangerous to our property

Trees having been alive longer than the millionaires who don't live here full time.

January storms show constant trimming required

City prioritizes trees over safety of persons and property so they make it too difficult to address dangerous trees

lack of maintenance

I think there are a ton of trees in the neighborhoods (some on private and some on public property) that very clearly need to be removed and replaced. And there's no maintainable whatsoever. And the moss in the trees are out of control.

We still have far too many dead, dying and dangerous trees. They are a fire and utility/power outage concern.

Many of the trees are old, some have dead branches which continue to break in storms. Many hang over homes and streets ominously waiting for the next storm to damage. I know we love our trees, but they are a danger.

More pruning

Aging trees are diseased and too close to utility lines and homes. Dead branches are not removed and are falling during storms causing damage to roads and structures.

I have many times to get city support to asses tree with no response.

I moved from FL 3yrs ago in a tree dense city planted w a fast growing non native oak that reached its age in 2004, when 04 hurricanesWe lost >20% of our canopy and I was w/o power for 10 days. Something needs to be done about non native pines

Looks good.

Lost some many trees last year lucky no serious injury's better manage ment would have cut losses the ponds in town are not stand alone trees see pd forest they are ment to be in large groups not stand alone very poor Choi e for urban environment

The tree seem in good health

Proactive efforts r being made by the city to remove tree that r dangerous

The pines have a disease and not enough is done to care for them. When trees are cut down it takes years to replant and too many deciduous trees are being selected.

Sufficient city care now of trees in my neighborhood

too many dying trees, too many stumps remain

Forestry department is understaffed compared to other communities and CBTS historically

Not sure what city does.

Zero response or action to virtually any request of situation.

Too many invasive trees (ie acacia) and ivy allowed

I feel that tree maintenance has been an issue.

It's a big job but the trees are beautiful so it seems that they're being cared for adequately.

Too many young trees are not being watered enough.

Dead branches not monitored. Pine trees in general have a canopy too high aesthetically and are high maintenance. Prefer redwoods, oaks, or cypress.

There are still too many dead trees / unpruned trees around the city and in open spaces. In addition, many of the trees lost or damaged during the storms of the past years have not been removed.

Private parties plant trees in the medians that are not cared for by the city

Too many trees to be proactive. Maybe need more staff

Decade of local experience

Too many aged.massive pines with bark beetle disease still standing. Many will likely fall this winter just like last winter

More attention to our urban forests is required to maintain the beauty of our village.

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Inadequate staff to do work. Need to assistant forester & dedicated forestry dept as in past!

I see many dead trees, though the city does seem to be working to get them cut down (sometimes they cut trees that are not dead or leaning)

There does not appear to be enough routine maintenance given to damage alone in recent storms.

We need to promote more native trees and care for them better. Invasive trees should be discouraged.

No response provided

For the last 20 years or so the city has not paid enough attention to the maintenance of the Forest, not allocated enough money for maintenance, planting & repainting of cut and failed trees, it has also not read or enforced the laws & policies

Some trees/branches are too close to power lines and contribute to outages.

Trees are important to me!! Live in the hobbit + state forests!

I see a city department which is given negligible value and/or importance by the city as a whole.

Since there are so many dying, old Pines that are dangerous and ugly, it seems Carmel needs more forest staff. Good work given the big task.

No response provided

Limbs are often not trimmed when they are broken or removed when they become dangerous. I have witnessed two trees fall, one a few feet from my house and one on my neighbors garage, both of which I had reported as dangerous to

No response provided

The tree care has increased in the last 10-12 months.

The city has been negligent in maintaining city owned trees as well as dead and dangerous trees on owners property to stand. Many many locals (not developers) over the years have pointed out the dangers of 100 ft, past their prime Monterey trees.

Inadequate forestry department and staff to do work. Need dedicated department.

No response provided

There does not appear to be enough routine maintenance given to the damage done in recent storms.

The tree care has increased in the last 10-12 months

I see a city department which is given negligible value and/or importance by the city as a whole.

Bad choice of tree for city growth. Dead or damaged trees not removed.

Damage to other trees was close to near trees (to a large dead oak) that was way dead - which the city removed.

Not enough attention is given to the trees in the residential neighborhood's R.O.W. Many trees (oaks) do not recover from oak moth/worm investigations. I have the city trees sprayed to give them a fighting chance.

Some trees/branches are too close to the power lines and contribute to outages.

no response given

no response given

Trees are well maintained and look good. Quick storm response.

After storms, there's fast response to downed trees. City trees seem very healthy.

A policy change is needed. During last winter, the power regularly went out because of the trees. With climate change and larger storms, Carmel needs to get rid of its antiqued tree policy.

I see many dead trees, though the city does seem to be working to get them cut down (sometimes they cut trees that are not dead or leaning)

The trees that I see being torned down are trees that have not been taken care of. While an effort is made to cut them down, I don't see much effort in their maintenance.

I called RE a branch that would fall on a car and the city responded the next day. The branch was removed and the tree trimmed to remove the branches that would cause the tree to sway in high winds. Great job.

no response given

no response given

The trees are not maintained allowing them to grow into power lines causing safety concerns/issues.

I have a dead tree across the street from my house for years that I look at everyday. City was notified. I see other large trees in city that need trimming or removal.

Either put utility lines underground or remove the trees. There are line on my street that get hit because of the tree limbs hitting them when trees go up down the street. During storms, branches will fall on these lines. It is a safety issue.

Current level of care does not adequately address safety and appearance issues.

It took 10 years to get the city to prune large cypresses (which belong to the city) adjacent to our property. The trees were over-grown and filled with dead branches.

CBTS has far too many overgrown, unkempt, dangerous & diseased trees that have not been adequately maintained. Further, there is no regard for proper aesthetic care.

Appendix 2: 1. Open response for Question 20 - in 75 words or less, what is the most important issue that the Urban Forest Master Plan should address?

Open-Ended Response. What is the most important issue that the UFMP should address?

the city stop planting more trees and start maintaining the trees we already have

Carmel is beautiful because it is gloriously green because of m. pines and its adjacent greenery. thats why i moved to carmel.

to revive and restore the m. pine forest. the general plan of carmel defines this very specifically

to revive and restore our urbanized m. pine forest as described and mandated in our general plan and supportive in our municipal codes

get rid of the Monterey pines and replace them with cypress and coastal oaks

tree health and care

the upper canopy trees are coming to the end of their lives and there are very middle-aged trees to take their place. Seedlings should have been planted long ago...but it is never too late to set some in the ground. Also there should be more of a variety of trees so that if pests take some varieties down, others will survive.

Owners should be able to remove trees that are too close to their home which could cause damage to foundation of home. Also, the cost for a city person to look at a tree is way too expensive as is the permit process. The permit process to remove a tree seems now seems arbitrary.

Addressing sick/dying trees to prevent injuries or property damage.

Removing dead trees, maintaining trees and replacing trees

Don't plant more upper canopy trees. Don't limit construction due to treeSurvey invalid because the dishonest could do multiple surveys

This survey is good but I wish the survey would allow more question/selection to differentiate the kinds of "upper canopy" trees. The coastal redwood and the Monterey pine are different in terms of risk of falling during storms. This distinction would have helped for a better survey.

Managing existing trees for safety. Stop planting new trees along Scenic Dr.

Upper canopy tree worship; show love to other trees

Over population of trees and those planted in the wrong areas

Private and public safety in addition to removal of high risk trees.

Removing dead / dying trees close to power lines

Aging trees

Safety

Removing and allowing removal of dangerous Monterey Pines and other trees.

Allowing Carmel property owners to more easily remove trees they deem dangerous to falling on their homes or person.

NO MORE REDWOOD TREES on private or public property & MORE OAK TREES

Taking down dead/dying trees and replacing with new

Remove old trees and replant new.

Tree removal along power lines

removing or massive trimming of large trees along scenic and near power lines

Dangerous trees

Fire safety. Stop planting new trees under electrical lines

Aging trees

Shift residential requirement away from upper canopy and require more lower canopy.

Replacing dead and diseased trees proactively

Restoring our urban forest to a natural state.

Spend the money and time for tree maintenance

Ensuring good health of trees to prevent fires

Poorly balanced and diseased tree removal

care and urban forest renewal

Maintaining healthy trees and 1-1 replacement

Tree health

mitigation and replacement of old monterey pines with more stable option for future

Maintenance and safety of trees, reduce the cost burden of tree permits

The disappearance of our forest

Lower costs associated with removing dead or dangerous trees. Also, tree stumps should be removed instead of left to create an eyesore.

Striking a balance between the need for maintaining our urban forest and minimizing the dangers of falling trees and fire.

getting rid of dead trees

Long term funding and dedicated forestry staff

Maintain existing tree health.

Prioritizing the safety of roads, humans, and powerlines.

identification of tree species that will thrive over the next 100 years and put a plan in place to plant

Conflicting Power lines and trees

keeping the high canopy of trees

Maintain existing trees. Keep away from houses. Fire

Maintain existing trees for safety and beauty

Maintaining and keeping healthy our large mature trees. They are beautiful and integral to Carmel.

Safety. Encourage pruning or replacing old unsafe trees with younger plants.

Taking down trees that can cause potential damage whether they appear healthy or not. Especially those trees that really weren't meant to be planted in CBTS like Monterey Pines.

Fire danger

Minimize the time, cost and damage of failing Monterey Pines. Change the plan to grow better trees.

Timely maintenance and strategic placement of trees. The right trees in the right places. Not just replacement of removed trees in the same place with the same type.

Dangerous tall pine trees whether on public or private property

Dangerous tall Monterey Pine trees near the end of their life and a risk to homes, property, and individuals

Remove old trees before someone is hurt or killed.

Maintain and increase the Oaks. Regarding the number of trees required on private parcels change the types of trees required keep the same number of trees but shift to 3 lower and 1 upper.

HOW WE GET OUT OF HERE IN A FIRE LIKE LAHEINA

We have an old cypress on that is on the property line. An arborist performed resistograph and a hazard rating came back as an 11 - at or near the highest risk. We are not allowed to remove it even though it is in danger of harming property or people. We would be very willing to replace it with a sizable tree. It should be easier to remove a dangerous tree.

Replacement of the mature/dying trees that are being removed now.

Storm issues related to power internet if trees fall

Maintenance (city and private), costs to private homeowners, permit process discourages owners to maintain trees, and too many oversized trees per 4,000 sq ft lot

Hazards - fire and large branches and trees falling

Remove dead or dying trees before winter storms are here again!!

No strong opinion

Fire danger and falling trees

Removal of diseased or otherwise hazardous trees.

Signal that public comment is no longer welcomed.

planting trees to replace the ones have been cut down the empty holes are unsightly
fire danger and insurability of residences

Replacement trees should be proper for Carmel environment.

Pruning or removing trees regarding fire hazard. Difficult to get insurance.

Coast Redwoods in forest not residential

More foresters are needed to inspect trees and maintain them.

Better service / apparent inefficiencies

Protecting open space around trees so that they can thrive.

Aging trees

Tree removal

Climate change will greatly impact all the trees and hasn't been properly addressed

removal of dead trees/limbs and planting of new trees where appropriate.

Fire danger/storm damage from trees

Keep the urban forest mandate.

Damage from storms, power outages

fire prevention & older tree safety

FIRE HAZARD

resident's safety and the safety of their homes

Dead or unhealthy tree removal

Maintenance of existing trees

Maintenance of trees

Bringing Carmel up to date with urban forestry best management practices. Stressing the importance of an increase in resources for Forestry to make the urban forest safe/healthy

Costs associated with maintenance/removal

Need to do a better job of working with the residents/property owners, each time an issue with a tree is raised to the forestry dept it becomes a battle royale to get things to move in a timely fashion

Stop planning and take action, I've been hearing about a plan forever, city doesn't take the issue of tree falling seriously enough

Maintenance of the urban forest with safety

Dangerous Tree removal and Tree stump removal.

Addressing trees that would be fire hazards or weather problems

Broken trees, dead trees, tree maintenance

Failing tree removal

Monitoring PG&E's work (Hack) teams under High Tension lines

Maintain the forest—prevent frequent destruction of beautiful trees (by home builders).

Maintain native forest, avoid non-native introductions

Tree safety; aid homeowners with aging trees, make the assessment and removal (if nec.) process easier and more cooperative. For both private and city-owned trees: assess (year 'round), anticipate, act (AAA)

Removal of dangerous trees

Urban fire threat and hazards associated with dying/dead trees - 4,000 sq.ft. lots are quite small and conflicts with desire to require at least one upper canopy tree on each 'lot'.

Reinstitute the Assistant Forester position and diversify the age of planted trees

Stick to natives, Stop allowing uneducated people to decide what they think should be planted. Downtown is looking like a ridiculous combination of trees that don't go together.

Maintenance

Taking down city owned stumps (over 5' tall) and aged Monterey pines.

tree maintenance

Stop charging residents permit "fee" for tree removal.

Trees under power lines and endangering homes should be removed

Safety, both fire and falling due to storms

Safety

Decaying and dying trees. Checking root systems that are showing above ground for safety to surrounding homes. Monterey pines do not belong in close proximity to homes, and most in Carmel are past their safe lifespan

Defensible fire space to lower risk of fire to lower homeowner's insurance rates

Dead dying trees that are fuel for fire

Either dealing with, or letting property owners deal with dead or dangerous trees.

The UFMP needs to address the mature pine and cypress trees that are reaching the end of their lifespan and also give standards of practice for working on and around trees (I.E. Construction).

Modernizing the existing document meet present day and future needs while continuing to recognize that the city is an urbanized forest. 🌲

Reduce trees. They aren't original to Carmel yet have become a sacred cow. Eliminate Draconian restrictions.

UFMP is misleading. Carmel does not have an Urban Forest but instead an Urbanized Forest, meaning it is an ecosystem that predated human settlement. Urban Forests can follow any preferences indicated, say, in a questionnaire. Urbanized Forests should follow their original composition. Period.

Water usage and cost. If trees are not naturally occurring for the region they shouldn't be here.

Checking on health of trees to ensure minimum damage during storms and to keep the forest looking healthy

Diseased/dead trees should be able to be removed without such a lengthy process.

Maintaining and enhancing our urban forest
fire mitigation

It is all about the right tree in the right place. You can always replace a tree but it needs to be the right tree. No high canopy trees by transformers and wires. High canopy trees in parks and trails.

Ease the process and cost of removing old trees on private property.

The health of a Urban Forest

preserving upper tree canopy - plant more trees, make sure they're watered & pruned properly & that property owners comply

Removing dangerous dying trees

How to balance urban forest best practices recommendation for a more diverse forest while maintaining Carmel's signature iconic beauty and high concentration of pines and oak species; how do we shape the plan so these exist in harmony?

Removal of Monterey pines

Removal of dying trees with power lines running thru

Maintain healthy native forest

Assessing state of diseased/dying trees and replacing them. UFMP needs to be strong and make decisions.

Fire risk (tree rules should accommodate Firewise certification) and life safety (old Monterey Pines are too tippy to be in residential areas).

Poor distribution. I have 3 high canopy. Neighbor none. Conflicting requirements.
fire hazards

Maintain its natural history

Maintain and protect trees healthy

safety, when replanting new trees and pruning existing ones

(1) Homeowners should have more say over trees in the public right of way abutting their property.
(2) There needs to be more flexibility -- just because a limb is 4" in diameter does not mean it should never be allowed to be cut or trimmed. If that tree is replaced elsewhere on the site, that should qualify.

Trimming and maintaining our existing trees.

Maintain the forest and protect trees.

Preserving and enhancing treescape (upper and lower) canopy.

a balance between trees and homes - there isn't one; it seems that priorities are: 1) trees, 2) dogs, 3) people

Tree limbs on electric lines

Tree maintenance and health

Dead trees

Safety which has largely been ignored on a proactive basis

Fire danger. Residents cannot get insurance.

preserving as many trees as possible

Recognizing that ocean view is valuable and trees can still be in abundance.

Caring for the trees and replanting trees after we lose one.

Keeping the forest healthy and in balance. Fire prevention measures where possible.

Mitigate potential storm damage.

Safety

removing dead branches and trimming; including B & B's should do but some do not.

Plant more trees in replacing the ones that are drying.

Dead wood and fire hazardous trees.

Fire safety AND the removal of private over-aged trees

Tree health

Tree removal because a homeowner wants a better view or a bigger house.

Safety first.

Be reasonable about requiring trees removed be replaced.

Clean-up

Public and private trees be maintained. Fire and Storms are my largest concern.

Maintaining Treesd

build 'budget-proof' plan for long term maintenance of urban forest.

Safety

Safety & Maintenance to avoid Power Outages & Fires!!!

Replace trees that were removed. Reduce fire danger by removing debris and dead trees.

Trim remove dangerous trees/limbs that have a high likelihood of causing harm to life, people/wildlife and homes where it could cause insurance claims.

Safety/fire

residents cutting down trees for "safety"

increase employees

Trees are being planted and are dying

Maintenance & preservation on scenic

Thinning out the oldest Monterey pines before they cause more damage.

Diversify the upper canopy species and improve maintenance

Upper canopy tree failure

Increase planting of new larger young trees

supervision

Storm safety & and removal of older pines.

Maintain forest, plant significant size trees, water replacements, and protect all healthy trees.

Protect trees and fire risk by putting power lines underground.

Removal of trees, homeowners decide how many trees on property.

The dead and dying and aged trees

Planting new trees

Inspecting and pruning city trees, eliminate permit fees for removal of dead trees on private properties.

Planting and maintaining upper canopy trees.

Constantly surveying trees in danger of falling or are sick.

A effective strategy for the long term preservation of our urban forest and a plan for how will keep both the forest and the people living here safe and healthy.

Making everyone face the same consequence for removing trees; keep as many trees as possible as healthy as possible.

Stop with this survey by dividing everyone in Carmel asking about the 500 year old trees

Fire and storm safety

Trees that endanger safety of people, property and fire hazards

Safety of property from tree hazards.

Potential damage/fires caused by old trees

As long as each property has 4 canopy trees per 4000 sqft no replacement but if less than 4, replacement or required planting for ANY permit

Aging large trees

Fire mitigation and tree maintenance

Replacing non natives

Using correct trees for location. What will it look like in 50 years

Tree damage

Observe tree for age and danger of falling

Tree disease, limbing and planting

stumps, watering, trimming, maintenance

Fire and storm danger

Safely preserve and foster native trees

Maintenance

Provide homeowners with clear guidance for tree care. Old upper canopy trees should be resistograph tested and removed/replaced to reduce risk of property damage or injury. The requirement for 2 upper canopy trees seems excessive though. Our Monterey Cypress had a diameter of 7 feet and dominated the back yard, leaving no room for a second large tree.

Maintain upper canopy native trees.

Replacing Monterey pine with lower canopy trees or more stable redwood trees.

fire danger

Easier to remove trees over homes

Permit costs to remove trees.

Removal of aged diseased pines so they do not remove themselves during storms or simply fail. Eventuality a death or serious injury will occur

To revive and restore our urbanized Monterey Pine Forest as described and mandated in our general plan and supported in our Municipal Codes.

The upper canopy trees are coming to the ends of their lives and there are very few middle-aged trees to take their places. Seedlings should have been planted long ago...but it is never too late to get some in the ground. Also, there should be more of a variety of trees so that if pest take some varieties down, others will survive.

Routine maintenance so we don't lose the trees we have and before they do damage during stormy season.

Need to plant and maintain native trees and not non-natives. The more canopy the better.

No response provided

Explain the history & true nature of the CBTS's "urbanized" native forest and how it should be preserved, maintained & enhanced. Duplicate (retain) the information, goals, policies & programs. Include an accurate and appropriate tree & plant list with recognition of this native forest with a very unique ecosystem.

Work with PG&E to protect power delivery to the extent possible within our urban forest environment.

No response provided

Upper canopy is unworkable and avoids much use of the native Live Oak which is well liked. Better to add oak to upper canopy or go to small, medium + large as Sara suggested. Needs to be more varied trees including ones that flower or have fall colors. Views are important!! Tourist and locals value beach + ocean over tall trees. Number of pine need to be reduced and tall,.

No response provided

Maintaining our trees in a timely manner.

Removing trees that could potentially cause damage to property. Remove all the stumps including partial trees with high voltage overhead wires attached. Remove stump from 10th Ave beach access path. Thank you!

Proper care/maintenance of trees surrounding residents.

We live in a village with beautiful old trees that were never maintained or allowed to be removed when neighbors and homeowners begged. Protect our trees yes, but remember humans live underneath them.

To revive and restore our part of the Monterey native pine forest. The General Plan of Carmel describes this sufficiently.

No response provided

Routine maintenance so we don't lose the trees we have and before they do damage during stormy season.

Fairness to property owners. Choice of public tree variety maintenance of public trees.

Having undergrounding of our power lines...it is very dangerous having it where trees can cause fires.

Plant a variety of trees, move away from Pines (dangerous) and Cypress (messy!). It doesn't make sense to keep planting the same type of trees (Pines in particular) that are not going to do well with climate change.

Getting unbiased people on their committee. This survey has bias in it. Maintaining our trees for aesthetic beauty

Maintenance of current trees on Public Property.

Prevent tree problems during storms by better maintenance and removal. Use a "common sense" approach to replacing trees. That is, don't plant a tree in the middle of the street (ie 4th betw. Torres & Santa Fe)

Tree health and care

Get rid of the Monterey Pines and replace them with Cypress and Coastal Oaks

Carmel is beautiful because it is gloriously green because of Monterey Pines and its adjacent greenery. That's why I moved to Carmel.

no response given

The city stop planting more trees and start maintaining the trees we already have.

The plan should address tree limbs failure and pruning away from power/cable lines. It should also address infrastructure weakness where roots are causing safety issues on sidewalks & gathering spaces.

Adopt a plan that is safe and affordable.

The most important issue that the UFMP should address is the proper maintenance of the forest, keeping the trees healthy to protect safety of the citizens.

Chaparral and meadows are Carmel's native habitat. Historic photos show as late as the 1920s trees were not a significant natural part of Carmel's environment. Carmel's man made forest has unintentionally become a serious hazard.



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION Staff Report

April 11, 2024
ORDERS OF BUSINESS

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Thomas C. Ford, Administrative Analyst

SUBJECT: Discuss agenda topics for the May 22, 2024 Urban Forest Master Plan Community Meeting #2

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a briefing of the May 22, 2024 Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) Community Meeting #2 logistics, and decide on the agenda topics and speakers.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On July 12, 2023, the first UFMP Community Meeting was held in the Vista Lobos complex. At the meeting, Davey Resource Group (DRG), the consultant who is currently completing the UFMP, presented an overview of the UFMP process, results of the City tree inventory, and the technical findings of their tree canopy assessment. A few interactive workshop sessions were conducted to solicit feedback regarding the community's desire for tree canopy, tree species preferences, and similar issues.

While representatives of the Forest and Beach Commission and UFMP Steering Committee were present, the turnout of public members was less than anticipated. Furthermore, although the UFMP process was still in the early stage at that time, feedback on the meeting included unclear direction of where the UFMP is heading, and many public comments and questions were disjointed from the purpose of the UFMP itself.

The City will conduct the UFMP Community Meeting #2 on Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall. The meeting will be more extensively advertised than last year's to solicit greater public participation and which can be accommodated in a larger venue.

The meeting is schedule for 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Sunset Center's Carpenter Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

The purpose of this Agenda Item for the April 11, 2024 Forest and Beach Commission/UFMP Steering Committee meeting is to seek guidance regarding topics to present or highlight at the meeting as well as the topic presenters, to make this meeting a great success.

Examples of topics include, but are not limited to:

- Tree Inventory Results
- Community Survey Results
- Tree Canopy and Land Cover Assessment
- Whether to keep Upper Canopy and Lower Canopy designations
- TreeKeeper/GIS computer demonstration
- Tree Species List
- Introduction of the draft UFMP as it just gets released for comments
- General tree care educational sessions and/or future educational outreach plans
- Forestry resources (staffing, budget), workload versus capacity, and backlog
- General Q&A session
- Current and anticipated tree ordinance changes (not recommended)

Presenters may include:

- Any Commissioner or Steering Committee members
- Representatives of DRG (but not all topics, and their attendance is optional)
- City Forester
- Administrative Analyst
- Public Works Director
- Others

FISCAL IMPACT:

Incidental costs for advertising will be covered by the Public Works operating budget. If DRG is requested to present topics, fees for their services would be covered under their UFMP Professional Services Agreement budget.

ATTACHMENTS:



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION Staff Report

April 11, 2024
ORDERS OF BUSINESS

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Justin Ono, City Forester

SUBJECT: City Forester's Report for March 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the City Forester's Report for March 2024

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

Environmental Evaluation

This action does not constitute a project within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act under Public Resources Code Section 21065. It has no potential to cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment and, therefore, does not require environmental review.

FISCAL IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS:

Forester's Report



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Monthly Report

City Forester's Report

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

FROM: Justin Ono, City Forester

SUBJECT: March 2024 Forester's Report

Forestry, Parks, and Beach Highlights:

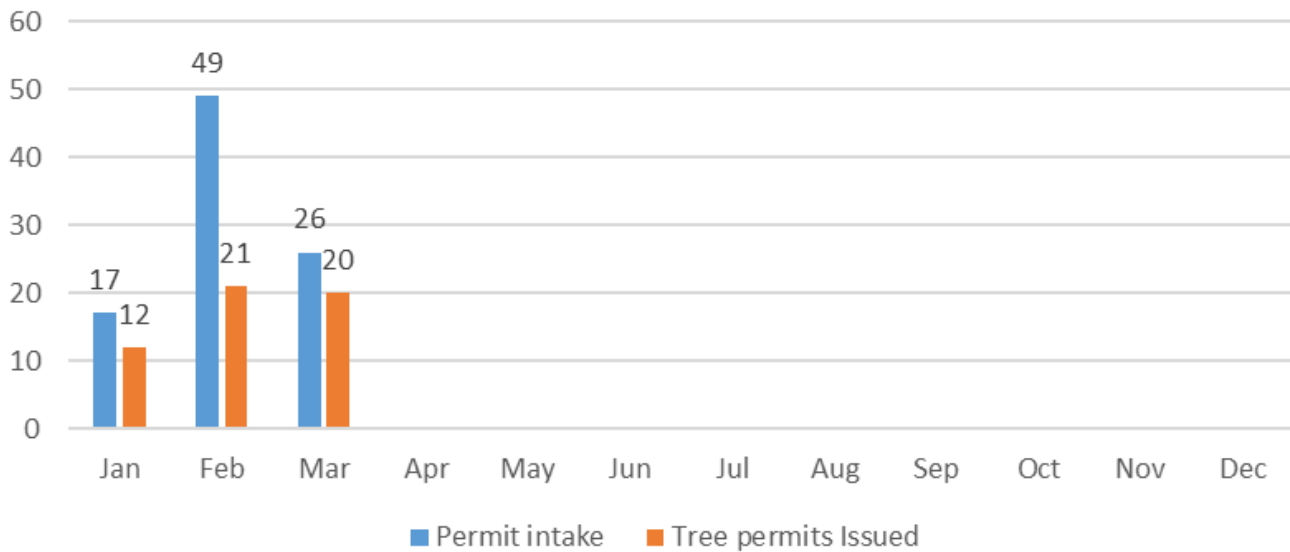
- Status of the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP):
 - The first draft of the UFMP prepared by Davey Resource Group (DRG) was expected in December, but it continues to be delayed. It is now expected in April. Meeting with DRG April 4th to get final details hammered out for delivery.
 - A more thorough review of the UFMP Community Survey results is planned for the April Forest and Beach Commission meeting.
 - Also scheduled for the April Commission meeting, logistics and topics for the second UFMP Public Workshop, scheduled for May 22nd at Sunset Center, will be reviewed.
- In March, Forestry crews planted 40 new trees, picked up 6 piles of storm-damaged trees and branches, removed 5 fallen, dead or hazardous trees, pruned 5 trees, and removed 3 stumps.
 - 2 Manzanita large growing shrub/trees
 - 4 large tree form Ceanothus shrubs
 - 21 Monterey pines
 - 2 Ginkgo bilobas
 - 4 Monterey cypresses
 - 1 Coast redwood
 - 1 Red alder
 - 1 Coast live oak
 - 4 Toyons
- In March, our 3 tree contractors removed 13 dangerous trees, and removed 8 stumps under contract Task Orders.
- Prepared Change Orders #3 for the three tree contractors and prepared the Staff Report and Resolution for the April 1 Council meeting for approval of these Change Orders for a total increase of \$400,000 - \$200,000 from a Mid-Year budget augmentation plus \$200,000 reserved in the Forestry operating budget for storm response and MTNP tree work.
- Prepared Staff Report and Resolution for the April 2nd meeting for Council to declare a dead tree on private property, at the southeast corner of Casanova Street and Eleventh Avenue, a public nuisance and hold the first of two Public Hearings as required by the Carmel Municipal Code
- Landscape maintenance work across the City continues to be fully engaged by Town & Country. Preparing to allocate remaining funds for spring weed abatement and/or invasive species removal.
- Coordinated with the Leadership Carmel Class of 2024 to guide submittals and process the Encroachment Permit required for their Scenic Pathway Overlook Legacy Project, as approved by the Forest and Beach Commission.
- Completed the transition of tree permit applications intake processing from the Community Planning and Building counter to Public Works/Forestry. Outlined methods to streamline the process further over the coming months.
- Removed Angel Trumpet plants on San Antonio Avenue, southwest of Second Avenue, in preparation for upcoming Woolly Bush plantings.

Permit Information

2024 Permitted removals, pruning, and required planting

	Tree permits received	Tree permits Issued	Site Inspections Performed	Total Prunings	Total Removals	Removal of Upper	Removal of Lower	Required to Plant Upper	Required to Plant Lower	No room for new tree	Meets Density Rec.	Total Number of Trees Required
January	17	12	1	4	8	6	2	5	1	0	2	6
February	49	21	4	6	21	11	10	3	3	0	0	6
March	26	20	3	5	27	14	13	4	7	0	0	11
April												
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December												
2024 Totals	92	53	8	15	56	31	25	12	11	0	2	23

2024 Permits Intake vs. Issued

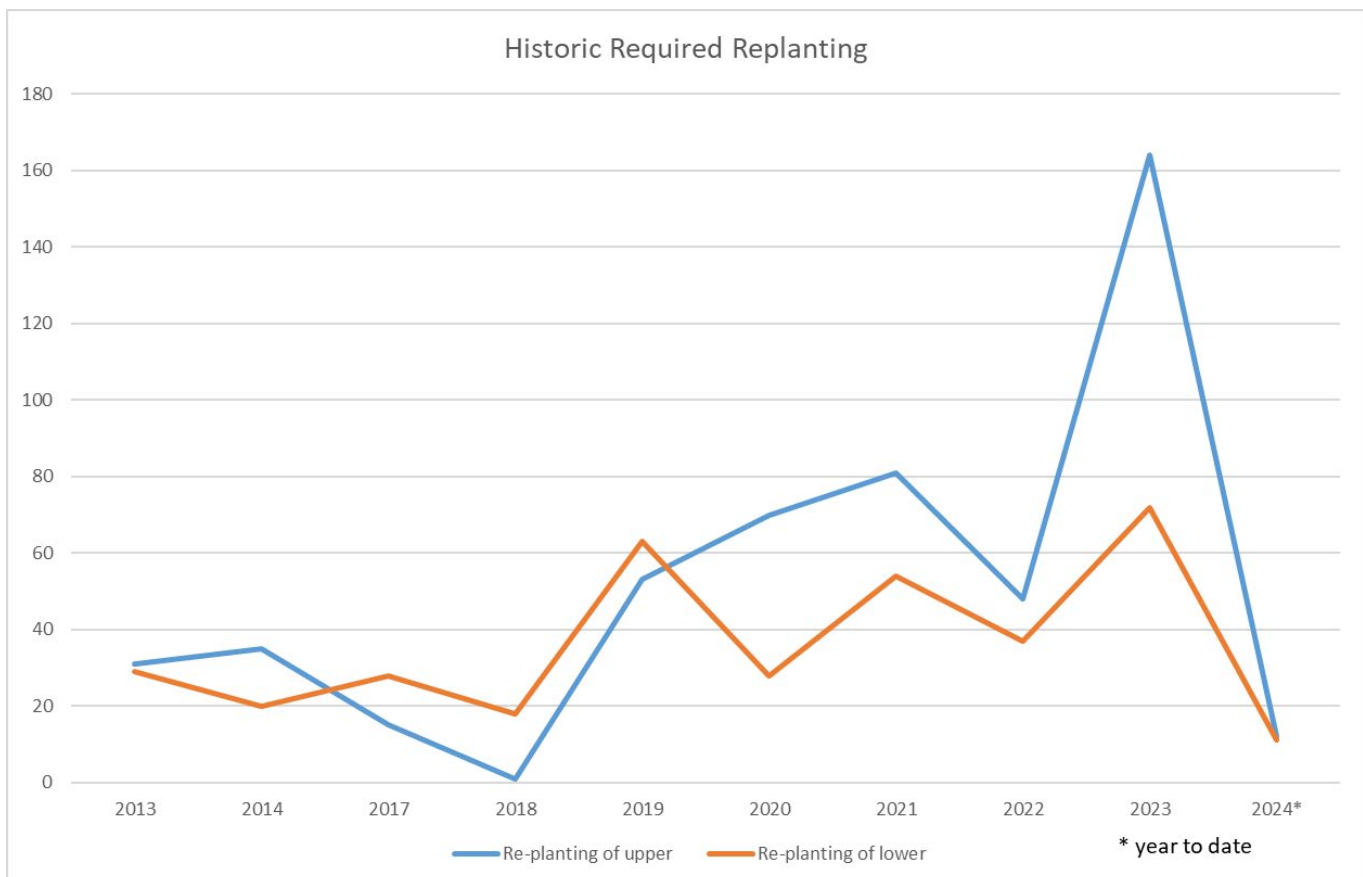


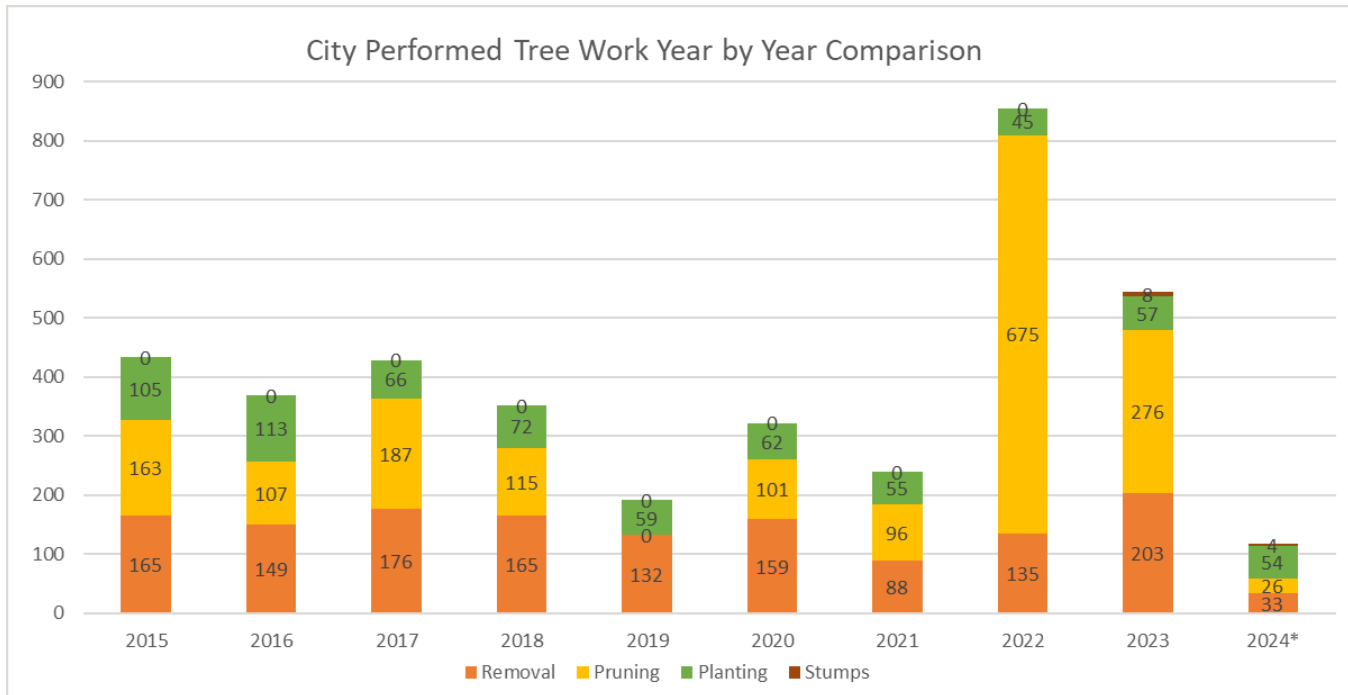
Historic permitted removals and required planting

	Re-planting of upper	Re-planting of lower
2013	31	29
2014	35	20
2017	15	28
2018	1	18
2019	53	63
2020	70	28
2021	81	54
2022	48	37
2023	164	72
2024*	12	11
*year to date		

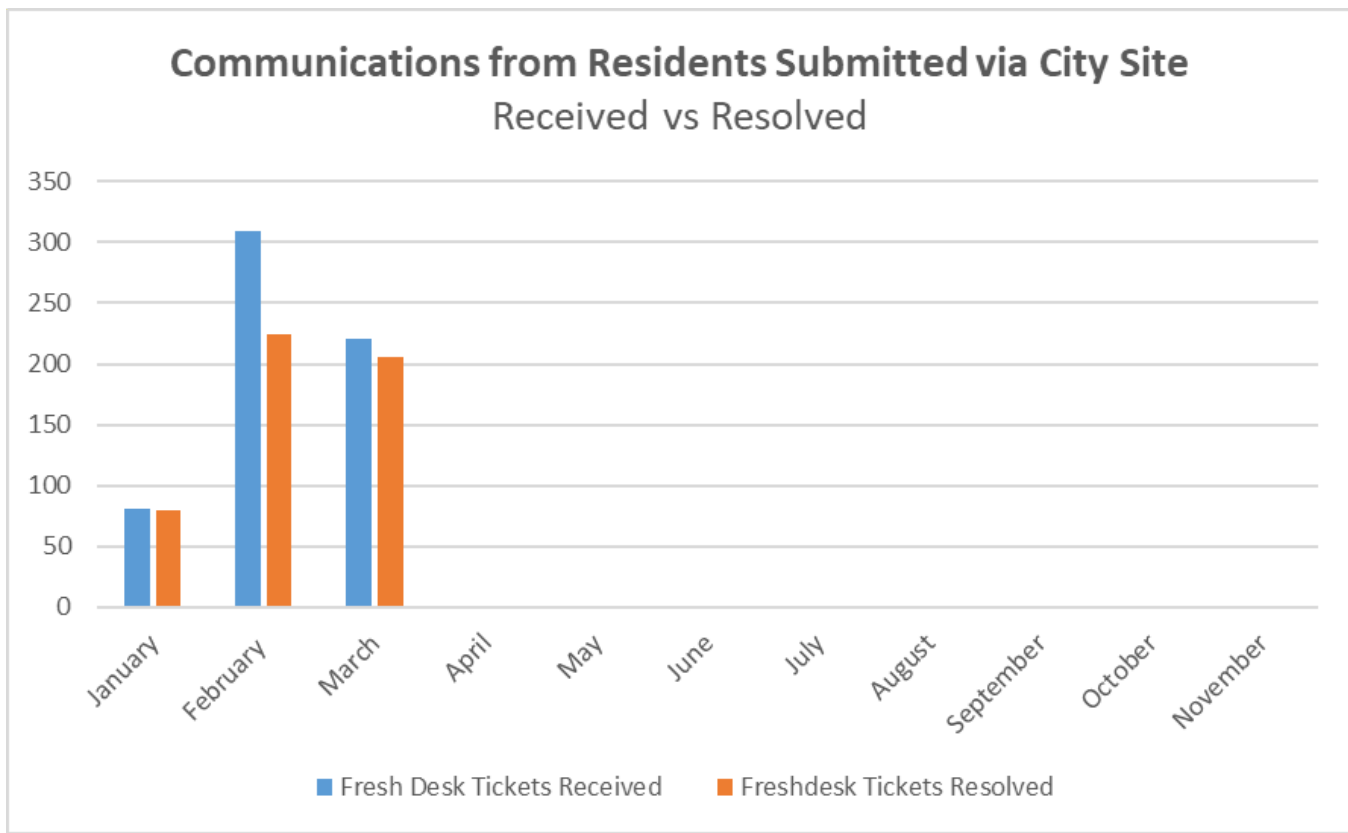
Historic permitted removals and required planting

Year	Permitted removals	Removal of upper	Removal of lower	Replanting Required	Replanting of upper	Replanting of lower	Replanting %	Applications processed
2021	204	81	123	135	81	54	66.18%	213
2022	149	82	67	85	48	37	57.05%	155
2023	324	211	113	223	164	72	68.83%	336
2024	56	31	25	23	12	11	41.07%	64





*Year to date



*Numbers only represent correspondences received via the City's website and do not include live calls, voicemails, drop-in visitors, and emails sent directly to employees from residents, nor return calls and emails from staff.



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA FOREST AND BEACH COMMISSION Staff Report

April 11, 2024
ORDERS OF BUSINESS

TO: Forest and Beach Commissioners

SUBMITTED BY: Robert M. Harary, P.E., Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Public Works Director's Report for March 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive the Public Works Director's Report for March 2024.

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Public Works Director's Report for March 2024 will include:

- A. City Council actions related to Forestry, Parks, and Beach issues
- B. Forestry, Parks, and Beach-related Capital Improvement Projects
- C. Climate Committee meetings and Climate Action and Climate Adaptation Plan implementation
- D. Update on Volunteer Organizations
- E. Miscellaneous Forestry, Parks, and Beach-related Public Works items

Environmental Evaluation

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FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1 - Public Works Director's Report for March 2024



CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA

Public Works Department March 2024 Report

TO:	Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
SUBMITTED BY:	Robert M. Harary, P.E., Director of Public Works
SUBMITTED ON:	April 1, 2024
APPROVED BY:	Chip Rerig, City Administrator

City Council Special Meeting of March 4, 2024

- Adopted Resolution 2024-014 accepting donations valued at \$148,814 plus 5,958 volunteer hours from Carmel Cares, and approving a budget amendment to the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023/24 Adopted Budget.
- Adopted Resolution 2024-015 approving Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with EMC Planning/Integral Corp./Haro Kasunich, in the amount of \$450,000 - fully funded by a Coastal Commission Local Program Grant - for the Coastal Engineering Study, Phase 2.
- Resolution 2014-015 also reallocated \$100,000 previously earmarked for the Coastal Engineering Study, Phase 2 to the Shoreline Infrastructure Repairs Capital Improvement Project.

City Council Meeting of March 5, 2024

- Approved Mid-Year Budget Amendments to the FY 2023/24 Adopted Budget with the following augmentations for Public Works: \$200,000 for additional dangerous tree and stump removals, \$28,000 to replace a roll up door in the garage, \$20,000 for additional North Dunes habitat restoration services, and \$13,000 towards structural design of the San Antonio Pedestrian Pathway repairs.
- Public Works Director presented the first review of the Capital Improvement Program which included:
 - 15 capital improvements and 14 operating budget projects completed in FY 2023/24.
 - 4 projects recommended to be cancelled or modified.
 - 15 projects funded in (or prior to) FY 2023/24 recommended to be carried over, with remaining funds, into FY 2024/25.
 - 6 carry-over paving, drainage, and facility renovation projects that require supplemental funding of \$1.7M for construction.
 - 6 potential new projects funded by the Vehicle and Equipment Fund.
 - 13 potential new projects funded by the Capital Improvement Fund.
 - An introduction of the updated 5-year Capital Improvement Plan (FY 2024/25 through 2028/29).

Forest and Beach Commission Meeting of March 14, 2024

- Police Chief Tomasi discussed the criteria of when we need to close the beach and access stairs during storms, coordinating emergency services with the County, and FEMA funding.
- Introduced plans and vendors for the Second Annual Earth Day/Arbor Day/Community Day event to be held at Devendorf Park on Saturday, April 20th.
- Received a presentation from Integral Corp/EMC regarding Tasks 3 and 4 of the Coastal Engineering Study, Phase I, which included their findings regarding sea level rise impacts to the shoreline, coastal erosion, and vulnerable infrastructure.
- Approved the landscaping plan prepared by MPC Professor Alan Wheat and proposed by Carmel Cares for the Ocean Avenue Median Landscaping Project, a joint project with Public Works.
- City Forester introduced the draft Tree Palette for the Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP). The new tree list is much more comprehensive in species diversity than the existing list to adapt to climate change, provides more detailed information about each species, and is displayed in tabular, rather than narrative, format for easier side-by-side comparisons. The UFMP Steering Committee and interested stakeholders will provide written feedback on the Tree Palette prior to its approval.
- The City Forester presented the Forester's Report for February 2024.

- The Public Works Director presented the Public Works Department Report for February 2024 which included an update of the five concrete beach access stairs and one wooden stairs to be repaired and re-opened by Public Works within the next two months authorized by Emergency Coastal Development Permits.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting of March 20, 2024

- The Library and Public Works Directors presented an overview of the Library Master Plan for the Harrison Memorial and Park Branch Libraries, highlighting the condition assessments of both facilities.

City Council Special Meeting of March 26, 2024

- Received a presentation from Integral Corp/EMC recapping Tasks 1-4 of the Coastal Engineering Study, completing Phase I services.
- Public Works Director presented the second review of the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2024/25, included responses to questions and project changes since the March 5th meeting. Council tentatively approved:
 - 4 projects to cancel or modify.
 - Carry over of 15 projects funded in (or prior to) FY 2023/24 with remaining funds, into FY 2024/25.
 - Supplemental funding for 6 carry-over paving, drainage, and facility renovation projects for construction.
 - 6 new vehicle and IT projects funded by the Vehicle and Equipment Fund.
 - Tentatively 12 of 13 new projects funded by the Capital Improvement Fund, although several projects require additional review and consideration.

City Council Strategic Planning Workshop of March 28, 2024

- Council reviewed the status of, solicited public comments on, and provided direction to staff on 11 Public Works-oriented Strategic Priorities: Stormwater Ordinance Update, Volunteer Groups Facilitation, Wildfire Risk Plan, Urban Forest Master Plan, Increase Beautification Efforts, Facility Maintenance Projects/Plan, Rule 20A Underground Utilities, Scout House Renovation, Coastal Engineering Study/Climate Committee, Police Building Project, and City-wide Utility Undergrounding.

Administration

- Prepared staff report for March 26th Council special meeting for the second review of the Capital Improvement Program for FY 2024/25. Report included responses to 15 questions asked during the first review on March 5th, 5 projects that were revised, and an updated presentation.
- Updated the Strategic Priorities tracking sheet for 11 Public Works initiatives for the March 28th Council Workshop.
- Reviewed the Library Master Plan prepared by Jayson Architects, and prepared a presentation for the Library Board of Trustees meeting of March 20th.
- Coordinated the draft Operating Budget requests for five Public Works divisions for FY 2024/25.
- Updated a list of 30 potential Council Agenda reports for Public Works projects and operations for the months of April through August 2024.
- At the TAMC Technical Advisory Committee meeting, the recent, State-mandated no parking within 20-feet of crosswalks per AB 413 was discussed. It was noted that other local cities are facing challenges implementing the regulation since most intersections are unique. Subsequently met with the City Attorney, and began planning a pilot project with the Police Chief.
- For the Maintenance Worker vacancy, the top 4 finalists were interviewed by the Department and a selection was made. A tentative offer letter was issued, and a background check will be underway.
- Met with Carmel High School student to assist with a bike lane for the May Mock Council meeting.
- Met with Wave Broadband regarding their public outreach efforts prior to Council reconsideration of the Encroachment Permit with Special Conditions of Approval for their fiber optic project. Also received City Attorney's office legal opinion about approval of the permit.
- Attended League of Cities' Public Works Officer's Institute sessions on qualifications-based selection process, Pismo Beach beautification program, composting per SB 1383, and electric fleet conversion.

Carmel Cares and Other Volunteer Groups

- 48 Carmel Cares volunteers attended the March 4th Council meeting for acceptance of 2023 donations, and were recognized for their efforts.
- Carmel Cares presented the Ocean Avenue Median Islands Landscaping Project at the Forest and Beach Commission meeting and was granted approval. Preparations underway for material purchases and installation starting in late April.
- Installed a decorative show bill display case for Sunset Center at San Carlos Street and Eighth Avenue.
- “Downtown Detail” volunteers continued to clean and improve the downtown area.
- “Median Minders” volunteers continued to improve medians across the Village.
- Cindy Lloyd weeded, spread chips, and improved the areas between the Randall Bishop and Robert Buggers memorial benches in the Mission Trail Nature Preserve (MTNP).

Environmental Programs

- For the Coastal Engineering Study, Phase 2, Amendment No. 2 to the PSA with EMC Planning/Integral Corp./Haro Kasunich was executed, and the Notice to Proceed was issued. A kickoff meeting was held to coordinate initial Phase 2 tasks which include adaptation strategies and public outreach.
- Prepared project descriptions regarding repairs to concrete and wood beach access stair repairs as required for issuance of two Emergency Coastal Development Permits.
- Prepared a poster and continued to coordinate with organizations/vendors for the second annual Earth Day, to be held in conjunction with Arbor Day and Community Day, on April 20th.
- Purchased lumber for the split rail fence to be installed by Public Works crews at the boundary of the North Dunes Habitat Restoration site along Ocean and San Antonio Avenues.
- Prepared a CEQA Notice of Exemption for the Cal Am Dolores Waterline Project.
- Provided stormwater quality training to the Police Department personnel.
- Received approval to post the vacant Environmental Administrative Technician/Analyst position.
- Friday Letter public service announcements included:
 - World Water Day on March 22nd
 - Composting
 - Edible Food Recovery Program and food waste diversion from landfills

Facility Maintenance

- As part of the ADA Upgrade Project Year 6 (CIP), ADA-compliant railings for the Harrison Memorial Library were inspected and started to be installed.
- Accepted quote to rebuild the electrical panel next to the Ocean/Juniper Christmas tree as part of the Electrical Panel Project (CIP). Purchase Order and permit are in progress.
- Approved quote and issued Purchase Order and permit to add additional electrical circuits to the backup generator at the Park Branch Library to provide for heating and additional power receptacles to accommodate storm shelter facilities during power outages.
- Coordinated with Pac Rep for installation of a 220-volt receptacle for welding apparatus next to the Forest Theater stage, and obtained a permit. Paid for by Pac Rep.
- A contractor replaced steel doors for janitor closets at Devendorf and First Murphy Park restrooms.
- Accepted quote, and processed Purchase Order and permit for contractor installation of new evidence lockers into a non-bearing wall in the Police Station.
- Investigated and fixed a water leak at the Flanders Mansion driveway which impacted water service to the Lester Rowntree Native Plant Garden.
- A replacement of the rusted and failed steel light pole in the Sunset Center north parking lot was fabricated, delivered and installed by staff.
- A contractor is expediting repairs to a leaking flange in the main backflow device for water service into Sunset Center.
- Purchased lumber and ordered new handrails for repairs at the Martin Way wooden beach access stairs.
- Started to obtain quotes for epoxy coating and painting of the garage bay floor in the Fire Station.

Project Management for the Capital Improvement Program

4 Leaf Projects:

- On March 29th, the Carmel Police station was open for public tours, and was followed by a tour of the new police station in the City of Salinas.
- Received proposals from Indigo Architects to present the Police Building Condition Assessment to the City Council at an upcoming meeting.

Ausonio, Inc. Projects:

- For the Sunset Center North Wing and Harrison Memorial Library Exterior/Interior Painting Project, Color New Co. mobilized to the jobsites, began hazardous materials abatement, and prepared for painting the exterior of Sunset Center and the staff area in the basement of the library.
- Ausonio submitted 90% contract documents for re-bidding of the Sunset Center Cottage Window Repairs Project. This Project will be “shovel ready” for bidding in August should additional CIP funding be allocated for construction, as anticipated.
- For the Sunset Center Retaining Walls Repair Project, met with ZFA Structural Engineers (ZFA) to review their approach to repairs and 30% drawings. Design is now progressing to 90% completion. Two additional small walls were added to the project for an additional design fee of \$3,800.
- For the San Antonio Pathway Repair Project, Second to Fourth Avenues, met with ZFA to review 30% design and approach to repairs. The proposed design requires excavation and reusing all 44 existing, buried concrete piers, constructing pier caps, erecting columns, replacing lagging, installing drainage, restoring the pathway, and reinstalling a grape stake fence. Construction cost estimate increased to \$550,000. Design also now progressing to 90% completion.
- For the Sunset Center Portico Design Project, Ten Over Studio submitted a fourth, hybrid concept design and rendering. The design concepts are being routed for review comments.
- As a new, on-call service, requested Ausonio to obtain a proposal from ZFA to prepare a structural condition assessment report for the Lincoln Street/Fourth Avenue wooden trestle bridge.

Wallace Group Projects:

- For the FY 2022/23 Concrete Streets Repair Project, BKF Engineers completed their final plans, specifications, and cost estimates. These shovel-ready plans will be shelved until construction funding is available; however, the San Antonio/Ocean Avenue intersection, which was included in these plans, will be extracted and added to the FY 2023/24 Paving project for construction in FY 25.
- For the FY 2023/24 City-wide Paving Project, Wallace Group is nearly 50% complete with the design of the project and rapidly progressing to the 65% submittal for City review in April. Staff will meet with Wallace Group to initiate a proposal to incorporate 4 bid additives not awarded from the FY 222 Paving Project plus the San Antonio/Ocean Avenue intersection into the plans and specifications package with the FY 24 Paving Project. The combine street improvement project cost estimate is \$2.8M.
- For the Shoreline Infrastructure Repair Project, the Request for Proposal to hire an engineering firm with shoreline expertise was completed. The RFP will be issued as soon as possible, pending staff capacity.

Additional Capital Improvement Projects:

- For the MTNP Tank and Pump House Removal and Well Decommissioning Project, the Notice of Completion was recorded at the County Recorder. Final payment of retention to the contractor will close out this project.
- For the \$1.14M, FY 22 City-wide Paving Project, Monterey Peninsula Engineering (MPE) reconstructed four large sidewalks along Mission Street, Fourth to Fifth Avenues and between Fifth and Sixth Avenues, along Dolores Street, from Fifth to Sixth Avenues, and along San Carlos Street, north of Fourth Avenue. Thermoplastic striping and markings were also applied to the recently-overlaid streets. The project will advance into the final third phase in April.
- For the MTNP 3 Drainage Projects, which includes drainage piping near the Rio Road entrance, an 85-foot boardwalk over a bog, and reconstruction of a large swale, seven bids were received at a

public bid opening held on March 19th. The low bid, submitted by MPE, was below the cost estimate. Also continued negotiations with Dudek to reduce their environmental monitoring proposals for during and post construction as required by the three regulatory agency permits. Supplemental funding for FY 2024/25 is required to complete all three portions of the project.

- For the 4 City-wide Drainage Improvement Projects, the 90% design of the outlet pipe at the south end of Santa Fe Street, south of Eighth Avenue, was adjusted to fit into a proposed easement through a private landscaped area, to allow for the drainage line to discharge into the MTNP creek. A plat and legal description are being prepared for further right-of-way discussions with the property owner.
- Met with Cal Am Water to prepare a staff report for the April 1 Council meeting for approval of an Encroachment Permit with Special Conditions of Approval, and to review their presentation regarding their Dolores Waterline Replacement Project.
- For the Vista Lobos Parking Lot EV Charging Station Project, a \$14k proposal by Advance Design Consultants was within the PSA contingency budget and authorized. This extra work will provide for the design of the Vista Lobos building electrical panel replacement, a safety hazard identified in the Electrical Panel Upgrades Project, and will be included into the EV Charging Station construction documents. Design is underway.

Street Maintenance

- For the concrete beach access stairs at Eighth, Tenth South, Eleventh, and Thirteenth Avenues and Santa Lucia Avenue: crews replaced loose stones and pavers, repaired broken concrete areas, fixed handrails, and posted new “beach stairs open – use caution” signs. Punchlist items are in progress, but the work is expected to be fully completed ahead of schedule!
- Repaired a sinkhole and damage to a storm drain culvert at Monte Verde Street and Fourth Avenue.
- Began installation of the post and rail fencing along Ocean and San Antonio Avenues at the boundary of the North Dunes Habitat Restoration site.
- Installed a convex mirror on a power pole at the southwest corner of Santa Fe Street and Mountain View as requested by the Traffic Safety Committee (TSC).
- Prepared No Parking posts for Dolores Street 2 southeast of Vista Avenue, across from the Stevenson School driveway, and for the east side of San Antonio Avenue just north of Eleventh Avenue, also as requested by the TSC.
- For the Carmel Lodge development project, issued a change order to paving contractor MPE to install cobblestone curb along a portion of San Carlos Street north of Fifth Avenue.
- Set up the stage in Devendorf Park as the “Third Thursday” events resumed in March.
- Continued making priority sidewalk repairs.
- Ordered traffic paint for the Annual Traffic Painting Program to commence in April.

Forestry, Parks, and Beach (Forester’s Report)

- See separate Forester’s Report.