

OB #1 TREE TASK FORCE

>> It would be best if the TC members are provided in advance with: a copy of the "Project Canopy" report / inventory; the draft Tree Ordinance and attorney comments; and the draft Zoning language amendments.

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>> I'll let Mandy and Valy chime in, and of course welcome Caroline's advice, but my thoughts for talking points are:

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>> 1) Mandy/Valy highlight how ordinance language around trees promotes the CAP, downtown visioning conversations, and eventual Comp Plan

>> 2) Review the Project Canopy recommendations and what TTF has worked on thus far, especially our identification of downtown sites in need of tree/plantings and preservation of existing ones: positive potential.

>> 3) Emphasize- last task for applying for Tree City designation is an Ordinance, doing so gives us access to grant opportunities

>> 4) Amplify the science-based benefits (environmental/human health, wellness, social equity/economic) of green infrastructure

>> 5) Talk about getting ahead of the downtown re-development certain to occur over the next several years especially parking lots and dense residential housing construction.

>> 6) Underscore the interfacing with Complete Streets, Project Review Board and necessity for inserting, aligning tree-specific language across boards; and for Freeport leadership to advance/standardize green infrastructure especially tree canopy, as a foundational principle of our urban planning.

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