

Urban Greening and Vegetative Barriers Update

Stockton CSC Meeting
June 4, 2025

Urban Greening Update

Urban Greening Updates:

- **Hiring :**
 - Currently hiring 2 positions: Forestry Technician (1 FTE) and Trust Builder (0.5 FTE)
 - Forestry Technician will be responsible for planting and maintaining trees, conducting My Free Tree assessments, identifying viable planting locations, leading community planting events
 - Trust Builder will be responsible for conducting outreach through canvassing and tabling, supporting My Free Tree (MFT) assessments, leading public workshops and info sessions across the project area, maintaining relationships with MFT stewards
 - 6 applicants for the Technician opening and 3 applicants for the Trust Builder. We have made our selections and will be notifying applicants on June 13th.
 - Official start date is July 1st
 - Forestry Manager - hiring on hold until we can adjust pay rates to fit within LMR's pay structure
- **Hyphae MOU**
 - Currently in review and expectation to bring them on the ground in July

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Urban Greening Updates Cont.:

- **SUSD:**
 - Site visits at Merlo Institute of Environmental Technology and Hamilton Elementary School for schoolyard trees. More will be planned for Hazelton Elementary, Monroe Elementary, Washington Elementary.
 - MOU will be agreed upon between LMR and SUSD to establish maintenance responsibilities and training opportunities for students and staff
- **Planting Operations**
 - Set up TreePlotter account to map out upcoming tree plantings
 - In the process of creating outreach materials to begin canvassing neighborhoods in July and August. We haven't identified our first neighborhood to focus on - priority after new hires are brought on and Hyphae is on the ground with us.
 - Planting season will begin middle or end of September 2025
 - Currently upgrading My Free Tree application process to make it more streamlined.
- **City of Stockton**
 - Discussions around permits and maintenance agreements are a summer priority.
 - New for city and for LMR
 - Specific sites may be required to quicken negotiation process

Vegetative Barriers Update

Vegetated Barriers Updates:

- **Hyphae**
 - Awaiting MOU to bring on and begin site evaluations via air monitoring and on -ground site walks with “right -of-way” owners
- **CalTrans :**
 - Approached CalTrans District 10 about the scope of work and potential partnership last year. Conversations have picked up in recent months to begin planning for pilot sites
 - Adopt -a-Hwy vs easement permit
 - No set sites yet
- **SUSD**
 - Exploring options for barriers on school sites that are adjacent to pollution sources
- **Edible Schoolyard Farm**
 - ESY Farm in Boggs Tract shares a fence line with rail lines and have little vegetation separating staff, student visitors, and community members from up -wind pollution sources. There’s interest in prioritizing this site from both sides but no concrete planning has begun

Vegetative Barriers Update

Vegetated Barriers Updates Cont.:

- **Tree Fresno visit:**
 - In the process of scheduling a site tour in Fresno to visit recently installed vegetated barriers by Tree Fresno. Tentative date is July 28th.
 - Purpose of tour is:
 - 1.) Gain better understanding of different scales of sites utilizing larger caliper and smaller caliper trees
 - 2.) See sites on different ROW's (CalTrans, city frontage roads, private business properties)
 - Learn more about Tree Fresno's engagement strategies for business community and residential communities

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Interested in becoming a My Free Tree Steward? Send us an email with your name, contact information, and address to Trees@LittleManila.Org

If you reside in the project area we will be able to complete site assessments for your property this summer and schedule planting dates for the fall.