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If you gave a rating of less than 8, what could be done to improve the appearance and quality of trees in Tigard?

#	Response Date	Response Text
1.	1/20/2009 12:25:00 AM	More trees along 99W Put sidewalks next to streets and get rid of that pointless strip that causes the overuse of chemicals to maintain and cannot fit a tree anyway. Then require all new homes to plant trees in front to shade streets like the nicer neighborhoods in Portland. Do not allow trees, such as pin oaks, that lose their leaves late and reseed everywhere. Shading surface areas will help with the heating of runoff.
2.	1/21/2009 3:15:00 PM	Trees have been removed to make way for new construction. Replacement trees that have been planted are so small that it will take at least 25 years before they amount to much. That is too much time to pass. We can't make them grow faster. Builders need to incorporate existing trees into their designs and work around them. I live in a manufactured home park (on Beef Bend Road) where we do not have much choice. However I see plenty of space cleared, Fischer Road between Highway 99 and 131st as an example, where pretty much all the trees were removed to make way for new housing. Seems a better plan could have been made there to keep some of those trees. To lose those towering beauties was a great loss both visually and environmentally. And we are Tree City USA?
3.	1/22/2009 11:57:00 PM	Public education for homeowners on how to properly prune and maintain their trees
4.	1/23/2009 8:06:00 PM	More trees in the downtown core and new developments As I don't know the current policy, I don't know what policy is in effect at the current time. Trees that front the streets, however, need to be watched as to health, proper pruning and safety both on the street and along sidewalks. Since some of this is dealing with private property, owners should be given guidance with regard to what can keep their trees healthy if not in good shape. Since money may be an issue in some cases, perhaps some trade of service for assistance from an arborist could be instituted. If there is a department that takes care of city owned trees, maybe there could be assistance through that, even offering some training to homeowners. Some trees overhang sidewalks at head level. Some are surrounding power lines. Some just need a "little bit of care" to be safe and health.
5.	1/23/2009 8:14:00 PM	Require development to include planter strips. Underground power/cable lines along major streets (particularly on south side of streets, where a larger tree can provide shade to the paved area).
6.	1/23/2009 8:41:00 PM	Specify a canopy cover for parking lots - enforce it Enforce tree requirements in developments after developer leaves - provide a listing of these by subdivision name Identify and save (with some city cost) 10 key groves of native trees - ash, oak, pine, etc.
7.	1/23/2009 9:52:00 PM	More trees along 99W, Durham Road, Tigard H.S., etc.
8.	1/25/2009 6:32:00 PM	EDUCATE AND MAINTAIN HEALTHY TREES Require developers to save more trees instead of clearcutting. Check back after developments are completed to make sure the trees that were
9.	1/26/2009 5:33:00 PM	

- 10.1/29/2009 9:41:00 PM supposed to be saved are still there. I know they aren't in Elkhorn. The city needs to replant all the dying arborvitae around the water tank on 125th Ave. and Bull Mt. Rd. Water them and prune them-- years ago there was a watering system there. That area looks terrible.
- 11.2/3/2009 2:12:00 AM Not sure how to improve the overall health of trees. We should be planting new trees in areas to replace damaged/down trees.
- 12.2/3/2009 3:44:00 PM Urban forests should be maintained. (fallen trees, downed branches removed) and diseased trees removed/treated
Trees should be planted or maintained in areas which are good for the neighborhood, not convenient to the developers. Trees should be planted in median along 99W. This would reduce visible pollution and improve the look of Tigard's main thoroughfare. This one road alone impresses the character of Tigard upon the multitudes who pass through. The lack of trees gives an overall negative view of the city. Reduce infrastructure & planning requirements and or provide economic incentives to development to preserve trees and create room to plant new trees, ie. reduce street width and widen planting strips.
- 13.2/4/2009 6:09:00 AM Consider a frontage foot tax or other funding mechanism to pay for tree maintenance on public property, ROW etc. Consider leveraging manpower and equipment in DPW to facilitate maintenance.
More trees. Require that developers plant more trees on any new house lot that are species that will grow up to be tall. Require that developers leave enough room for trees to grow up to be large. Require that developers leave existing trees on lots to the maximum extent. Trees are better than houses. Tigard needs lots and lots more trees. Tigard needs fewer houses, not more.
- 14.2/6/2009 5:27:00 AM I think the biggest deficit of trees in Tigard are in parking lots and some of the major roads. Durham Road and 99W both could use more trees.
- 15.2/6/2009 10:44:00 PM Reduce haphazard tree removal; emphasis preservation and planting of native trees.
Trees are important for stormwater management. This survey doesn't ask any questions about the public's awareness of the benefits of trees for pollution reduction, habitat, reduction of runoff, energy savings.
- 16.2/6/2009 11:07:00 PM Washington Square could use a 1000 more trees in their parking lot. Durham Road has a lot of bare dirt where trees should be planted. 99W is a asphalt eyesore that could be improved greatly by planting a lot of trees.
The main thing is to protect and enhance existing stands of trees. Many trees in areas not to be developed are old but there are few new trees coming because of invasive species, especially ivy and blackberry that prevent seedlings from getting a start. We need to restore the health of the stands of trees. While planting isolated trees along the street is desirable, it is not as important as preserving larger stands of trees remaining in the city especially in important habitat, like along Fanno Creek.
- 17.2/7/2009 1:14:00 AM
- 18.2/7/2009 2:06:00 AM
- 19.2/7/2009 4:57:00 PM
- 20.2/8/2009 7:43:00 PM I think there are too many fir trees and not enough other types of trees in key areas. There also appear to be too many trees spaced too far apart. I just think it would benefit to plant trees in a scenic manner (tall

- trees in back, smaller in front) and a wider variety of types of trees.
- 21.2/8/2009 11:13:00 PM Remove the ivy and require land owners to do so.
Careful consideration and appropriate requirements should be part of Tigard planning of residential and commercial development and changes to existing development wherever possible. The goal should be
- 22.2/17/2009 7:36:00 PM to have streets that are lined with carefully chosen trees, chosen for size, flowering, length of life, native whenever possible, with overall aesthetics in mind.
I think there are too many in some areas that can cause SERIOUS
- 23.2/18/2009 2:58:00 AM damage to houses. But in Downtown areas it does add beauty. Just wish I had more control over my neighbors trees. If a strong wind storm hits, it will most likely damage my house.
- 24.2/23/2009 3:42:00 AM require developers to save more of the existing trees.
Three things interest me in this region: Green Job creation, respiratory health and healthy migratory song bird populations. The trees here seem a little neglected, therefore easy to cut when they appear to be a nuisance. This is particularly true with stands of historic trees where certain birds rely on them heavily. We should forget about developing the hell out of this area and, instead attend to filling the abandoned
- 25.2/26/2009 6:19:00 AM buildings, foster green sustainable concepts, from landscaping to community gardening and new green job creations. Anyone who lives close to Hwy 217 should find trees to be a very, very important filter from respiratory illnesses. The global warming that has so far killed half of our Pacific Northwest trees is for sure going to take its toll on this region. It's not hard to do the math from here and take a different approach to our future.