

Advisory Committee Mission and Roles

“Mission Statement”

The mission of the Ann Arbor Urban Forest Management Plan (A2UFMP) Advisory Committee is to represent a diverse range of stakeholders, advise the development of Ann Arbor’s first Urban Forest Management Plan, and provide input and guidance to ensure the sustainable management of Ann Arbor’s urban forest.

Role of the Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee is a *project-based committee* comprised of individuals selected from a list interested parties to represent a broad and balanced range of interests in the community.

The roles of the Advisory Committee members include:

- Advise the Working Group on the scope, content, direction and recommendations of the plan. The Advisory Committee will not be the principal decision-making body during the planning process; however, consensus or majority opinions from the committee will be followed to the extent they are feasible. The Working group retains the right to decide issues when there is not a clear preference from the Advisory Committee.
- Recommend the best approaches for engaging other stakeholder groups and the broader public.
- Represent the committee process and decisions to their constituencies and the larger community in a proactive manner.
- Attend seven Advisory Committee meetings between April 2011 and approximately April 2012. Please make all efforts to attend each meeting.

Rules of Conduct

All individuals who agree to serve on the Advisory Committee shall be expected to follow rules of conduct to ensure that the committee is an effective group to guide the planning process.

- It will not be possible to continually revisit prior decisions or recommendations based on absences. Meeting minutes will be provided to members in a timely fashion, and non-attendees will have the opportunity to “red flag” decisions they find critically problematic.
- Be respectful of everyone’s opinions and ideas. All ideas are welcome.
- Listen actively to each other. No personal insults or inflammatory remarks. Maintain a positive attitude.
- Everyone has a right to be heard but not to dominate the conversation at the expense of others.
- Stay on topic and keep focused on the task at hand.
- Please turn-off / silence cell phones during the meetings.
- Committee members have the right to resign from the committee at any time. By the same token, uncivil, unprofessional or obstructionist behavior may be grounds for dismissal.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER LIST

Advisory Committee Members

Name	Organization
Allison Stupka	Old Westside
Ann Lund	Broadway Neighborhood
Harry Sheehan	Office of the Washtenaw County Water Resources Commissioner
Jeff Plakke	UM Botanical Gardens & Arboretum
Jim Rogers	Friends of Greenview and Pioneer Nature Areas
Joan Doughty	Community Action Network
Joel Dalton	Huron Valley Group of the Sierra Club
John Lawter	PAC/UM Grounds
Kathy Stroud	Traver Association
Kris Olsson	Huron River Watershed Council
Lynn Borset	Ann Arbor Tree Conservancy
Matt Naud*	Environmental Commission
Mike Martin	First Martin (Representing Business/Property managers)
Neal Foster	Orchard-Hills Maplewood H/O Assoc. & Millers Creek Action Team
Paul Bairley	Former City Forester
Peggy Sorvala	DTE
Rita Mitchell	Neighborhood Alliance

* City Staff, Sitting in for Env. Comm.-- Non-voting committee member

Meeting Facilitators

Name	Title
Cheryl Zuellig	JJR, Landscape Architect, Principal-in-charge
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