

Monthly Report – May 25th, 2011

Administration

1. Presented an overview of the Spokane Urban Forestry program at the Washington Community Forestry Council meeting – May 11th.
2. Beth Mort and Mike Sanborn have been on vacation for the last 2 weeks of May. Beth will return to work on June 1st. Mike is obligated to a 3-month seasonal lay-off period, returning mid-August.

Training

3. Staff attended the Gordon Mann seminar “Sidewalks & Trees: How to Repair and maintain the Structural Integrity of Both” on April 28th.
4. A Tree Protection Training workshop has been scheduled with Public Works’ staff including Streets, Water, & Wastewater departments – June 8th.
5. Held a Staff Development training session on May 13th addressing motivation, purpose, communication, and time management. In attendance: Kacey Burke, Jeff Perry, Miles Cooley, Mike Sanborn, and Beth Mort. Presented by Angel Spell.

Education & Outreach

6. Education Grant – 2000 bookmarks have been printed and distributed. Advertisements are appearing in the Spokesman Voice, Inlander, Down to Earth, and Out There.

Partnerships

7. Spokane Conservation District planted native species at the natural drainage near Sky Prairie Park. Approximately 395 plants installed: 100 quaking aspen, 100 red osier dogwood, 10 rocky mtn maple, 20 mtn ash, 25 white pine, 25 Engelmann spruce, 50 ninebark, 25 water birch, 25 snowberry, 15 golden current.
8. Continuing conversation with The Lands Council to partner on shared goals in the areas of: education, advocacy, fund-raising, grant-writing, and volunteer recruitment and engagement.
9. Built GIS database and delivered handheld computers to Downtown Spokane Partnership for their staff to collect data on tree well integrity within the central business district.

City Projects

10. Attended the Emerson-Garfield Neighborhood Council meeting on May 11th to discuss the Post Street re-paving project and associated tree work.
11. Attended the Comstock Neighborhood Council meeting on May 18th to discuss the NeighborWoods program and the Grand Blvd re-paving project and associated tree work.

Operations

12. Planted 21 trees – 14 street locations plus 7 park locations.
13. Pruned 1 tree – Spruce at Hays Park.
14. Processed 30 Street Tree Permits.