



City of Brisbane

Open Space and Ecology Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 6:30 PM • Hybrid Meeting • 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

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To Address the Committee

In Person:

Location: 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA 94005, Community Meeting Room

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Adoption of the Agenda

Oral Communications

Approval of the Minutes

- A. Approval of the Minutes of March 25, 2026

Presentation

- B. Update on Sea Level Rise Lagoon Study from Schaaf & Wheeler

Old Business

- C. Select Representative for David Schooley Acknowledgment

New Business

- D. Tree Subcommittee Free Tree Program

Staff Updates

Subcommittee Reports

Calendar Items

Chair and Committee Member Matters

Next Meeting

- E. May 27, 2026 6:30 PM

Adjournment



CITY of BRISBANE

Open Space and Ecology Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:30 P.M. • Hybrid Meeting 50 Park Place, Brisbane, CA

CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 PM

ROLL CALL

- A. Consider any request of a committee member to attend the meeting remotely under the “Emergency Circumstances” of AB 2449

Committee members present: Atapattu, Becker, Rogers, Salmon, Walker.

Staff members present: Assistant City Manager, Fernandez; Management Analyst, Brown; Sustainability Fellow, De La Cruz

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Rogers moved to adopt the agenda and Becker seconded; the motion was adopted unanimously.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – Salmon encouraged residents to report fugitive dust to the Bay Area Air Resources Board.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES –

- B. Minutes of January 28, 2025 – Salmon moved to adopt the agenda and Atapattu seconded. The motion was otherwise adopted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

- C. Review Final Draft of 2026 Work Plan
- Canopy Goal to be readdressed and presented to Council for approval after Sustainability Manager Etherton returns from leave.
 - Becker moved to accept the workplan and Salmon seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously.
 - Work Plan to be presented to Council 4/16

NEW BUSINESS

- D. Discuss 2025 Committee Accomplishments
- Committee members discussed accomplishments over the years
 - Brown to incorporate comments in presentation to Council 4/16
- E. Monarch Migration Article from Chris Florkowski
- Native butterflies and monarchs to be highlighted in an upcoming library display from the Education and Outreach subcommittee

- Staff will revisit discussions on supporting butterfly communities and protecting habitat with local organizations later in the year

STAFF UPDATES

- Staff to create a temporary Art Judging subcommittee to support public awareness of the Brisbane Lagoon Watershed Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan
- Fernandez to update Committee on Sea Level Rise Lagoon study at next meeting
- Community meeting at the Brisbane Library to be held 4/30 for public questions and comments on Sea Level Rise Adaptation Plan

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS AND REORGANIZATION

- Events (Becker, Salmon) – Earth Day Habitat Restoration 4/18 Owl Canyon.
- Education and Outreach (**Rogers**, Walker) – Library display on climate change currently at library, next display will be in July.
- Climate Action Planning (Atapattu, Becker, Walker) – Next steps to set up an initial Notion workspace for CAP ideas and beginning to draft a collaborative plan. Subcommittee to research templates for the CAP that they would like to follow.
- Open Space Plan update (Nunan, Rogers, **Salmon**) – none
- *Crocker Trail Frog Habitat (Nunan, **Rogers**, Salmon) – none
- Tree Subcommittee Meeting (Rogers, **Salmon**) – Draft presentation for Council on the canopy goal setting process and outcomes to be agendaized next meeting.
- Liaisons (Rogers, **Walker**) – Walker to present 2025 accomplishments at 4/16 Council meeting.
- PCA Grant (**Becker**, Salmon) – Feedback from Grant manager on denial.
- Dark Skies – Summer event to be planned.
- Sierra Point Park Planning (Rogers) - none

CALENDAR ITEMS – De La Cruz to help plan upcoming Dark Skies walk.

CHAIR AND COMMITTEE MEMBER MATTERS – Reminders for local businesses and community members to adhering to Dark Skies ordinance. Staff to follow up on artwork related to the proposed David Schooley plaque.

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2026

ADJOURN – 7:56 PM



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date: December 11, 2025

From: Jeremy Dennis, City Manager & Maz Bozorginia, Director of Public Works

Subject: Plaque Honoring David Schooley

Recommendation

Receive this informational report and provide general guidance on the concept of installing a commemorative bronze plaque honoring David Schooley, including input on proposed locations and next steps. Following Council's direction, staff will bring the project to the Parks and Recreation Commission for design development and approval.

Background

David Schooley has been a leading advocate for the protection and stewardship of San Bruno Mountain for more than fifty years. His conservation work, educational outreach, and collaboration with local jurisdictions have played a central role in preserving the mountain's ecological resources and ensuring long-term public access.

City leadership has expressed interest in commemorating Mr. Schooley's contributions. Staff is recommending a plaque be placed at an appropriate location that reflects Mr. Schooley's commitment to the Mountain.

Discussion

The City Manager has identified several possible access points into the San Bruno Mountain trail network, such as the connections near Paul and Margaret Avenues, as potential locations for a single commemorative plaque. These neighborhood access points offer contextual relevance for trail users and a strong connection to the mountain that Mr. Schooley dedicated decades to protecting. Staff are proposing to mount the plaque on a natural boulder at the selected site to ensure that the installation blends with the surrounding environment. Should Council prefer another location with broader public visibility or a different connection to the mountain, staff can evaluate additional options.

The plaque would include a portrait relief and a brief statement honoring his legacy. This report provides preliminary information for Council's consideration before the project moves to the Parks and Recreation Commission for design review.

To gather initial cost information, staff contacted a vendor previously used by the City. The preliminary concept includes a custom portrait relief, approximately 100 words of text, and a working plaque dimension of 14" x 20", although the final size may need to increase depending on the selected imagery and narrative. Since the portrait relief is entirely custom and the

artwork determines the casting size, the vendor cannot provide a firm quote until final text and artwork are submitted. As a point of reference, a similar bronze casting recently completed by the same vendor for the San Francisco Fire Department cost \$2,800, plus tax and freight.

If Council provides general direction to proceed, staff will bring the project to the Parks and Recreation Commission for design development. The Commission would review and refine the plaque language, confirm the preferred location, and select final design elements. Once these components are finalized, staff will submit the artwork and text to the fabricator for a definitive cost estimate and proceed with fabrication and installation.

Fiscal Impact

Based on vendor input and staff estimates:

- Plaque fabrication is anticipated at approximately \$3,000;
- City staff labor and installation materials are estimated at approximately \$2,000;
- A high range estimate of up to \$10,000 accounts for a larger plaque size or expanded artwork requirements.

All expected costs fall within staff's purchasing authority, and current budgets can support such an effort.

Attachments

None.



Maz Bozorginia, Director of Public Works



Jeremy Dennis, City Manager

DRAFT

City of Brisbane Tree Canopy Plan (2026–2040)

Growing 13,033 Trees for a Greener, Cooler Brisbane

Open Space & Ecology Committee



Canopy Status 2024

4,700

2040 Canopy Goal:

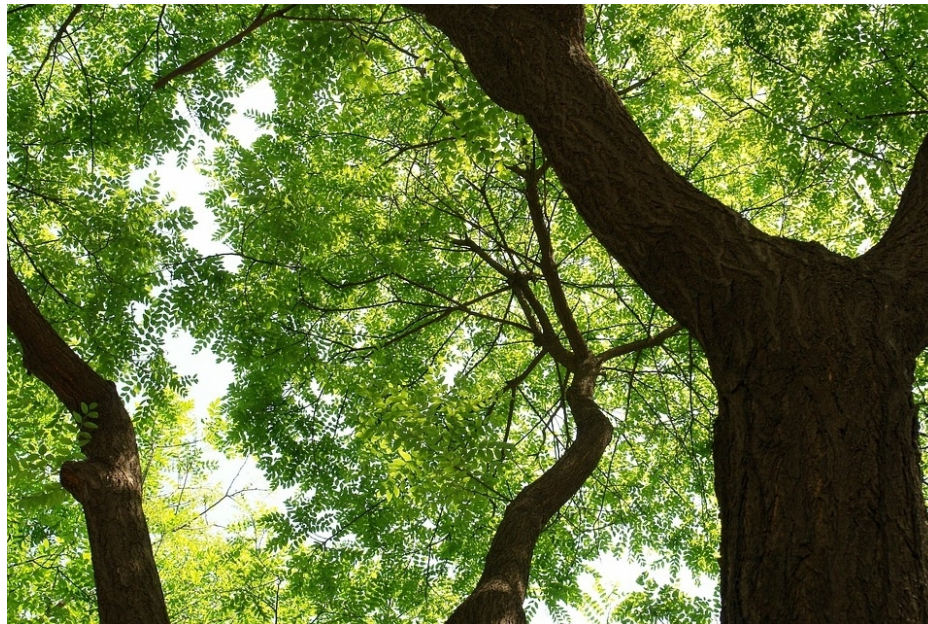
18,000

New Trees to be Planted

13,300

Draft 2040 Canopy Goal

Brisbane has been evaluating options for a *citywide tree canopy cover goal by the year 2040*. A planning document presented for public and committee review includes modeled scenarios for increasing tree canopy throughout the city. The **recommended scenario** aims for the following:



- **Citywide tree canopy targeted at ~23% by 2040.**

This scenario assumes:

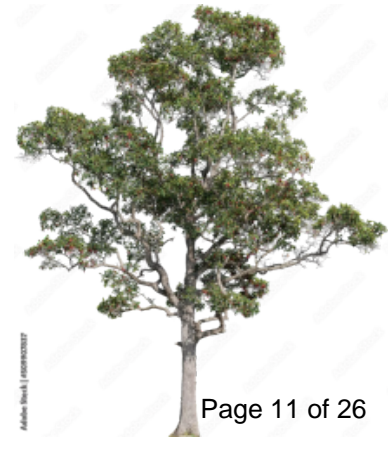
- Areas already above certain canopy thresholds remain unchanged.*
- Central Brisbane modeled for a 30% canopy goal where feasible.
- Commercial areas modeled for about 20% canopy.
- Baylands areas modeled for approximately 25% canopy.
- **Tree planting targets to achieve this:**
 - **Approx. 13,033 total trees needed citywide.**
 - **8,813 trees in the Baylands area.**
 - **4,220 trees across the rest of the city outside Baylands.**
 - **Equivalent to roughly 280 trees planted per year outside Baylands between now and 2040, assuming the plan is implemented as modeled.**

* Providing removed trees are replaced

How the 23 % Goal Was Modeled

- Areas already above 30 % canopy (like steeper residential hillsides, Lagoon, waterfront and quarry areas) would remain **unchanged**.
- Other parts of the city were modeled as follows:
 - **30 % canopy** in central Brisbane residential areas
 - **20 % canopy** in commercial zones
 - **25 % canopy** in the Baylands area
- With these figures combined, the overall average is about 23 % canopy citywide.

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Our Goal

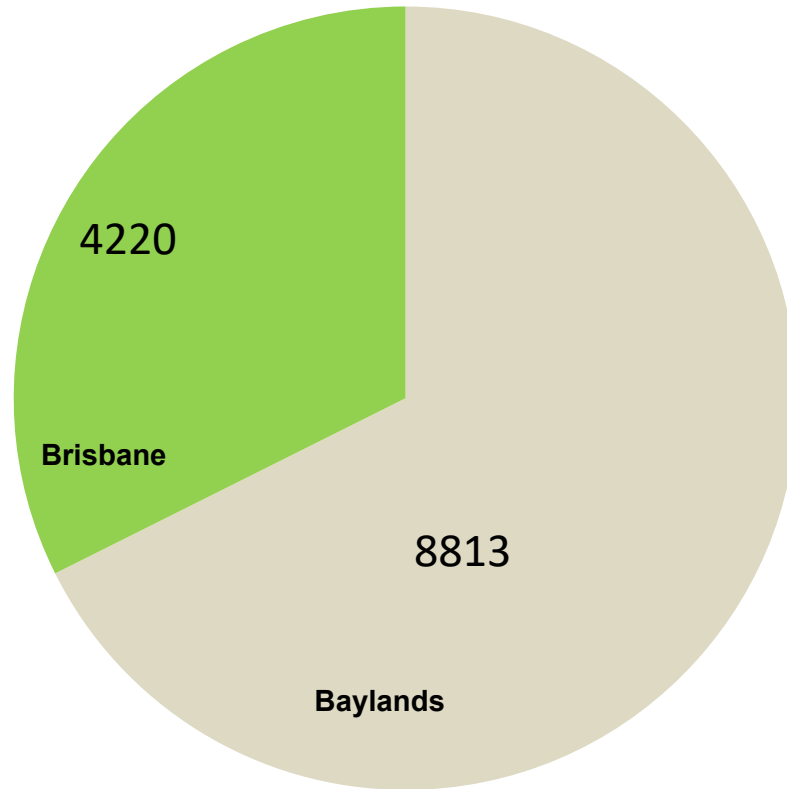
13,033

New Trees by 2040



Where Trees Will Be Planted

New Trees



Annual Planting Targets

Brisbane – Approximately 300+ trees on avg to be planted per year to 2040

- ***Planting is estimated at 300 trees per year across residential areas (30%) and commercial zones (23%) .***

Baylands - Approximately 600+ trees on avg to be planted per year to 2040 (depending on pace and areas of development)

Two-Pronged Strategy



Citywide

- Street trees & parks
- Residential planting
- Commercial greening



Baylands Development

- ~ 60% Native, fire-resilient species
- Habitat-sensitive planting
- Large-scale opportunity

Preferred Attributes of New Trees to be Planted:

- Certain percentage of Native Trees
- Fire Resiliency
- Climate Adaptability
- Size at Maturity
- Anticipated Lifespan
- Suited to specific site conditions (i.e residential vs street trees)

Other Long-Term Considerations:

- Brisbane's own Tree Farm

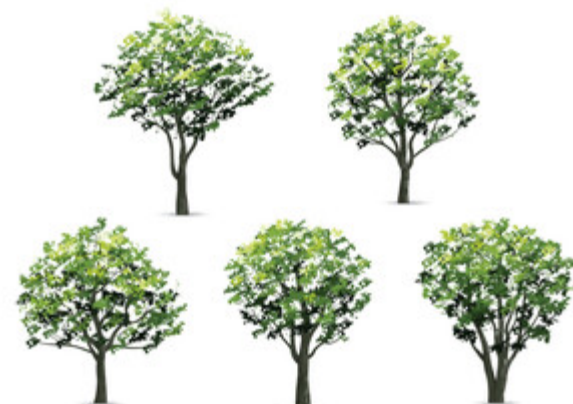
Free Residential Tree Program

Incentives for Residents:

- Free tree
- Planting guidance
- Care support

Prioritization:

- Low-canopy neighborhoods
- Seniors & underserved households
- Renters (with permission)



Other Incentives for Residential Tree Program

Additional Incentives to consider:

- Subsidy for purchase of tree:
 - *Water credit – i.e \$10 per month for first 18 months of planting*
 - *Voucher i.e. up to \$100 for purchase of tree (subject to approval by City)*
- Work with local nurseries (i.e. store coupon)
- Care support
- Brisbane's own Tree Farm



Potential Program Partners



- Friends of the Urban Forest
- Canopy
- Our City Forest
- California Native Plant Society
- Private Commercial Nurseries

- Partners provide trees, discounts, expertise, and volunteer support.

Implementation Timeline

Based on Current Development Projects *

1

2026–2028:
Launch
programs,
begin planting

2

2028–2035:
Scale planting
& partnerships

3

2035–2040:
Complete
targets &
assess canopy

** Excluding Baylands Phased Development*

Why This Matters

- Reduce urban heat index

- Improve air quality

- Increase shade

- Increases fire resiliency

- Support habitat

- Improve neighborhoods



Building a Greener Brisbane

- This plan creates a healthier, cooler, and more resilient community through strategic tree planting and strong community partnerships




Other informational slides


Contact Info:

Urban forestry orgs serving / near 94005

1) Friends of the Urban Forest

★ 3.4 • Non-profit organization

-  San Francisco (serves SF; closest major program to 94005)
-  (415) 561-6890
-  Website: friendsoftheurbanforest.org

 Best for:

- Street tree planting in San Francisco
- Community greening programs
- Volunteer planting events

Contact Info:

2) Canopy

5.0 • Non-profit organization • Open

• 📍 Palo Alto (Peninsula-focused, includes San Mateo County partnerships)

• 📞 (650) 964-6110

• 🌐 Website: canopy.org

👉 Best for:

• Tree planting programs on the Peninsula

• School + community forestry



• Climate resilience / canopy equity work

📌 Relevant to 94005 because they actively work across Peninsula communities, not just Palo Alto.

Contact Info:

3) Our City Forest

4.8 • Non-profit organization • Closed


-  San Jose (South Bay regional org)
-  (408) 998-7337

 Also relevant locations:

- Our City Forest Community Nursery
- Our City Forest - Urban Forestry Education Center

 Best for:

- Tree giveaways and planting programs
- Volunteer and workforce training
- Nursery access

 Serves South Bay primarily, but still part of the broader regional network.

Contact Info:

4) California Native Plant Society

★ 2.6 • Non-profit organization • [Open](#)

- 📍 Sacramento (statewide organization)
- 📞 (916) 447-2677
- 🌐 Website: cnps.org

👉 Best for:

- Native plant guidance
- Habitat restoration
- Local chapter connections

📌 Important: CNPS operates through **local chapters**, and for 94005 you'll want:

- **Yerba Buena Chapter (San Francisco / northern peninsula)**
- **Santa Clara Valley Chapter (south peninsula)**