

**Let's Talk...Trees,
Minutes: November 17, 2021**

Let's Talk Featured Speaker:

Rebecca Kiernan, Principal Resilience Planner for the City of Pittsburgh

Rebecca Kiernan presented on trees in Oakland, with special emphasis on pieces of the Oakland Plan, including the green street network, hillside management, and yard debris and compost. Kiernan also presented updates to the Pittsburgh Shade Tree Commission, including launching the Significant Tree Registry Program, the Equitable Street Tree Investment Plan, and the Greenways Partnership Program.

Q: Does your program put an emphasis in maintaining all the current and new trees in question?

A: That is really good point. We have a small forestry department given the amount trees that we have, but we've been doing a lot of work to alleviate some of the forestry needs so they can put more time into the maintenance. We've discussed incorporating trees in the Infrastructure Bill and in the Parks Tax. In both the Equitable Street Tree Investment Plan and the Greenways Partnership Program, we're looking at different models for community stewardship and maintenance of trees.

The next meeting is **Wednesday, December 15, 2021**, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom.

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