

City of  
**Gainesville**

**200456**

**Urban Forest  
Management Plan  
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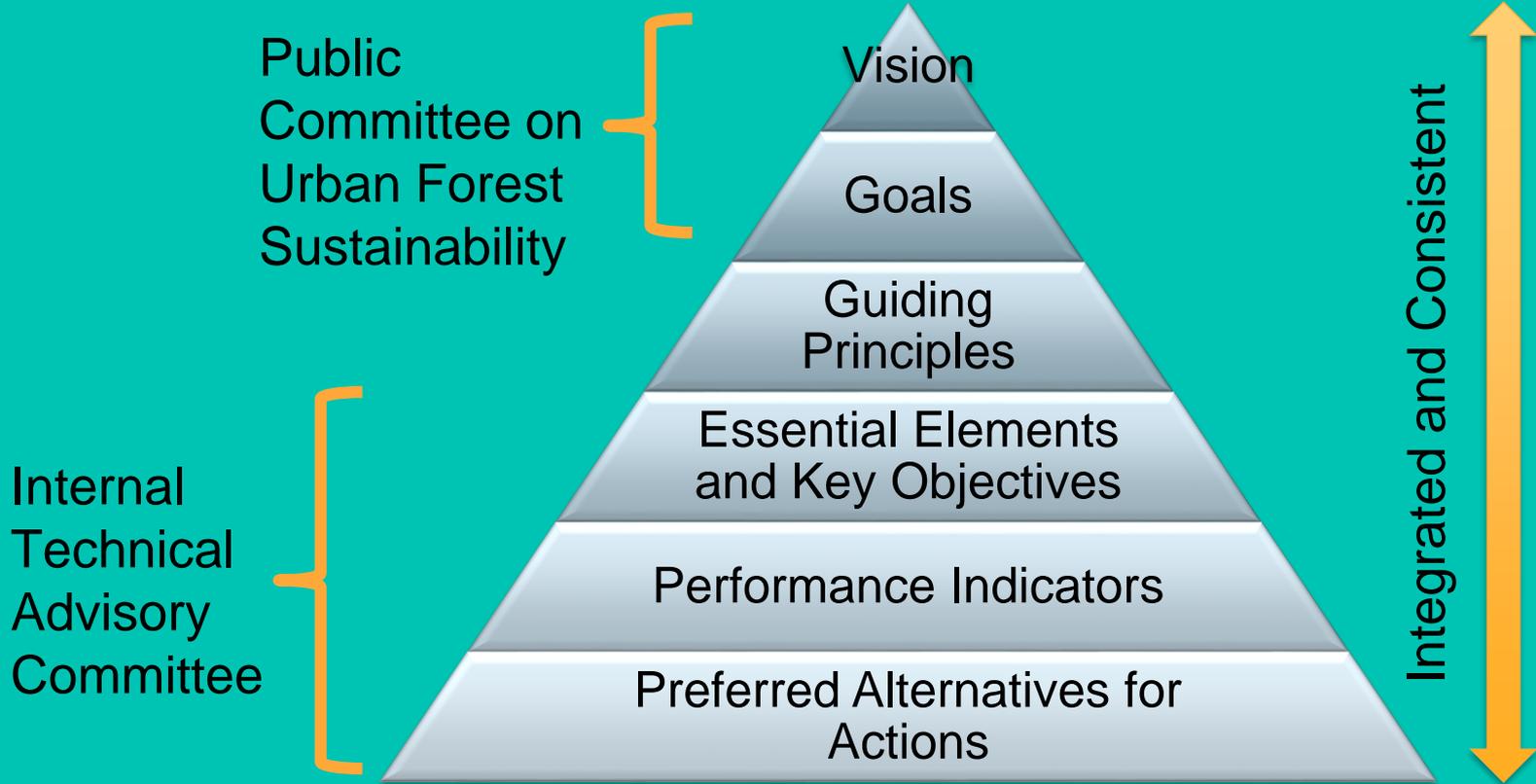
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# Process & Structure

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# Vision & Goals

**Gainesville's urban forest is diverse, healthy, and benefits the community**

The urban forest should...

- 1) Predominantly reflect diversity of surrounding native forest
- 2) Be healthy, resistant to insect infestations & disease, resilient to damage & disturbance
- 3) Include woodlands, parks, old trees that reflect historic character of the region, tree-lined roadways, individual trees, & understory vegetation
- 4) Support a mutually enhancing relationship between natural & built environment
- 5) Citizens & government should be educated about urban forest & its benefits
- 6) Bring beauty, interest, and calming atmosphere to urban environment
- 7) Support Gainesville communities' values & unique character

## Goal 4

The urban forest should support a mutually enhancing relationship between the natural and the built environments.

### HUMAN HEALTH

**Objective:** No net loss of human health benefits from the urban as defined by the EPA health benefits model used within the i-Tree analysis program (Strategic Framework 3 b).

#### Optimal Performance Indicator

Parks, greenways and trails with green infrastructure (trees and shrubs) exist within a 10 minute walk (0.6 mi) from any home.



Good

Parks, greenways and trails with green infrastructure (trees and shrubs) exist within a 15 minute walk (1 mi.) from any home.



Moderate

Parks, greenways and trails with green infrastructure (trees and shrubs) exist within a 5 minute drive from any home.



Low

**No net loss of acreage of existing parks, greenways and trails with green infrastructure (trees and shrubs) since 2016.**

#### Consensus Action(s)

1. Calculate the distance and travel time to parks (Arc-GIS, spatial analyst).
2. Develop Citywide strategic plan for acquisition and development of parks, greenways and trails to ensure equitable accessibility.



# Recommendation

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The City Commission adopt the Urban Forest Management Plan as the strategic plan for management of the City of Gainesville's urban forest.