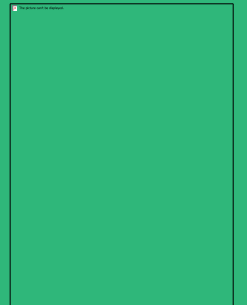


Tree Code Update to the Redmond Zoning Code (RZC)

July 21, 2026

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Agenda

- Background and introduction
- Public participation
- Key changes
- Schedule
- Questions



Background

- Current regulations adopted in 1998
- Significant growth in population, housing and jobs since 1998
- Urban Growth Area and Growth Management Act compliance
- Competing interests
- Tree protection in an urbanizing community
- Updates to RZC 21.72, 21.30.070, 21.78 and references



Goals and Objectives



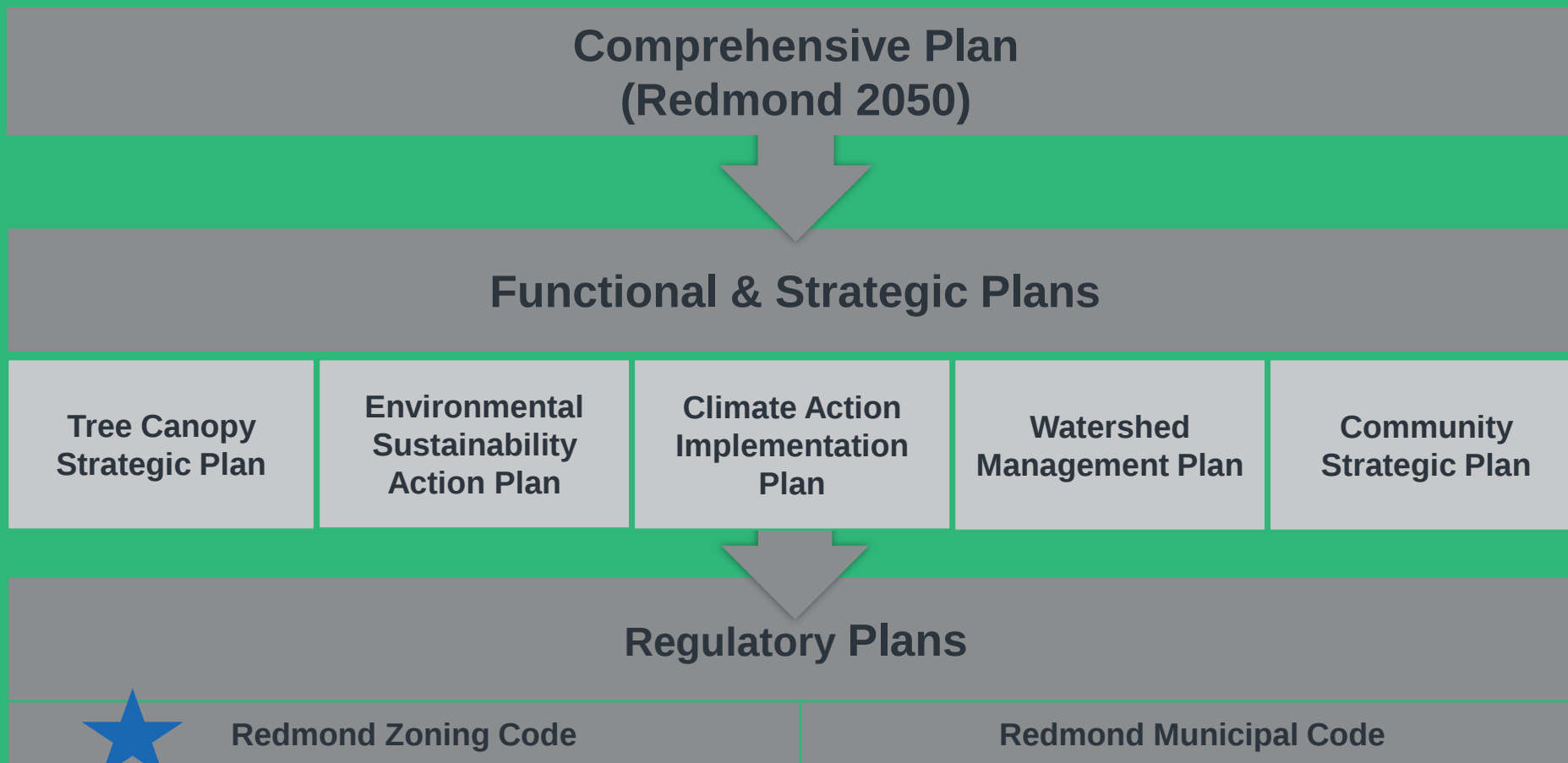
Goals:

- Provide clarity
- Reflect community values
- Align with middle housing and growth targets
- Align with Comprehensive Plan

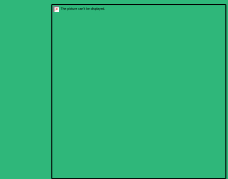
Objectives:

- Ensure strong stakeholder involvement
- Identify regulatory gaps
- Create clear reporting mechanisms
- Support Tree Canopy Strategic Plan

Tree Regulations Relationships



Roles:



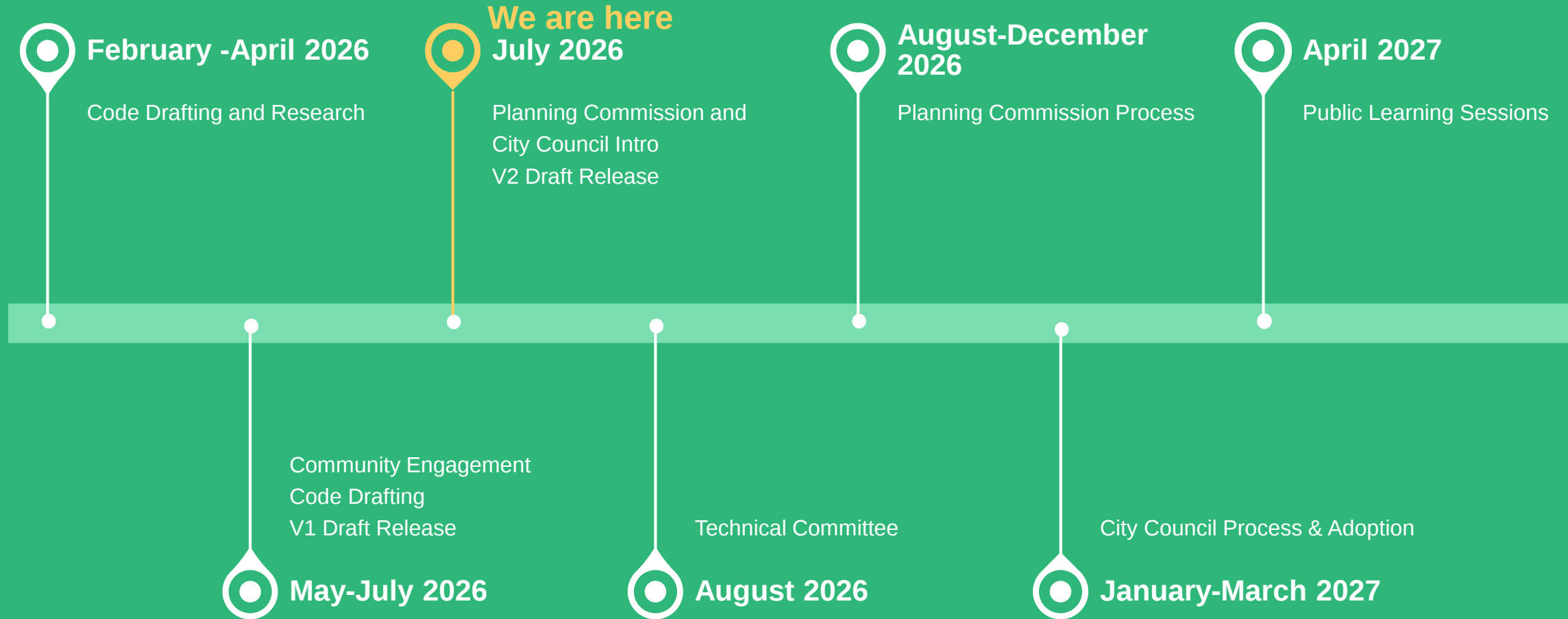
Community
(ongoing input)

Staff
(implement regulations)

Planning Commission
(hold public hearing & recommendation)

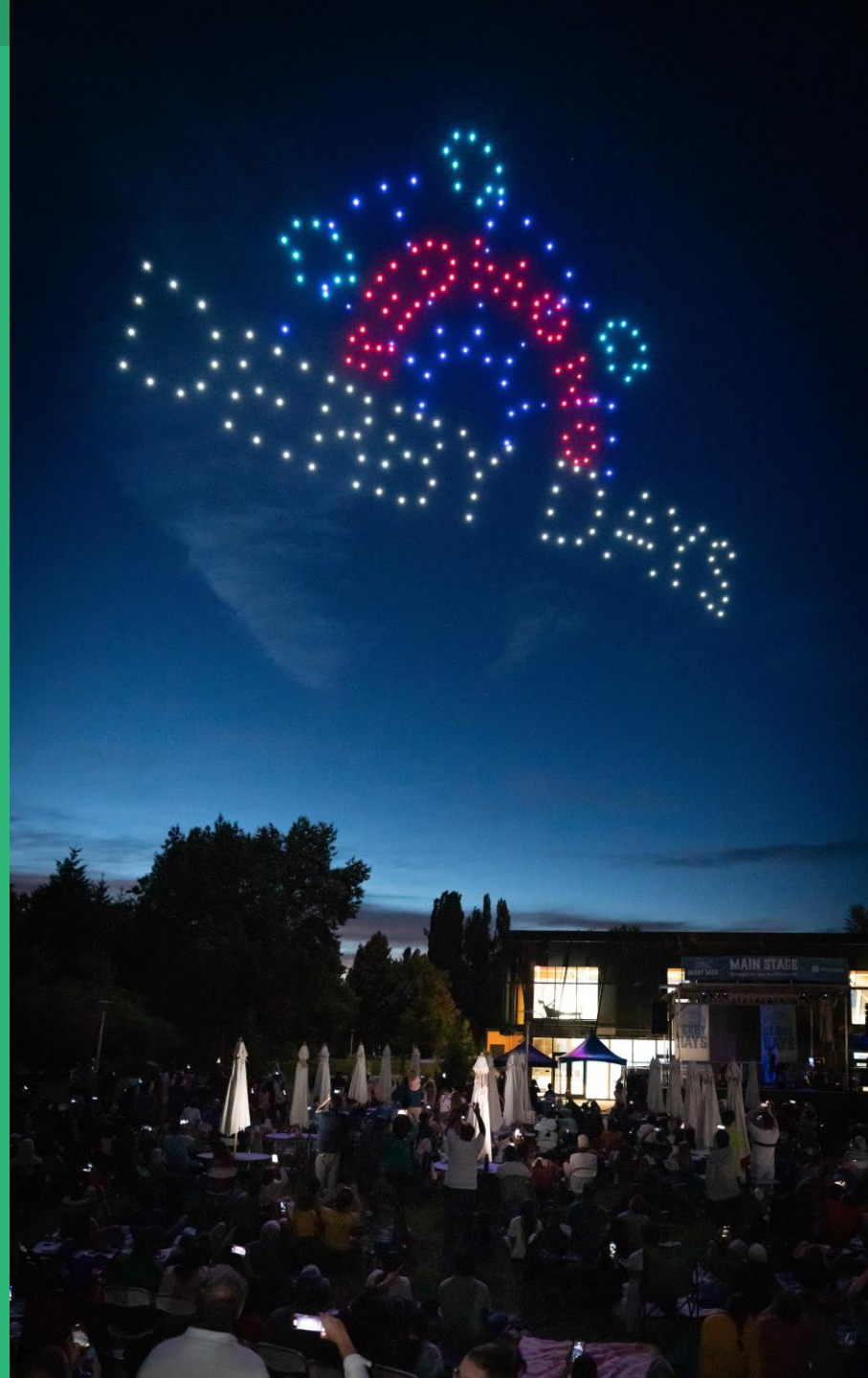
City Council
(approve plan & code amendments)

Timeline

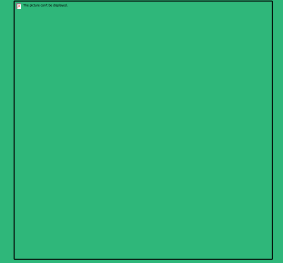


Community Outreach and Involvement

- Tree Code Update email
- Learning Sessions and Office Hours
- Let's Connect questionnaire (closes July 31)
- eNews and social media
- Derby Days
- Post code adoption:
 - Learning Sessions for community and staff



Community Feedback Summary



- Hazard tree replacement
- Tree credit multiplier concerns
- Impacts on heavily treed lots
- Aligning definitions with American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A300
- Property line trees
- Increased trees in Downtown and urban centers
- Slow deforestation
- Development flexibilities
- Outreach needs
- Clarify trees versus hedges/shrubs

Key Changes

- Updated definitions 21.78
- Tree credits for development
- Enforcement & penalties
- Tree fee-in-lieu uses
- Exception request criteria
- Hazardous Landmark & Heritage tree replacements
- Development flexibilities
- Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)
- Programmatic permitting
- Heritage trees
- Culturally Modified Trees (CMTs) 21.30.070
- Tree replacement standards

Next Steps

- Technical Committee: August 2026
- Planning Commission: July - December 2026
 - Public Hearing: Oct. 14, 2026
- City Council: January 2027





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Thank You

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