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Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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RE: Urban Forestry Commission Proposed City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan Environmental Element policy recommendations for the 2012 Annual Update

The Seattle Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) would like to propose to update policies of the City of Seattle Comprehensive Plan's Environmental Element to better reflect and be consistent with the City's Urban Forestry Management Plan and current canopy management approach. The following updates are suggested.

C – Natural Systems Approach
E9.5

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H – Seattle's Trees
E23

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E24

Update the 2000 tree canopy inventory in the Urban Forest Management Plan at least every 10 years to measure progress toward the goal of increased canopy coverage.