



# Seattle Public Utilities

## 2016 Urban Forestry Budget

### Seattle reLeaf

- Support residents in planting and caring for trees on private property, including distribution of 1,000 free trees / year
- Engage volunteers in stewardship of urban forest including invasive species removal from public right of way and Tree Walk public engagement events
- Provide clear, concise communications to residents regarding urban forestry issues through newsletter, website, brochures, speaking engagements and other avenues
- Provide help to residents in navigating City bureaucracy related to trees
- Participate in regional and community efforts in supporting public engagement in urban forestry
- Increase equitable access to Seattle’s urban forest

Fund Source	Percent
Seattle Public Utilities, Drainage and Wastewater Ratepayer funds	44%
Seattle City Light, Vegetation management funds	17%
General funds	39%

	Budget
Labor	\$308,491
Nonlabor	\$199,509
Total	\$508,000

### Green Seattle Partnership

- \$100,000 to support the restoration work done by the Green Seattle Partnership

### Management of Trees on SPU Owned Lands

- ~200 acres of SPU owned landed within Seattle and the county (primarily in the city),
- Reservoirs, detention pond, other utility properties including Meadowbrook retention pond / Thornton Creek confluence (13 acres), Webster pond, Charlestown stand pipe
- 2 senior gardeners and 3 gardeners
- Replanting of trees removed during capital projects such as the north and south transfer stations

	Budget
Labor	\$500,000
Nonlabor	\$50,000
Total	\$550,000