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Theresa Doherty and Kristine Kenney  
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RE: UW's Urban Forest Management Plan

Dear Theresa and Kristine,

The Urban Forestry Commission appreciated your briefing on the University of Washington's Draft 2018 Master Plan and the Draft Urban Forest Management Plan.

Upon review of the UW's Urban Forest Management Plan, the Commission was happy to see the UW emphasize the importance of their urban trees by adopting high urban forestry management standards, aligning the UW's tree policies with the City's, and considering the impacts of climate change. With over 665 acres and more than 8,009 trees valued at \$35M, the UW has a considerable asset that contributes to Seattle's livability.

The Commission would encourage the UW to address their invasive species challenges by exploring partnerships with groups such as the Green Seattle Partnership which has been very successful in addressing similar issues in Seattle's forested parkland.

Lastly, the Commission would like to commend the UW for going beyond the City's canopy cover goal for institutional properties by setting a goal of 23 percent canopy cover 2037.

Sincerely,