



# SDOT Urban Forestry



City of Seattle

# Our mission, vision, and core values

**Mission:** deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

**Vision:** connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For **all**

# Division mission

- SDOT Maintenance Operations Division mission is to provide integrated maintenance, emergency response, and stewardship of the engineered and natural systems within the Right of Way to promote a safe, vibrant and interconnected city.





# What We Do

- Manage street trees along streets throughout the City of Seattle.
- Support property owner requests for permit approval to plant, prune or remove street trees.
- Provide design & construction direction for private and public development projects.



# What We Do

- Oversee design and construction of SDOT Major Projects and Capital Improvement Projects.
- Provide public information through outreach and education.
- By administering, maintaining, protecting, and expanding Seattle's urban landscape in the street right-of-way, we maximize economic, environmental, safety and aesthetic benefits for the public.



# Move Seattle Levy

- \$930M transportation funding beginning 2016
- 30% of Seattle's transportation budget
- Maintained previous funding for street trees
- Added \$5.4M street tree maintenance funding (over 9 years)





# MOVE Seattle Levy Goals and Accomplishments 2018

- We exceeded the annual target for most deliverables. SDOT Urban Forestry continuously plants 2018 and 2019 levy delivered street trees throughout the winter as it is the ideal time to plant trees for optimal survival. Both 2018 and 2019 tree planting goals will be met by the end of April 2019. In addition to these levy deliverables, Urban Forestry crews plant trees in support of Seattle City Light Urban Tree Replacement and Safe Routes to School programs.

# 2016-2018 Totals

## PERFORMANCE REPORT

LEVY DELIVERABLE	2016	2017	2018	2018 PLANNED	TOTAL TO DATE
Trees planted	452	338	237	300	1,027
Trees pruned (trimmed)	5,785	5,213	5,412	4,500	16,410
Trees removed	186	146	187	n/a	519
Landscape maintained	1,346	1,343	1,863	1,000	4,552
Tree or vegetation obstruction removed	443	837	489	400	1,769

## 2018 FINANCIALS

	MOVE SEATTLE	ALL FUNDS
ADOPTED BUDGET	\$ 2.1 M	\$ 5.4 M
REVISED BUDGET	\$ 2.1 M	\$ 5.4 M
2018 SPEND PLAN	\$ 2.1 M	\$ 5.4 M
2018 TOTAL SPEND, ACTUALS	\$ 2.5 M	\$ 6.1 M
TOTAL SPENT TO DATE, LIFE OF LEVY	\$ 6.7 M	\$ 17.0 M
LEVY BUDGET AVAILABLE (2019-24)	\$ 13.3 M	\$34.5 M



# 2019 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

This program is on track to meet annual planned accomplishments and has already exceeded the planned trees planted. This reflects the seasonality of tree planting.

## PERFORMANCE REPORT

LEVY DELIVERABLE	2019 PLANNED	Q1	Q2	Q3	2019 TOTAL
Trees planted	363	426			426
Trees pruned (trimmed)	4,000	692			692
Trees removed	n/a	48			48
Landscape maintained	1,000	215			215
Tree or vegetation obstruction removed	300	34			34

## 2019 FINANCIALS

	MOVE SEATTLE	ALL FUNDS
ADOPTED BUDGET	\$2.2M	\$5.5M
REVISED BUDGET	\$2.2M	\$5.5M
2019 SPEND PLAN	\$2.2M	\$5.5M
2019 Q1 SPENDING ACTUALS	\$0.7M	\$1.0M
2019 TOTAL SPEND, ACTUALS	\$0.7M	\$1.0M

# Landscape Architects Office

- Design guidance for all private development beyond single family (SIPs)
- Design guidance, plan review for city-funded capital projects
- Lead representative on ROWIM, Standard Plans and Specification updates
- Plan Review for Major Utility Permits
- Construction inspection for all of the above
- Special Projects





# City Arborist Office

- Street Tree and asset management (inventory, analysis, tree selection)
- Policy development
- Customer Service
- Street tree inspection, tree risk assessment, and work order generation
- Residential point of contact





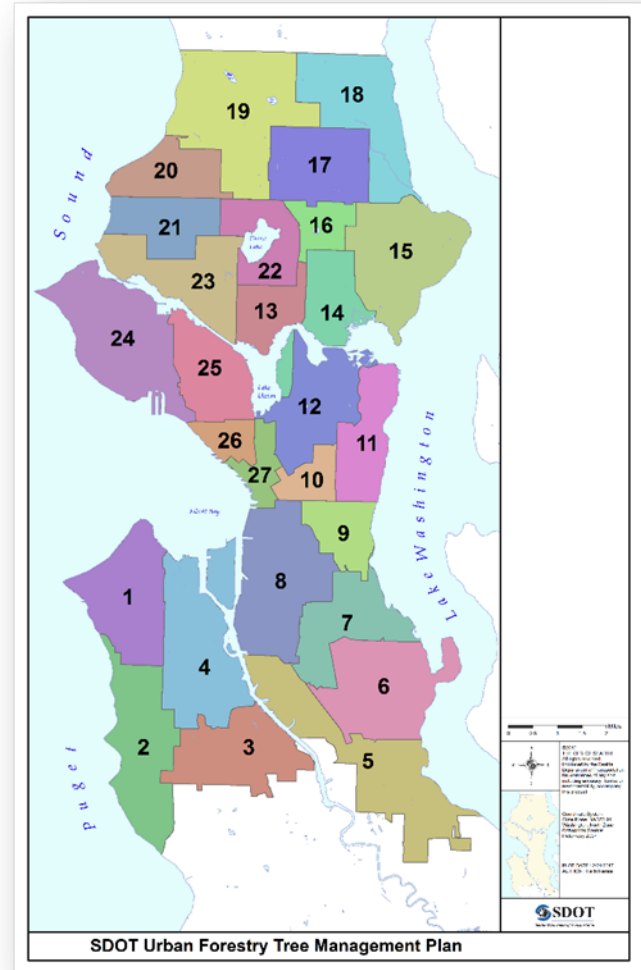
# Urban Forestry Operations

- Tree, Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance
- 40,000+ street trees, 50+ irrigation systems, 120+ acres of landscapes
- Street tree and landscape maintenance (pruning, planting, specialty tree maintenance)
- Customer Service related to SDOT owned trees
- Emergency Response including windstorms, snow and ice, and encampments
- Irrigation maintenance, winterization, emergency response
- Volunteer support



# 9-year Street Tree Management Plan (STMP)

- Funded 2016 – 2024
- 27 management units
  - City council districts divided along U.S. Census tracts
- Emphasize 3 units annually







## STMP Emphasis 2018 and 2019

- 2018 Units 21, 8, 13
- 2019 Units 20, 27, 6



# Questions?

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