

2020 Urban Forest Management Plan update

Urban Forestry Commission

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Today's presentation

- Update process
- Draft plan structure and content
- Next steps and timeline

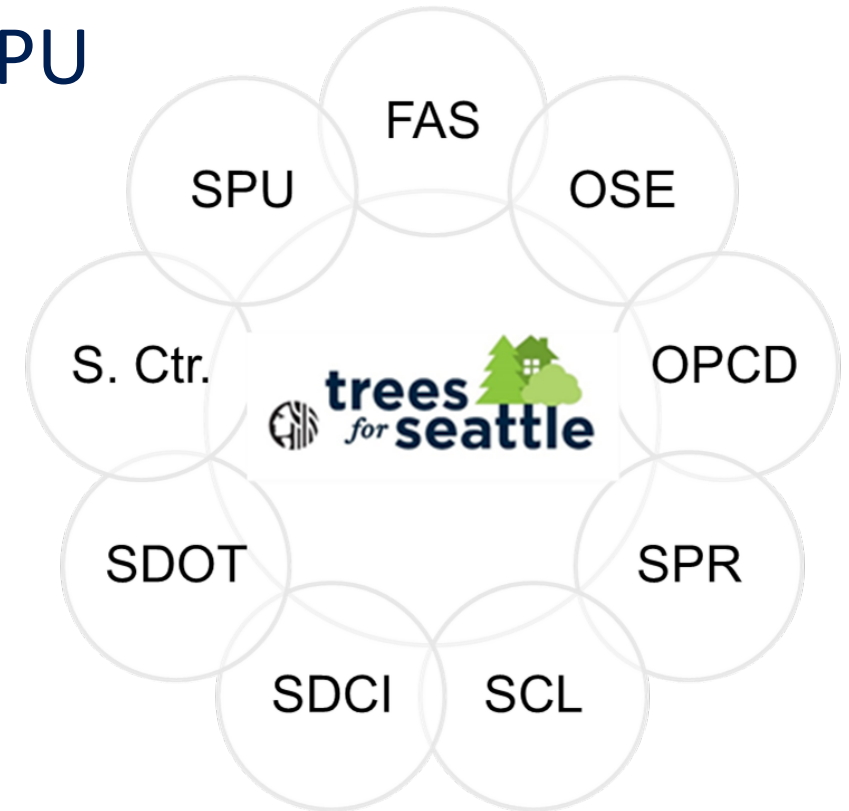


UFMP update process



Core Team and Plan update scoping

- OSE, OPCD, SCL, SDCI, SDOT, SPR, and SPU
- Purpose of the plan update
- Plan update key objectives
- Inclusive engagement plan



Public engagement

- Two phases
- Inclusive Engagement Phase I (2018)
 - Partnership with SPU's Community Connection and DoN's Community Liaisons
 - Develop goals in partnership
 - Report backs (2019)
- Public input phase II (2020)



Inclusive Engagement - Phase I

- Initial engagement key principles
- Listening sessions with key stakeholders
 - Tree advocates
 - Tree service providers
 - City implementation partners
 - Government agencies
- Initial assessment



Urban Forestry Commission involvement

- Listening session: September 5, 2018
- Deliberative sessions:
 - March 12, 2019
 - Goals discussion
 - August 27, 2019
 - Strategies
 - Actions
 - Performance indicators



Drafting the Plan

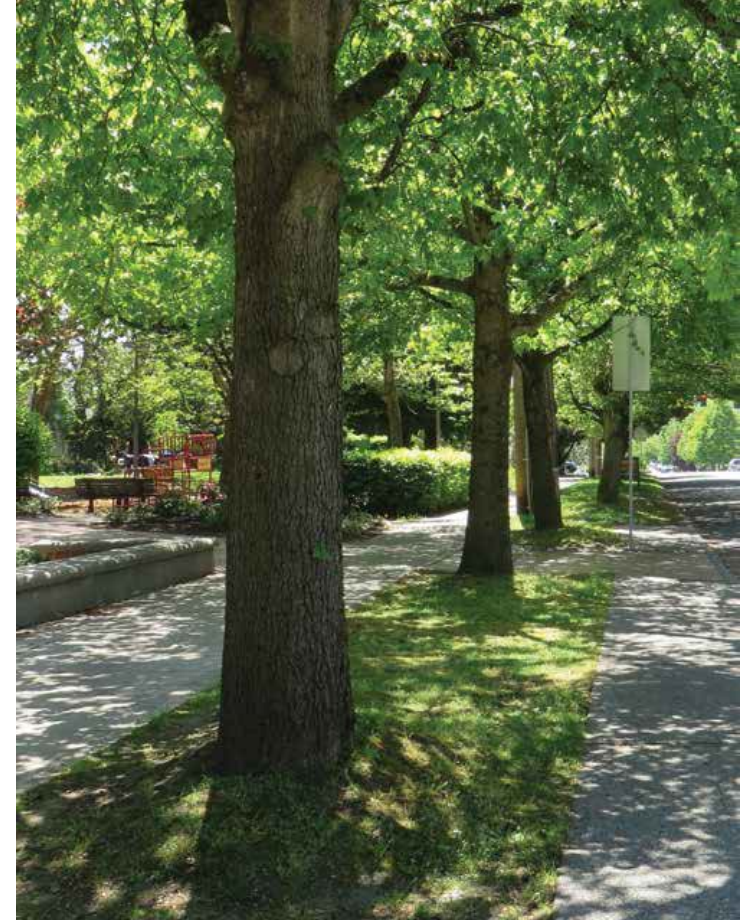
- Incorporate BIPOC communities' and stakeholders' input
- Initial assessment recommendations
- UFC strategic conversations
- Created UFMP goals and strategies
- Focused Action Agenda



UFMP structure and content

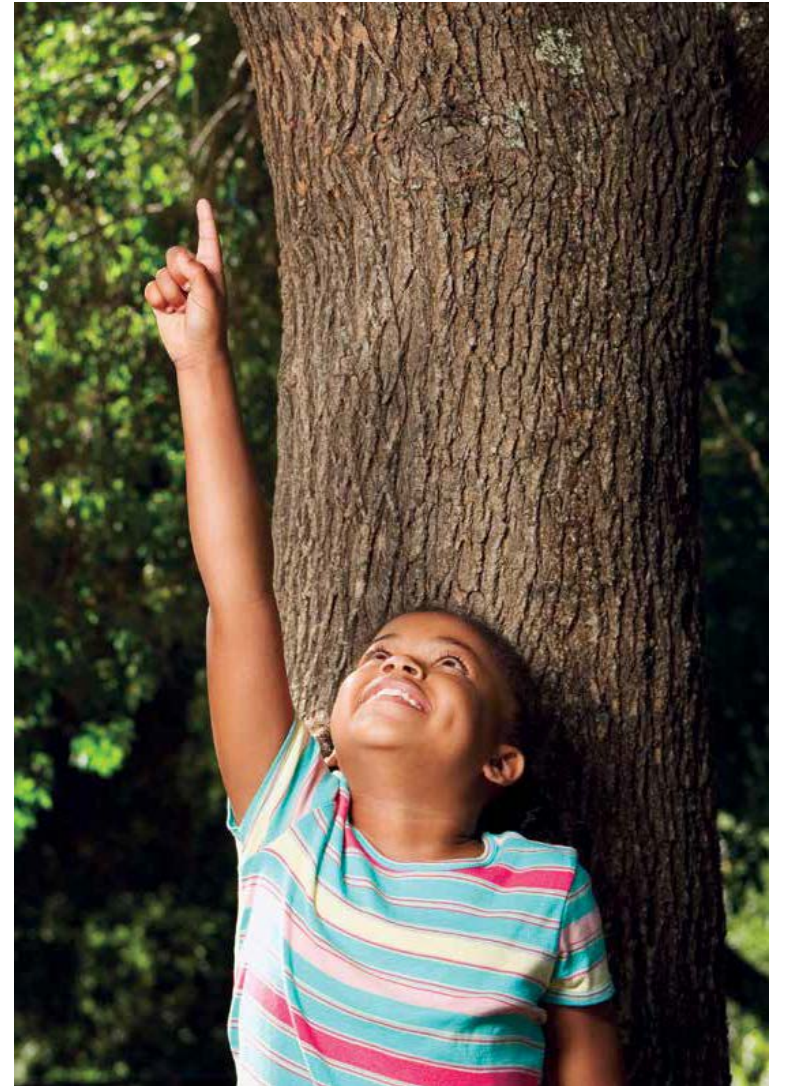
UFMP structure

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Seattle's urban forestry today
- Chapter 3: Existing management approach
- Chapter 4: Goals and strategies
- Chapter 5: Action agenda
- Chapter 6: tracking progress
- Chapter 7: Future research needs



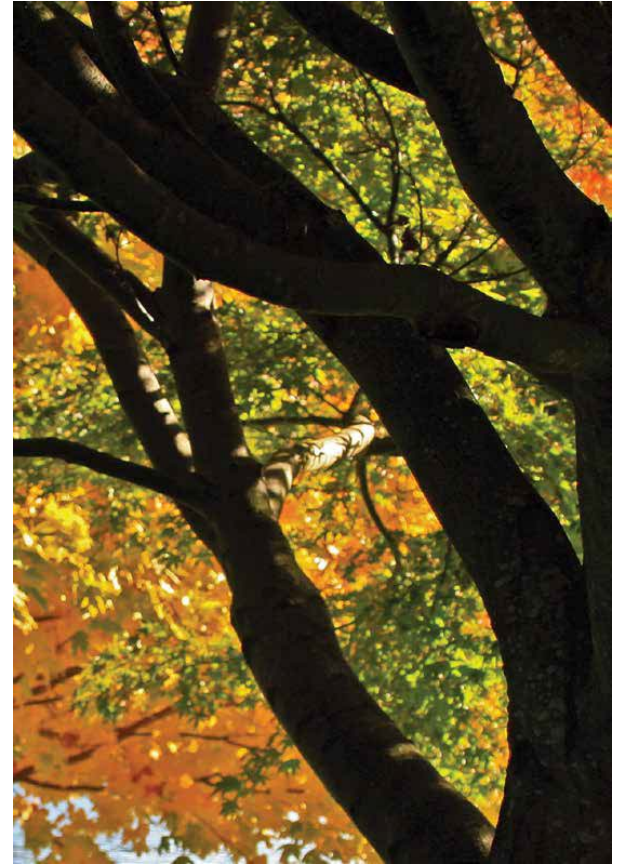
Chapter 1: Introduction

- What is the urban forest?
- Purpose of the plan
- Importance of urban trees
- Seattle's relationship to trees
- Update process



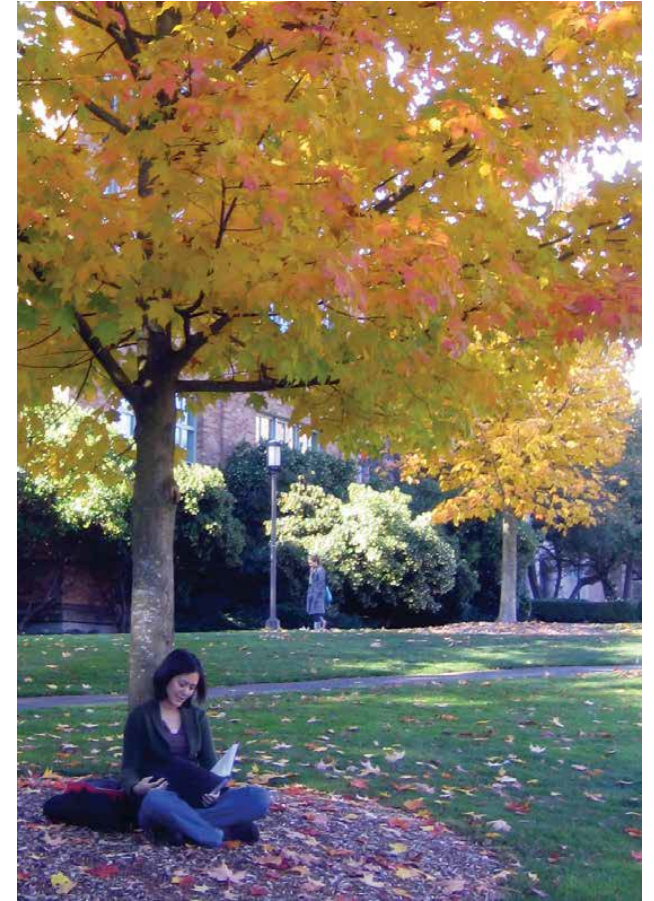
Chapter 2: Seattle's urban forestry today

- Urban forest management units
- Types of trees: public, private, ROW
- 2016 canopy cover assessment
- Other assessment/inventory efforts
- Challenges to the urban forest



Chapter 3: Existing management approach

- Responsibilities by department
- Existing policies
- Existing programs
- Management of public and street trees



Chapter 4: Goals and strategies

1. Racial and social equity
2. Ecosystems and human health
3. Human safety and property protection
4. Climate change
5. Community care
6. Balance competing priorities



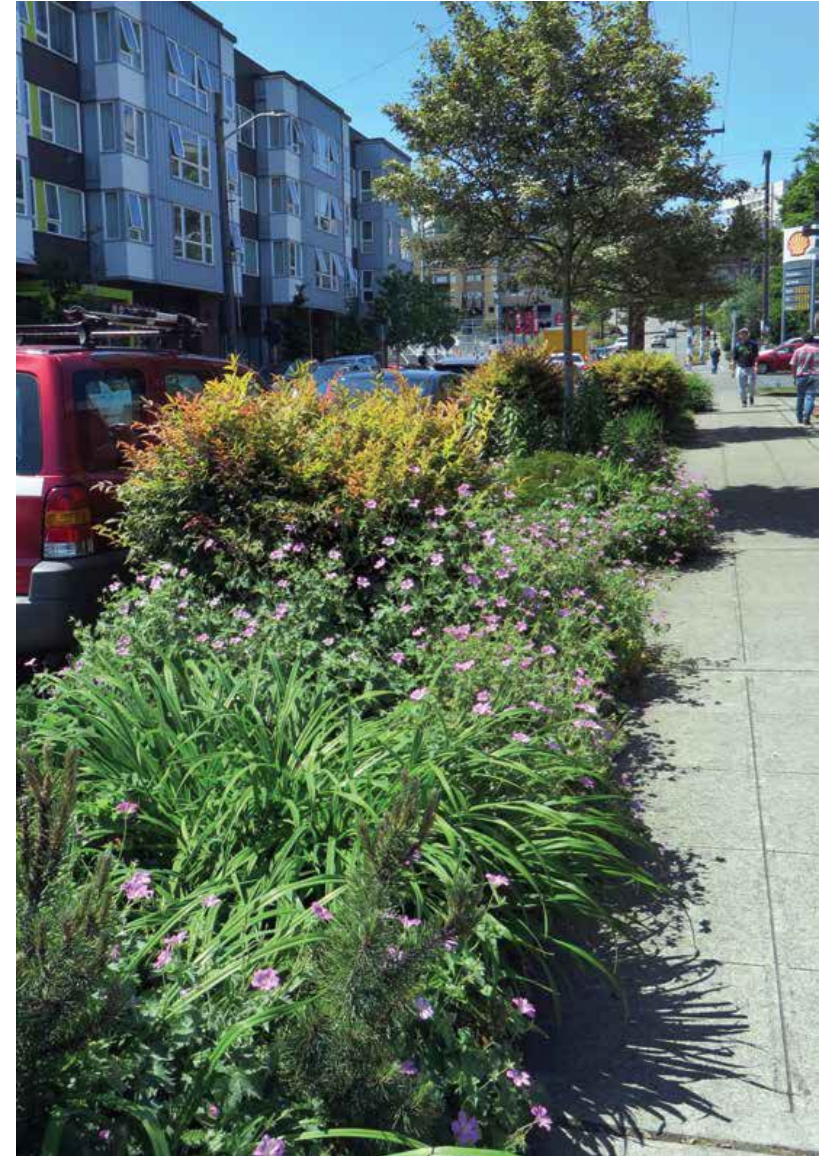
Chapter 4: Goals and strategies

1. Consider the needs of BIPOC communities
2. Prepare for climate change impacts
3. Understand the condition and complexity of the UF resource
4. Coordinate communication
5. Inspire, inform, and work with community
6. Preserve, restore and enhance the UF
7. Regulate and provide support



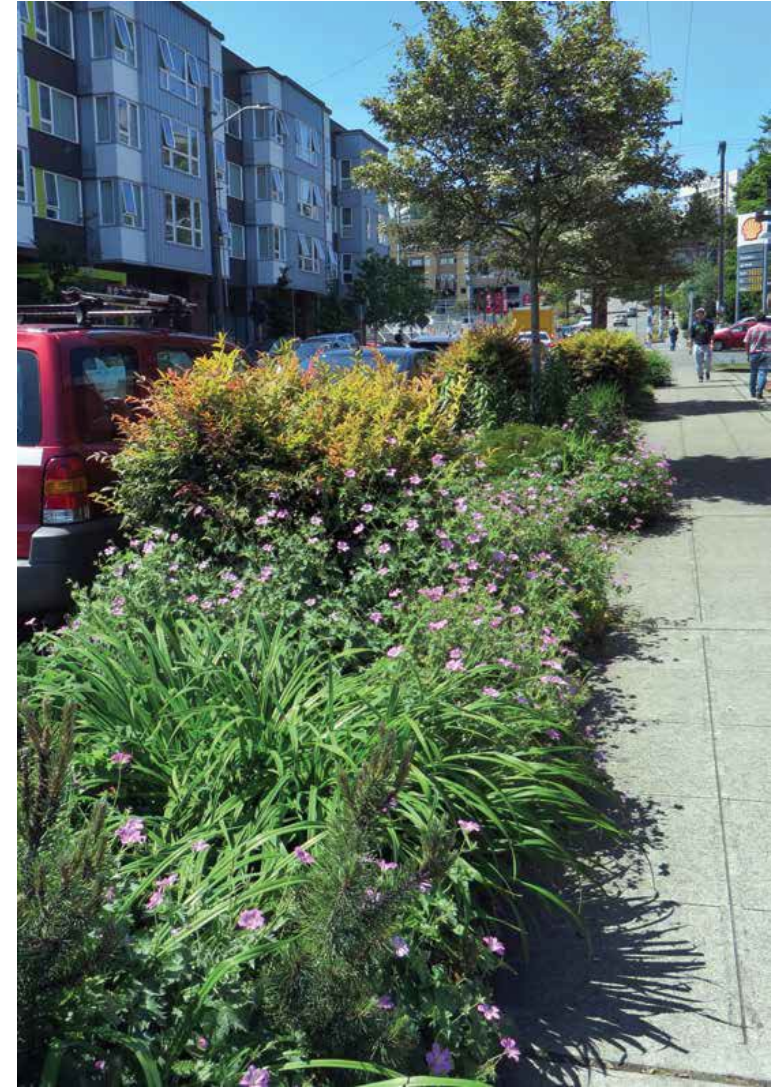
Chapter 5: action agenda

- 18 short-term actions
 - Six priority actions
- Informed by input from engagement
- Details in departmental work plans
- Separate from ongoing UF efforts
- With existing budget



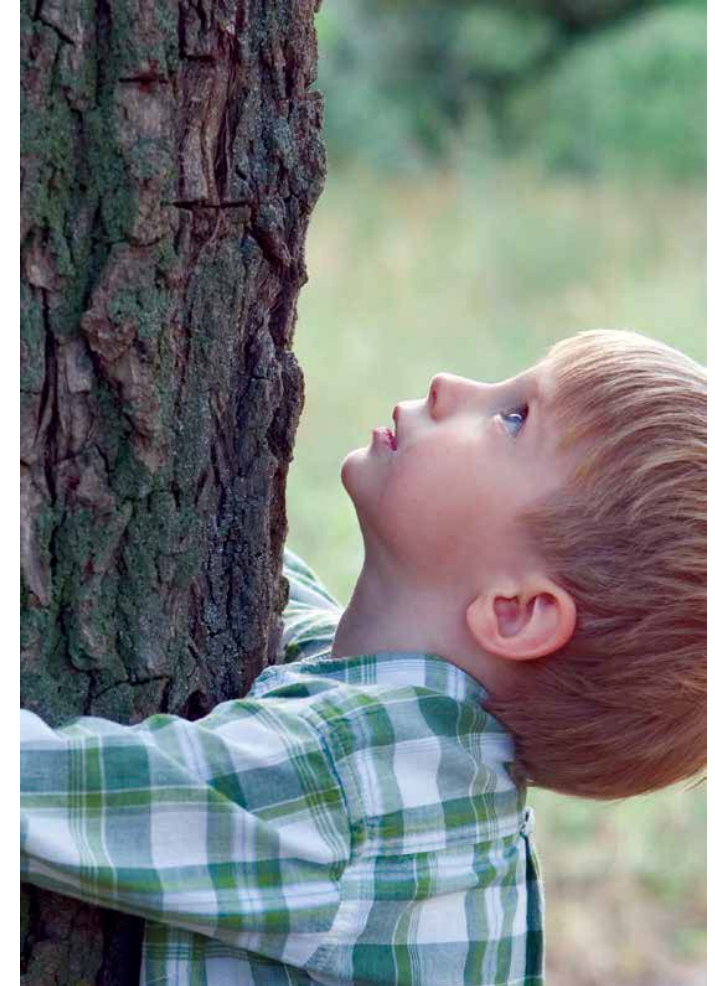
Chapter 6: Tracking progress

- Key performance indicators
 - Quantitative indicators
 - Quantitative key activity metrics
 - Qualitative indicators



Chapter 7: Future research needs

- Ongoing partnerships with research institutions and industry
- Helpful ongoing research
 - Quantitative data on benefits of trees as an equity issue
 - Pruning cycle cost/benefit analysis
 - Quantifying stormwater and water quality benefits
 - Systems for monetizing UF benefits
 - Life-cycle costs of deferred maintenance
 - Tree planting and gentrification



Public Engagement - Phase II

- Public input
- Produce SEPA checklist and issue determination
- Produce final draft for Mayoral review and approval
- Send to City Council for adoption



Next steps timeline

- Public input: October – November
- Incorporate public input into plan: December
- Mayor's office review and approval: January 2021
- Issue SEPA decision and plan production: February 2021
- Present to Council's LUN Committee: Spring 2021



2020 UFMP Documents

- Website:
www.seattle.gov/trees/management
- Post all comments
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Questions?

