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.