

Urban Forest Management Plan Update

Urban Forestry Commission
Listening Session

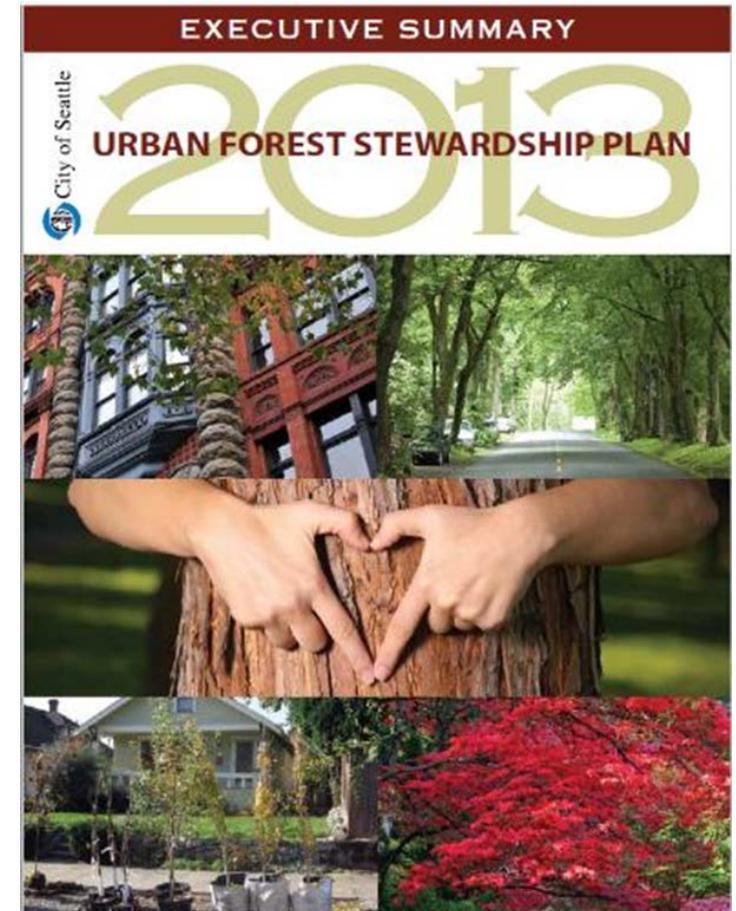
September 5, 2018



City of Seattle

Urban Forest Management Plan

- Management of trees:
 - Along streets
 - In parks
 - On private property
 - Near power equipment
- Work across 9 departments
- Guides goals and actions



Hopes for New Plan

- Data driven approach
 - Canopy cover
 - Street tree inventory
- Emphasis on equity
- Impacts of climate change
- Measurable actions / accountability
- Robust public engagement



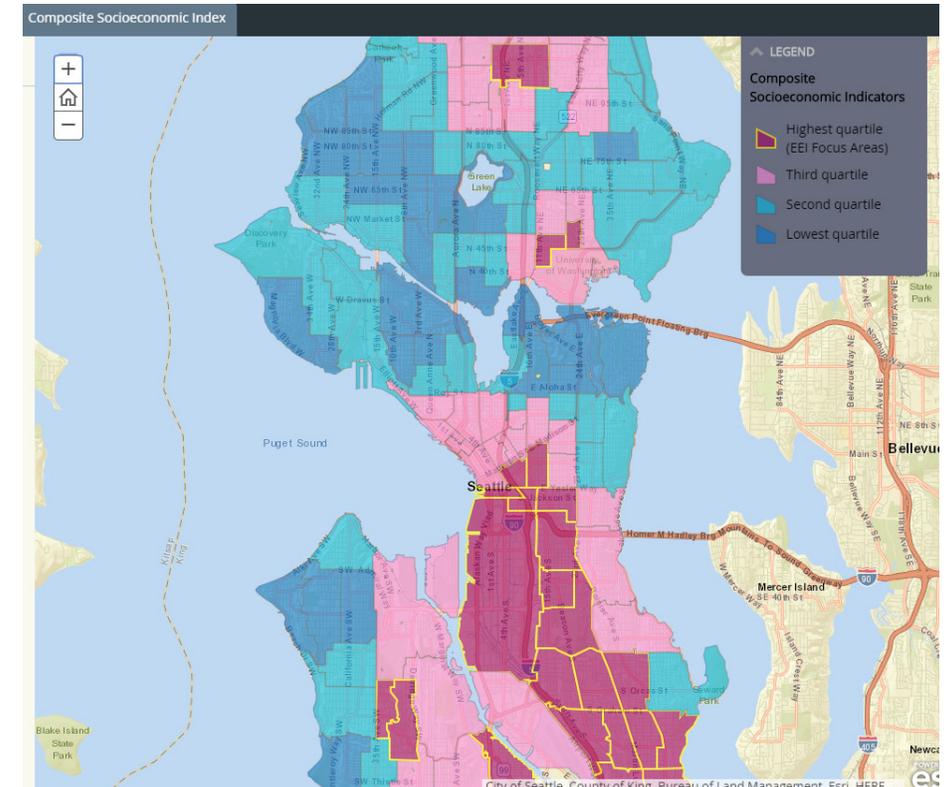
Focus on Equity

- Committed to:
 - Dedicating most resources to engaging historically under-represented communities
 - Seeking input prior to drafting goals or actions
 - Valuing feedback equitably
 - Transparency



Equity & Environment Initiative Communities

- People of color
- Low-income populations
- Linguistically isolated households
- Foreign-born populations
- Native populations



Inclusive Public Engagement Phase I

- Public input prior to plan drafting
- Engaging EEl communities:
 - SPU's Community Connections
 - DON's Community Liaisons
- Online comment input form



Inclusive Public Engagement Phase I

- Stakeholders listening sessions:
 - Tree advocates
 - City implementation partners
 - Government agencies
 - Private arborist companies



Inclusive Public Engagement Phase I

- City Boards & Commissions:
 - Urban Forestry Commission
 - Environmental Justice Committee
 - Pedestrian Advisory Board
 - Planning Commission
- Urban Forestry Management Team



Urban Forestry Commission Involvement

- Listening session: September 5
- Update plan content
 - 2-3 Commissioners
 - Key strategic conversations



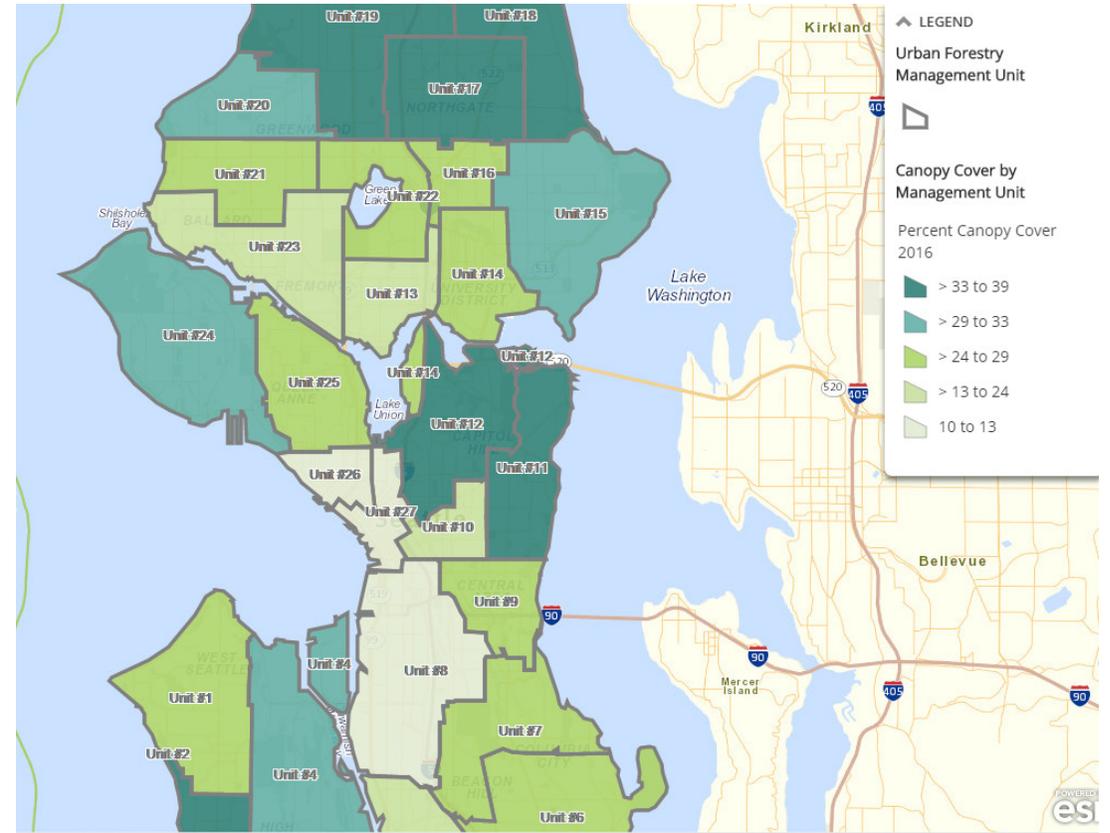
Outside Technical Review

- Gap analysis of current polices & programs now
- Draft review in comparison to BMPs winter 2019



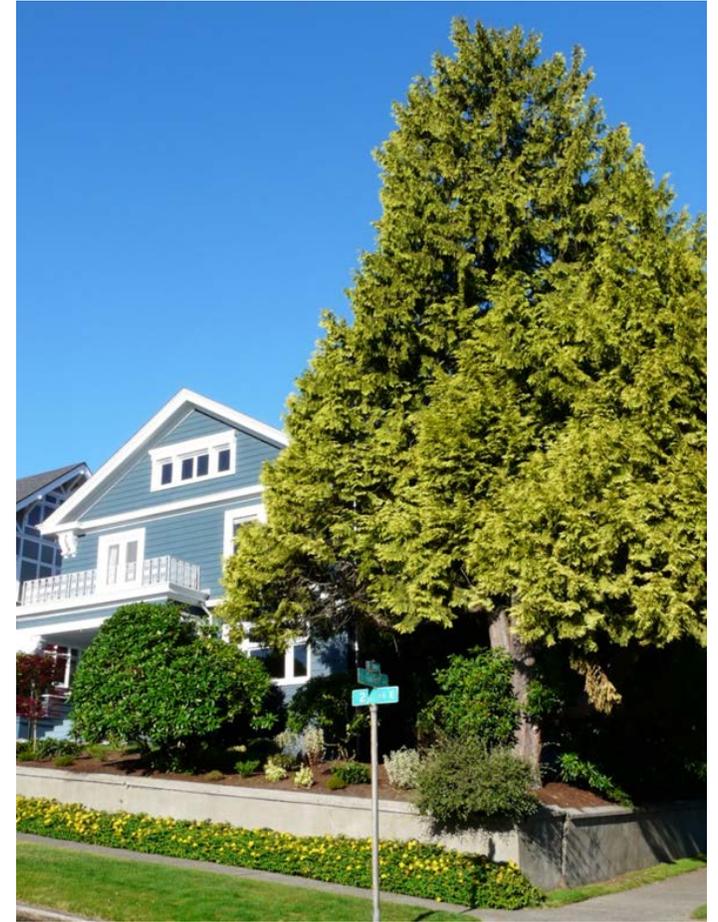
Plan Development

- Data sources:
 - Public input
 - Canopy cover
 - Analysis of canopy cover by land use and management unit
 - SDOT street tree inventory
 - Gap analysis findings



Inclusive Public Engagement Phase II

- Spring / Summer 2019
- Public comment on draft plan
- Participants from Phase I will be invited to Phase II



Timeline

- Now – end of October: Public input period
- November - March 2019: Plan drafting
- April - June, 2019: Public engagement phase II (draft plan review)
- July - November, 2019: Final plan production
- November, 2019: Submittal to Mayor's Office for adoption



Questions?



Urban Forest Management Plan Values

- **Ecosystem and human health:** Maximizing the mental health and human well-being, air quality, water quality, storm water runoff reduction, carbon sequestration, recreation, wildlife habitat, beauty, and other benefits of trees
- **Commitment to equity:** Including diverse perspectives and equitable distribution of urban forestry resources and program
- **Community stewardship:** Engaging the Seattle community, including residents and businesses, in appreciating and caring for the urban forest
- **Tree health, human safety, and property protection:** Keeping the urban forest healthy using best management practices with a focus on public and crew safety
- **Good governance:** Working in conjunction with other City and community goals such as transportation, utility provision, and housing