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## SEATTLE GREEN SPACES COALITION

### Keeping Public Lands in Public Hands for Public Benefit

A small group of local residents started Seattle Green Spaces Coalition in 2014, to keep city-owned green space land in public hands for public benefit. The City of Seattle and its departments owned more than 200 acres of forests, wetlands and open spaces they had declared "surplus," and SGSC advocated for communities to tell the city how they wanted those green spaces to be used – for P-Patches, pocket parks, forested urban spaces, solar farms, low-income housing & parks. Since then, SGSC has expanded its scope to include all city green spaces. At a time when Seattle has one of America's 10 worst heat islands, its 6th worst traffic congestion and pollution, and is losing tree canopy every year, we need to reverse that trend now, to keep Seattle sustainable, equitable and livable.



### Here's What SGSC is Accomplishing for Public Benefit:

**Delridge Wetland:** SGSC helped the Delridge Neighborhoods Development Association acquire and restore the Delridge Wetlands, a former Seattle City Light substation, as a nature area that benefits neighbors and Seattle's STEM public schools.

**Five-Acre Woods:** SGSC partnered with the Lake Forest Park Stewardship Foundation, King County, local citizens and Lake Forest Park City Council members, to make this surplus Seattle Public Utilities forest & wetland into a park for Lake Forest Park.

**Myers Parcels:** SGSC helped rally thousands of Seattle people in 2015-16, and convinced Mayor Murray's administration to keep the 33-acre Myers Parcels in West Seattle. Today, this forest & wetland area is "land banked" for a future Seattle park.

**Apples and Plums:** SGSC discovered a historic International District fruit orchard on surplus land, and worked with the housing developer to graft tree cuttings, and replant new apple and plum trees on their historic site in the new building's landscape.



**Urban Homestead:** SGSC supports the Urban Homestead Foundation's work to purchase and transform City Light's former Dakota substation into a nature and education park for youth activities, neighbors and Seattle schools.

**\$2-\$3 Billion in Green Value:** Seattle's natural capital – its trees, wetlands, water and green spaces – deliver \$2-\$3 billion worth of benefits and savings to our city every year, and mitigate the effects of climate change. SGSC is helping the City assess this value, account for it as a city asset, and use it in its policy analyses, law-making and operations.

**2035 Comprehensive Plan:** SGSC is working with the Mayor, City Council and other leaders to treat green space as an asset, and keep green space metrics in the 2035 Plan.

### SGSC Supports:

- Letting communities choose how surplus city lands get used
- Expanding Seattle's green spaces, watersheds and wetlands
- Treating Seattle's natural capital as a asset on the city's books
- Passing an updated Tree Ordinance, using Urban Forestry Commission recommendations
- Promoting Seattle's Equity & Environment Action Agenda

Help SGSC engage with our neighbors and communities to keep our city livable, equitable, sustainable and livable!

SGSC is a 501c3 non-profit. Learn more, participate, and donate at [www.seattlegreenspacescoalition.org](http://www.seattlegreenspacescoalition.org)



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# Seattle 2017 Surplus-Excess Property List – F.A.S. Department

substation

100%

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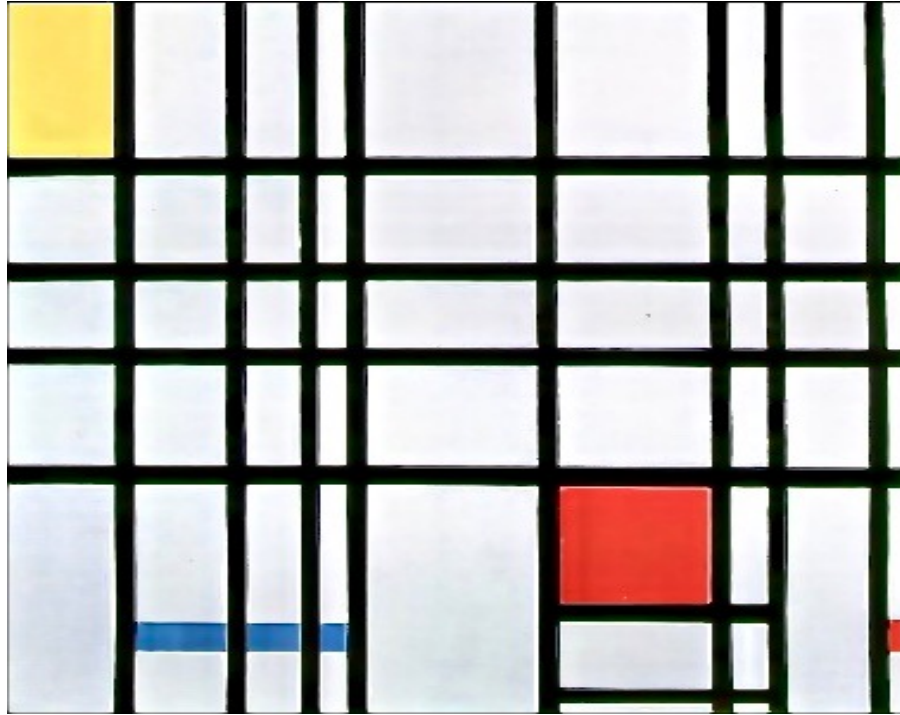
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E173 Morgan Street Substation

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
	Neighborhood	Dept	Dept PMA ID	PMA Number	PMA Name	PMA Address	PMA Land SqFt	URR_PMA_STAT_C	CPA_TYPE			
2	Ballard	SCL		519	Loyal Heights Substation Site	7750 28th Ave NW	8152	X	NDS			
3	Ballard	SCL		560	Sunset Substation Site	3209 NW 65th St	6298	X	NDS			
4	Ballard	SCL		570	Monroe Substation Site	1405 NW 65th St	4036	X	NDS			
5	Ballard	SCL		676	North Beach Substation Site	9407 19th Ave NW	6585	X	NDS			
6	Ballard	SCL		3893	Ballard Substation Site	6730 24th Ave NW	5139	X	NDS			
7	Ballard	SDOT		3750	Excess R/W at Seaview Ave NW	5980 Seaview Ave NW	19118	X	NDS			
8	Ballard	SDOT	BRIGHT ST	4373	Bright St Parcel- Former BNRR R/W	NW Bright St & Leary Way NW	6717	X	NDS			
9	Ballard	SDOT	BNRR SPUR	4375	Various Locations	Various Locations	214244	X	NDS			
10	Central	FAS	V00071	71	Snippet at 1398 MLK Jr Way S	1398 Martin Luther King Jr Way S	634	X	NDS			
11	Central	FAS	AS0106	110	Old Fire Station 6- SPD	101 23rd Ave S	19604	X	NDS			
12	Central	FAS	V01591	1591	Snippet at 915 24th Ave	915 24th Ave	81	X	NDS			
13	Central	FAS	V01592	1592	Snippet at 3798 E Jefferson St	3798 E Jefferson St	75	X	NDS			
14	Central	FAS	ASV015, V01594	1594	Yakima Ave S Property	1310 Yakima Ave S	16476	X	NDS			
15	Central	FAS	AS0495, AS0494	1600	Parcel at 1323 29th Ave S	1323 29th Ave S	3300	X	NDS			
16	Central	FAS	V04327	4327	Snippet at 138 MLK Jr Way	138 Martin Luther King Jr Way	1128	X	NDS			
17	Central	FAS	V04328	4328	Snippet at 146 MLK Jr Way	146 Martin Luther King Jr Way	1128	X	NDS			
18	Central	FAS	V04329	4329	Snippet at 116 MLK Jr Way	116 Martin Luther King Jr Way	1128	X	NDS			
19	Central	FAS	V04330, ASV005?	4330	Parcel at 100 MLK Jr Way S	100 Martin Luther King Jr Way	4063	X	NDS			
20	Central	FAS	V04331	4331	Snippet at 102 MLK Jr Way S	102 Martin Luther King Jr Way S	2947	X	NDS			
21	Central	FAS	V04332	4332	Snippet at 2715 E Yesler Way	2715 E Yesler Way	1400	X	NDS			
22	Central	FAS	V04334	4334	Snippet at 2716 S Washington St	2716 S Washington St	451	X	NDS			
23	Central	FAS	AS0491	4335	Parcel at 2710 S Main St	2710 S Main St	2128	X	NDS			
24	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V00082	82	Parcel at 2298 Sylvan Way SW	2298 Sylvan Way SW	3168	X	NDS			
25	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V01626	1626	Snippet at 5655 31st Ave SW	5655 31st Ave SW	1150	X	NDS			
26	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V01648	1648	Parcel at 7328 16th Ave SW	7328 16th Ave SW	21977	X	NDS			
27	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V01649	1649	SW Webster and Dumar Property	1799 SW Webster St	8207	X	NDS			
28	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V04540	4540	Myers Way Parcel B	9501 Myers Way S	711204	X	NDS			
29	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V04541	4541	Myers Way Parcel C	9701 Myers Way S	453228	X	NDS			
30	Delridge Neighborhoods	FAS	V04542	4542	Myers Way Parcel D	9600 Myers Way S	296507	X	NDS			
31	Delridge Neighborhoods	SCL		677	Arbor Heights Substation Site	9450 34th Ave SW	13402	X	NDS			
32	Delridge Neighborhoods	SDOT		3794	Parcel at 7015 18th Ave SW	7015 18th Ave SW	19284	X	NDS			
33	Delridge Neighborhoods	SDOT		3795	Parcel at 7045 18th Ave SW	7045 18th Ave SW	11146	X	NDS			
34	Delridge Neighborhoods	SDOT		3796	Parcel at 1898 SW Orchard St	1898 SW Orchard St	60736	X	NDS			
35	Delridge Neighborhoods	SDOT		3797	Parcel at 1999 SW Orchard St	1999 SW Orchard St	32368	X	NDS			
36	Delridge Neighborhoods	SDOT		3798	Parcel at 7398 Delridge Wy SW	7398 Delridge Way SW	16088	X	NDS			

# SEPARATE, “INSIGNIFICANT” PARCELS ADD UP TO AGGREGATE NATURAL CAPITAL VALUE



# SGSC Accomplishments since 2014:

## 40 acres retained, natural capital valued

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**\$2-\$3 Billion in Green Value:** led advocacy with Seattle electeds & dozens of organizations for Seattle to value its natural capital as a book asset. Council allocated \$35,000 in 2020 budget to start the process.

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**\$500 million A Year**

Seattle Parks' Annual Ecosystem Service Value  
*(2011 Trust For Public Lands Study)*



# THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF SEATTLE'S PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM



THE TRUST *for* PUBLIC LAND  
CONSERVING LAND FOR PEOPLE

**\$33 trillion:**  
**Earth's ecosystem service value**  
*(Costanza et al. 1997)*



# Cedar River Watershed: Raw Land, Or Priceless Water Supply Asset?





# **SGSC STRONGLY SUPPORTS URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION'S AGENDA**

## **SGSC supports:**

- treating Seattle's natural capital as a book asset
- updating Seattle's outdated Tree Ordinance, and Council Staff, not DCI, writing that ordinance
- centralizing city tree protection & management in Seattle's Office of Sustainability and Environment
- supplementing LIDAR surveys with on-the-ground tree counts by departments, agencies, & volunteers

# **VALUE STATEMENT**

**“Whereas, Seattle’s open and green space are a tangible asset essential to public health, urban resilience, equity and sustainability,**

**“Therefore the City of Seattle will integrate development within this context, to meet the needs of communities, neighborhoods, and the city.”**

We know that urban trees & green space  
saves big on health care costs



Outdoor recreation activities **save Oregon \$1.4 billion annually in health care costs**  
(01/07/2019, Oregon Parks & Recreation Department study)

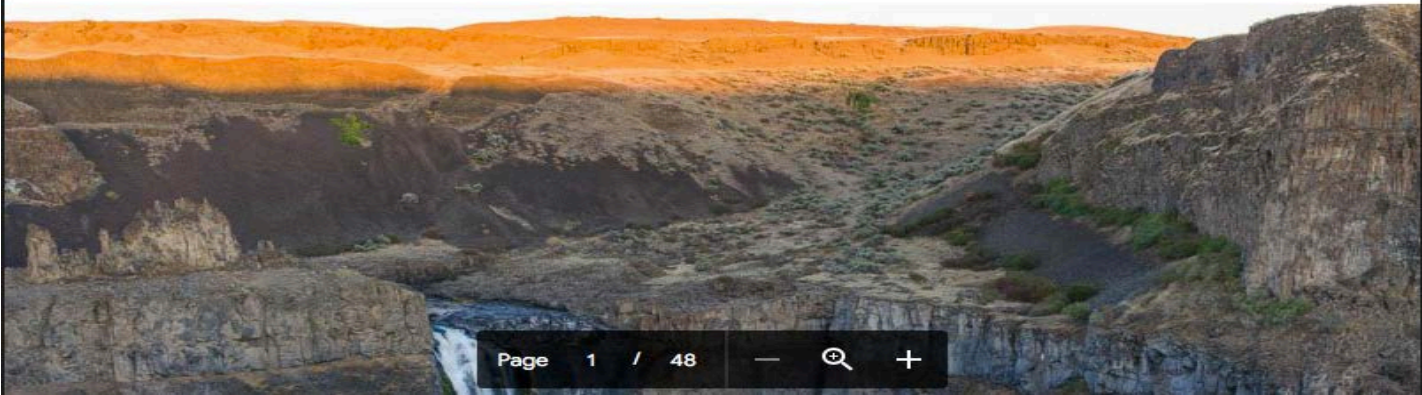
*Health Benefits for Oregonians from their Outdoor Recreation Participation in Oregon* calculates how much energy people expend when engaging in outdoor recreation, and what corresponding reduction in costs relate to chronic illnesses such as heart disease, stroke, depression, dementia, diabetes and several cancers.

“The results are consistent across the state: when outdoor recreation is easily accessible, healthcare costs go down,” Rosenberger said. “How we design communities and transportation systems contributes to the health of Oregonians.”

# WA recreation lands: \$218 Billion In Annual Value

(Earth Economics, 2016)

Economic Analysis of Outdoor Recreation  
at Washington's State Parks



# GETTING GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE BOOKS

A Primer For Water Leaders On How To Debt-finance Distributed Infrastructure Projects And Consumer Rebates. (*Earth Economics, 2018*)

## CAN THIS BE DONE WITH TREES AND GREEN SPACES?



# SGSC'S ASKS FROM UFC

- Urge mayor to honor 2016 Murray pledge: transfer Myers Parcels from FAS to SPR
- Monitor & encourage natural capital assessment process in city departments
- Keep publicly-owned, surplus green space lands in public hands for public benefit, and/or retain green space w/ low income housing development
- Support 2020 Earth Day Youth tree count