

Seattle Urban Forestry Commission

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King Conservation District
Grant Subcommittee
1107 SW Grady Way, Suite 130
Renton, WA 98057

RE: Plant Amnesty's Urban Forestry Game Changers Grant Application

Dear Grant Subcommittee:

The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the City of Seattle.

The Commission's work focuses on supporting Seattle in the accomplishment of the Urban Forest Stewardship Plan's goals to:

- Create an ethic of stewardship for the urban forest among City staff, community organizations, businesses, and residents;
- Strive to replace and enhance specific urban forest functions and benefits when trees are lost, and achieve a net increase in the urban forest functions and related environmental, economic, and social benefits;
- Expand canopy cover to 30% by 2037; and
- Increase health and longevity of the urban forest by removing invasive species and improving species and age diversity.

Plant Amnesty has put together successful annual Urban Forestry Symposia focusing on important urban forestry concerns such as considering trees to as part of our urban infrastructure, the challenges trees face around city views and climate change.

Plant Amnesty's grant application proposes work to support Seattle's urban forestry goals by finding and implementing creative ways to preserve mature trees while accommodating other urban priorities.

The Commission wholeheartedly supports Plant Amnesty's Urban Forestry Game Changers grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peg Staeheli".

Peg Staeheli, Chair
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