



SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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- Joshua Morris** (Position #7 – NGO), Co-Chair
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- Becca Neumann** (Position #4 – Hydrologist) • **Stuart Niven** (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA)
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- Blake Voorhees** (Position # 9 – Realtor) • **Laura Keil** (Position #10 – Get Engaged)
- Jessica Hernandez** (Position #11 – Environmental Justice) • **Jessica Jones** (Position # 12 – Public Health)
- Lia Hall** (Position #13 – Community/Neighborhood)

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

Meeting notes

August 17, 2022, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Via Webex call and in-person at the
Seattle Municipal Tower, Room 1872 (18th floor)
700 5th Avenue, Seattle

(206) 207-1700

Meeting number: 2483 066 4221

Meeting password: 1234

Attending

Commissioners

- Josh Morris – Co-Chair
- Julia Michalak – Co-Chair
- Falisha Kurji
- Becca Neumann
- Hao Liang
- Blake Voorhees
- Laura Keil
- Lia Hall

Staff

- Patti Bakker – OSE

Guests

- Toby Thaler

Public

- Greg Spotts
- Steve Zemke
- Valerie
- Tina Cohen

Absent- Excused

- Joe Sisneros
- Stuart Niven
- David Moehring
- Jessica Hernandez
- Jessica Jones

NOTE: Meeting notes are not exhaustive. For more details, listen to the digital recording of the meeting at: <http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm>

Call to order: Josh called the meeting to order and offered a land acknowledgement.

Public comment:

Greg Spotts introduced himself to the UFC, as the Mayor's nominee for director of Seattle Department of Transportation. He will be starting in the position on September 7 and is introducing himself to folks in advance of that and noted that he is very passionate about trees. He grew the Urban Forestry Division in Los Angeles DOT from 95 staff to 250 staff during his tenure there. He really looks forward to collaborating with the UFC on the challenges regarding street trees and private property trees and trees in public lands. He hopes to lead SDOT with the knowledge of all of the options in the toolkit to develop multipurpose streetscapes. He worked with a similar body in L.A. and looks forward to meeting and working with the UFC.

Valerie noted they are very interested in hearing about and is concerned about the project in Lakeridge Park.

Tina Cohen noted regarding Michael Eliason's presentation, she has some concerns that the European model referred to is very different from how the U.S. is laid out. The schemes described didn't allow for large trees; we need space for large trees to thrive in Seattle.

Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Patti shared information on upcoming meetings and projects:

- Deadhorse Canyon project – Sharon Ricci shared concern at the last meeting about an SPU project in Deadhorse Canyon. She followed up with information on a meeting that is coming up next Monday, August 22. This will be a walking tour of the Taylor Creek Restoration Project site in the canyon. Sharon wanted to ask if a member of the Commission could attend this walking tour.

The options presented and resulting decisions will affect whether hundreds of trees are removed from the Deadhorse Canyon corridor. This property is owned by City of Seattle and the parks department but affects residents of Seattle and unincorporated King County who have property the unfurls into the canyon.

Links to register for this event, and also for details of the project, will be put in the chat.

- Food Action Plan - The City is inviting Board and Commission members to share their thoughts on the update of the Food Action Plan during a public comment period.

The City of Seattle is updating the Food Action Plan for the first time in 10 years. The Food Action Plan is the City's roadmap for an equitable, sustainable, and resilient local food system that supports healthy, vibrant communities.

They have developed seven draft strategic priorities and 40 draft actions the City can take to improve our local food system, and are seeking public input on this draft plan until August 26. They have an online forum to learn about the draft plan, share thoughts on specific strategic priorities and actions, and express how high of a priority they are to you. Links to the plan website and the online forum will be put in the chat.

- Trees for Seattle volunteer engagement Request for Proposals – the Trees for Seattle team has a request for proposals out to recruit for a new consultant to support their ability to deliver volunteer programming. This consultant would work to host volunteer tree-stewardship and natural-area restoration events at assigned sites in priority neighborhoods. The consultant will partner with community groups to host tree care events in priority neighborhoods and develop a model of volunteer stewardship that addresses planting, protecting, and watering young trees on Seattle Public School campuses. This is an important need for the Trees for Seattle team and they are hoping for a robust set of proposals from consultant groups to provide this support. If anyone knows of consultants who are a good fit for this, please pass this along to them.

Josh shared several updates:

- The appeal to the SEPA draft tree protection ordinance determination was denied and the city is not required to do additional analyses and the Council can consider the ordinance. We will work with Chanda to schedule additional discussion on the ordinance and to further understand the next steps for that moving forward,
- A special session of the UFC is being scheduled for Wednesday August 24th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss the canopy cover assessment preliminary results.
- There are some small group meetings scheduled for next week to discuss the Chief Forester Statement of Legislative Intent.
- The Woodland Park Zoo is planning for an exhibit called Forests for All, which will have a strong conservation and urban forest preservation component. They are seeking public input on that exhibit; Josh shared the link to provide that input.

Co-Chair elections – nominations and vote

Patti recapped the need to elect at least one new Co-Chair to provide leadership along with Josh, given Julia's need to step down from her Co-Chair position. She indicated that one nomination had been received, as Becca indicated that she is willing to serve in that capacity.

Commissioners voted on the nomination of Becca as Co-Chair; this was approved unanimously. Patti will share information with Becca on the next meeting between the Co-Chairs and Patti.

NYC canopy assessment work – finalize prep for September presentation

Josh recapped the start of this discussion that happened at the last meeting. Since the team from The Nature Conservancy will present to the UFC at the September 7 meeting, the UFC wants to develop a list of questions and particular areas of interest to provide to the team in advance of that presentation.

Commissioners compiled the following list for this purpose:

- What was the level of investment (cost of staff time, amount of time) required to do the work?
- How has the work been received by the city government?
- How did you determine feasibility of planting?
- Did you experience any data limitations and challenges? Did you need to create any unusual data sets? How much was existing city layers, how much did you have to create?
- Did you look at whether there are areas in the city where EcoDistrict-type redevelopment could occur – depaving, installing parks, planting trees around developments?
- Interested in descriptions of urban forest in terms of land uses distributed across the city. Unlike Seattle, most of NYC's urban forest is on city owned land. Interested in comparing/contrasting NYC and Seattle in this regard, using that to understand the strategies deployed to achieve their canopy goals.
- What is NYC's Urban Forestry management structure? Are there challenges or benefits in how NYC manages their trees?
- NYC is looking at changing single family zoning to higher density. Do they have similar patterns in terms of relationships between zoning, housing density and tree canopy, and solutions for increasing density? Commissioners are interested in what those projected changes look like compared to what we're seeing here.
- How is the city addressing equity areas (redlined areas) for developing their canopy?
- More heat comes from arterials rather than neighborhoods. How is NYC addressing heat caused by arterials?
- How do they account for root zones in huge arterial settings?
- How has NYC being a coastal city impacted the study?

- NY Times reported recently on Seattle’s new Expedia campus project and associated work, which includes ecosystem restoration and new design tools in a previously industrial area. How does NYC introduce “practical canopy” into industrial areas?
- How will increased canopy affect native wildlife? Given that red-tailed hawks already come to the city despite the challenges.
- How are they going to prioritize planting in certain areas based on equity and habitat connectivity?

2023 City Budget Recommendations, second round

The UFC has had a couple of discussions on the budget already this year, and budget season is ramping up so it is timely to revisit this topic. Capacity issues at SDCI have been discussed in recent meetings, and some of the proposed changes in the tree protection ordinance would increase the workload of that staff. So that is one potential budget recommendation the UFC can make.

The UFC’s previous letter called for a system of tracking urban forestry expenditures for decision-making purposes. Commissioners discussed potential other recommendations to add to what was submitted earlier, and discussed the process for requesting a response when letters are submitted.

Josh will draft a letter requesting additional staff support for SDCI and referring back to the original letter submitted with budget recommendations.

Comprehensive Plan update Environmental Impact Statement alternatives

Josh reviewed the letter that he and Laura drafted, along with initial feedback from David to the letter. The letter provides background for why urban forestry goals and recommendations should be considered through the Comprehensive Plan update process and final document, and outlines what those recommendations are.

Commissioners worked through edits to the letter, which includes the following recommendation areas:

1. Analyze the impact of all growth strategies on urban ecosystem services.
2. Analyze the impacts of all growth strategies on biodiversity.
3. Analyze the impacts of all growth strategies on human health and equity
4. Include an alternative that provides more evenly distributed density than Alternative 5.
5. Include an alternative based on an EcoDistrict planning model.
6. Consider a larger diversity of place types.
7. Consider a greater diversity of housing choices
8. Add additional biodiversity and climate impact considerations to Council’s request in Resolution 32059.

Action: a motion to adopt the letter of recommendations regarding the Comprehensive Plan EIS alternatives as amended was made, seconded and approved.

Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted that in planning cities, considering a matrix of conceptual alternatives doesn’t relate to how the city is in terms of planning where its streams, roads, etc. are. That complexity needs to be taken into account. Builders would like to be able to build large units everywhere they can in the city and don’t support paying a fee for developing them. We need to look at alternative ways of building or we are not going to have space for trees as development increases. We need to look at the amenities provided in growth strategies – transit, schools, etc.

Richard Ellison supported Steve's note about requiring designs to maximize retention of existing trees, especially where density is increasing. He noted the idea that open space is opportunity for tree canopy, and if there is lack of open space and development is happening, then that is a lack of opportunity for tree canopy. There needs to be a way of considering a minimum for open green space on grounds, as a measure of human density. Develop a way of evaluating that and having a requirement for open space. The idea of mental health isn't being incorporated into the Comp Plan currently – we need to consider what is the impact of sitting in the hot sun or torrential rains. Potentially develop an Alternative 7, where all zones have increased open space requirements for families and wildlife. He suggests the UFC invite City Council members attend meetings in order to discuss with them the needs and potential impacts to each of their Districts.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 PM.

Meeting Chat:

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:14 PM

I am very interested in the Dead Horse plan (this is in my neighborhood), but will be out of town. Would like to know what the community input period is.

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:17 PM

Deadhorse Canyon project walk: <https://brent582.wixsite.com/website-15> and https://www.seattle.gov/utilities/neighborhood-projects/taylor-creek?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:18 PM

Trees for Seattle volunteer support RFP: <https://seattle.procureware.com/Bids/7a6f2ef5-dfdf-4c74-ba7c-cd6f14d11089?t=Description>

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:18 PM

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/27L7GDQ>

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:19 PM

Food Action Plan update:

https://seattlefoodactionplan.consider.it/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&tab=Strategic%20Priorities

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:20 PM

Yay!

from Laura Keil she/her (privately): 3:21 PM

Yay!

from Joshua Morris (privately): 3:21 PM

I vote YAE and YAY for Becca!

from Julia Michalak She/Her (privately): 3:21 PM

Yes! Yay!

from Hao Liang (privately): 3:21 PM

Aye

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 (privately): 3:21 PM

Becca, yes

from Lia Hall (privately): 3:22 PM

Yay

from Barbara B to everyone: 3:22 PM

Same happened to me- but found the other link

from Becca Neumann (privately): 3:23 PM

I vote yes!

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:24 PM

just joining meeting. You link on the page announcing the meeting did not work. Checking on agenda had different sign

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:31 PM

One Seattle EIS Scoping - need to also consider Natural Capital assessment which Council approved but never funded.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:34 PM

Will add some comments on Scoping -in next texts since missed public comment - include more on health impacts across city - mental and physical benefits reference Natreand Health Dr Katleen Wolf at natureandhealth.uw.edu

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:35 PM

add to alternative housing condos to look at.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:38 PM

equity concerns also needs to insure that housing built needs to insure access to amenities like grocery stores and retail and access to bus transit,.sidewalks and parking and increased traffic on narrow streets that could happen

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 3:39 PM

whatever underlying reports NYC Conervancy may be willing to release to us. it could give us some road maps to complimentary research we may want to consider conducting in Seattle or if additional data can be gleaned from our existing reports to proactively consider data in additional ways...

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:40 PM

yes and achieving stretches of contiguous canopy

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:40 PM

Just Building more housing at market rate does not mean it will be affordable unless city plans for such, eg low income housing, subsidized housing etc.

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 3:41 PM

True that, Steve. Michael Eliason's report also outlined how they are able to construct livable ecodistricts well below market rate, which would enable affordable housing pricing.

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:41 PM

<https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2022/2022docs/ADOPTED2022BudgetRecommendations060122.pdf>

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 3:42 PM

Provocative and timely to be sure.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:43 PM

More street trees does not necessarily mean more habitat, need to create more parks, including pocket parks for habitat and environmental equity as population increases

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:44 PM

Yes it would be good to ask for response to letters

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:48 PM

Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda Chairs the Council Budget Committee. Would be good to cc all Budget Committee members also on budget issues.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:51 PM

Commission members can also send in individual comments on the EIS scoping process.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:54 PM

One alternative not looked at or considered is a combing of alternatives 2 and 4.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:56 PM

Birds also need ground area with bushes and plants for food and water sources. Some birds nest on the ground. Others nest in the top of tall trees.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:57 PM

Birds need habitat, which is not just connectivity.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:59 PM

Birds need insects for feeding their young. Insects need trees and plants.

from Barbara B to everyone: 4:00 PM

Urban wildlife

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:00 PM

The issue is not just connectivity. It's habitat with diverse plants and animals.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:03 PM

add after pollinators and other insects. Douglas Tallamy says birds rely on insects for 95% of what they feed their young.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:06 PM

Also stormwater runoff and pollution affects on Orca and other wildlife and plants in Puget Sound

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:08 PM

forgot salmon

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 4:08 PM

i'm trying to understand how this impacts the Cedar River Watershed. I am unaware where Seattle overlaps with it.

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 4:09 PM

thank you, Josh!

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:10 PM

maybe add sustainability of habitats and ecosystems

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:12 PM

salmon are also in some steams in Seattle eg Thornton Creek watershed

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:13 PM

also add Lake Washington which also can be impacted

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:18 PM

Need to look at how things can be changed, its future development, agree its premature to eliminate

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:19 PM

Alternative not considered would be combination of 2 and 4 which would combine focused and corridors

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:23 PM

More transit should help reduce pollution along these corridors.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:26 PM

Say need to analyze health impacts of different options. More housing near light rail should reduce traffic impacts in city. Thatt's the concept anyway

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:28 PM

The goal is to reduce both traffic into the city and traffic in the city to reduce pollution.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:34 PM

comprising?

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:39 PM

Just a note: some areas are self-designating as "ecodistricts" <https://www.capitolhillecodistrict.org/>

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:39 PM

Do we need to define what we mean then by "ecodistrict"

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:41 PM

Canopy in multifamily zones is currently 23% Making residential zone open to higher density as in option option 5 will reduce canopy cover in residential zone from current 33% to 20 to 25%. That seems clear to me. That is what needs to be analyzed in EIS. What is the impact on canopy cover in all the alternatives..

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:47 PM

Its not just building more housing but looking at how increased density can be done while trying to maximize the retention of existing trees.in neighborhoods. Too often now developers just clearcut lots as current ordinance does not say they have to be protected unless exceptional.

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 4:48 PM

I do like this definition;

from Blake Voorhees UFC Position 9 to everyone: 4:48 PM

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecodistrict>

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:50 PM

Understand current comments are a coordinated effort by people wanting increased density but is not a poll or statistically valid representation of people living in the city.,

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:56 PM
and I think a long dash right after "and more"
from VZenos to everyone: 5:00 PM
Hi, I have to go now. Please email me with addresses so I can respond to the Commission with questions I have.
from VZenos to everyone: 5:00 PM
Thank you! Valerie
from Lia Hall to everyone: 5:02 PM
to Hao's comment, "similar contexts" I think "environments"
from Lia Hall to everyone: 5:02 PM
' makes sense
from Hao Liang to everyone: 5:02 PM
Agree
from Blake Voorhees UFC 9 to everyone: 5:12 PM
All good points, Steve, and those I think our letter discussed today re EIS alternatives endeavors to address.

Public input: (see next page and posted notes):

From: Taryn Coles <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 8:12 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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SDOT has already done this in other areas of Seattle. And our neighbors to the north in Shoreline, (@saveshorelinetrees) similarly successfully lobbied its City Council and WDOT to alter the sidewalk design, and thus saved a long row of giant conifers. We can too! It can be done. Save the Aurora Sweetgums!

Please think of our city as a living ecosystem. Please consider how long it takes for these life givers to reach the grandeur they achieved and how much we benefit. Protect them and make our lives and community better.

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From: Marguerite Tingkhye <tashidelek@igc.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

How can you allow our Evergreen state's beautiful Emerald city to turn into a Stumptown city? Why *why* mow over our beautiful healthy trees for more cement?

For the climate, for the air, for the pure joy of seeing and living with trees and nature in our community please act to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. It's been 13 years since the Seattle City Council first urged the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to update the ordinance. We appreciate the recent enactment by the Seattle City Council and Mayor to adopt registration of Tree Service Providers in the city as a first step. We also appreciate action finally by SDCI to release a more complete draft of an updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

The draft Tree Protection Ordinance is currently under a Hearing Examiner appeal by the Master Builders of King and Snohomish County and six development companies. Their goal is to delay and potentially weaken the ordinance. We believe that Seattle needs to protect its existing trees while planting more trees in underserved areas with low tree canopy to address adverse climate impacts while also increasing affordable housing. It is not a question of one or the other. We need to do both.

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people livable and healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. Unless exceptional there is no real effort to save them. And what replacement requirements were in the ordinance since 2001 appears to have seldom been enforced. It is urgent to act now to reduce this continued loss of existing trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity by retaining as many trees as possible and replacing those removed for climate resiliency.

We support the following provisions in SDCI's draft ordinance.

1. Lowering the upper limit for exceptional trees to 24" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) from 30" DBH.
2. Continuing protection for exceptional trees less than 24" DBH and tree groves and heritage trees
3. Defining any tree 6" DBH and larger that is not exceptional as a significant tree
4. Continuing prohibition on removal of trees 6" DBH and larger on undeveloped lots.
5. Requiring replacement of 12" DBH and larger trees removed by developers
6. Creating an in-lieu fee for developers to replace trees 12" DBH and larger that cannot be replaced on the development site.
7. Requiring in lieu fees be used to replace and maintain newly planted trees
8. Limiting removal of significant trees outside development to those less than 12" DBH
9. Protected trees and replaced trees are covered by a covenant for life of project

Here are key provisions that need to be added to the draft ordinance

1. Expand the existing Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program using the Accela database system to include SDCI to cover all significant trees 6" DBH and larger, and all exceptional trees, on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
2. Require SDCI submit quarterly reports to the Office of Sustainability and Environment on tree removal and replacement as required by other City Departments
3. Require 2-week public notice posting, as SDOT does on-site, and add online, of any 6" DBH and larger tree removal and replacement permit requests and keep posted on a lot for 1 week after removal
4. Require that tree replacement numbers increase with the size of the removed tree such that in 25 years or less they will reach equivalent canopy volume lost – either on site or pay a replacement fee that also increases with the size of the tree removed
5. All replacement in lieu fees and fines should go into a dedicated Tree Replacement and Preservation

Fund (not SDCI budget or city general fund), that yearly reports on their budget to the City Council and Mayor.

6. Allow the Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants, purchase land, set up covenants and for educational purposes.
7. Require 5-year maintenance of replanted trees
8. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development
9. Require developers throughout the total development process to maximize the retention of existing trees with adequate space for trees to grow and survive.
10. Require a Tree Inventory of all trees 6" DBH and larger and a Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any building permits being approved.
11. Extend ordinance to cover all land use zones, including Industrial, Downtown and Institutions
12. Keep requirement that all 6" DBH and larger trees be on site plans
13. Require tree replacement or in lieu fees by developers for trees removed 1 year prior to property purchase
14. Allow city certified inspectors to enter property if necessary to ascertain any illegal tree activity
15. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance
16. All trees relaced are protected trees and not subject to removal
17. Require removal of invasive plants, like ivy, from development sites

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Kat Frymoyer <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 10:05 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: n. churillo <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 10:10 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep the Emerald City green & SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Thanks for reading and for your thoughtful consideration!

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From: Imaan Ramezanzadeh <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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Sent: Thursday, August 4, 2022 12:47 PM

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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From: Katy Griffith <katygr@msn.com>
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From: Jaime Exworthy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: PLEASE Save Our Trees!

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Please act to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. It's been 13 years since the Seattle City Council first urged the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to update the ordinance. We appreciate the recent enactment by the Seattle City Council and Mayor to adopt registration of Tree Service Providers in the city as a first step. We also appreciate action finally by SDCI to release a more complete draft of an updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

The draft Tree Protection Ordinance is currently under a Hearing Examiner appeal by the Master Builders of King and Snohomish County and six development companies. Their goal is to delay and potentially weaken the ordinance. We believe that Seattle needs to protect its existing trees while planting more trees in underserved areas with low tree canopy to address adverse climate impacts while also increasing affordable housing. It is not a question of one or the other. We need to do both.

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people livable and healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. Unless exceptional there is no real effort to save them. And what replacement requirements were in the ordinance since 2001 appears to have seldom been enforced. It is urgent to act now to reduce this continued loss of existing trees, particularly large mature trees and tree

groves. It is important to promote environmental equity by retaining as many trees as possible and replacing those removed for climate resiliency.

We support the following provisions in SDCI's draft ordinance.

1. Lowering the upper limit for exceptional trees to 24" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) from 30" DBH.
2. Continuing protection for exceptional trees less than 24" DBH and tree groves and heritage trees
3. Defining any tree 6" DBH and larger that is not exceptional as a significant tree
4. Continuing prohibition on removal of trees 6" DBH and larger on undeveloped lots.
5. Requiring replacement of 12" DBH and larger trees removed by developers
6. Creating an in-lieu fee for developers to replace trees 12" DBH and larger that cannot be replaced on the development site.
7. Requiring in lieu fees be used to replace and maintain newly planted trees
8. Limiting removal of significant trees outside development to those less than 12" DBH
9. Protected trees and replaced trees are covered by a covenant for life of project

Here are key provisions that need to be added to the draft ordinance

1. Expand the existing Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Tree Removal and Replacement Permit Program using the Accela database system to include SDCI to cover all significant trees 6" DBH and larger, and all exceptional trees, on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.
2. Require SDCI submit quarterly reports to the Office of Sustainability and Environment on tree removal and replacement as required by other City Departments
3. Require 2-week public notice posting, as SDOT does on-site, and add online, of any 6" DBH and larger tree removal and replacement permit requests and keep posted on a lot for 1 week after removal
4. Require that tree replacement numbers increase with the size of the removed tree such that in 25 years or less they will reach equivalent canopy volume lost – either on site or pay a replacement fee that also increases with the size of the tree removed
5. All replacement in lieu fees and fines should go into a dedicated Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund (not SDCI budget or city general fund), that yearly reports on their budget to the City Council and Mayor.
6. Allow the Tree Replacement and Preservation Fund to also accept fines, donations, grants, purchase land, set up covenants and for educational purposes.
7. Require 5-year maintenance of replanted trees
8. Allow removal of no more than 2 Significant non-exceptional trees in 3 years per lot outside development
9. Require developers throughout the total development process to maximize the retention of existing trees with adequate space for trees to grow and survive.
10. Require a Tree Inventory of all trees 6" DBH and larger and a Tree Landscaping Plan prior to any building permits being approved.

11. Extend ordinance to cover all land use zones, including Industrial, Downtown and Institutions
12. Keep requirement that all 6" DBH and larger trees be on site plans
13. Require tree replacement or in lieu fees by developers for trees removed 1 year prior to property purchase
14. Allow city certified inspectors to enter property if necessary to ascertain any illegal tree activity
15. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance
16. All trees relaced are protected trees and not subject to removal
17. Require removal of invasive plants, like ivy, from development sites

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Thank you for your time!

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Please follow recommendations from Don't Clear Cut Seattle immediately. Also it's time to implement the laws we have. If developers damage in order to then remove protected trees or fail to keep or protect or guard from destruction trees marked as significant that are required to remain, the permit will be REVOKED. Right now "tree protection" is a joke and only law abiding home owners follow it. You are condemning Seattle residents to urban heat temperatures rising, and hurting current and future residents of the city - while also failing to implement City social justice policies. Let's remain the Emerald City please!!!

Sincerely,
Voting citizen of Ballard, Seattle, WA
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Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Please act to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. It's been 13 years since the Seattle City Council first urged the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to update the ordinance. We appreciate the recent enactment by the Seattle City Council and Mayor to adopt registration of Tree Service Providers in the city as a first step. We also appreciate action finally by SDCI to release a more complete draft of an updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

The draft Tree Protection Ordinance is currently under a Hearing Examiner appeal by the Master Builders of King and Snohomish County and six development companies. Their goal is to delay and potentially weaken the ordinance. We believe that Seattle needs to protect its existing trees while planting more trees in underserved areas with low tree canopy to address adverse climate impacts while also increasing affordable housing. It is not a question of one or the other. We need to do both.

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city livable and people healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. Unless exceptional there is no real effort to save them. And what replacement requirements were in the ordinance since 2001 appears to have seldom been enforced. It is urgent to act now to reduce this continued loss of existing trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity by retaining as many trees as possible and replacing those removed for climate resiliency.

We support the following provisions in SDCI's draft ordinance.

1. Lowering the upper limit for exceptional trees to 24" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) from 30" DBH.
2. Continuing protection for exceptional trees less than 24" DBH and tree groves and heritage trees
3. Defining any tree 6" DBH and larger that is not exceptional as a significant tree
4. Continuing prohibition on removal of trees 6" DBH and larger on undeveloped lots.
5. Requiring replacement of 12" DBH and larger trees removed by developers
6. Creating an in-lieu fee for developers to replace trees 12" DBH and larger that cannot be replaced on the development site.
7. Requiring in lieu fees be used to replace and maintain newly planted trees
8. Limiting removal of significant trees outside development to those less than 12" DBH
9. Protected trees and replaced trees are covered by a covenant for life of project

Here are key provisions that need to be added to the draft ordinance:

1. Expand the existing Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) Tree Removal and Replacement

Permit Program using the Accela database system to include SDCI to cover all significant trees 6" DBH and larger, and all exceptional trees, on private property in all land use zones, both during development and outside development.

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15. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance
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17. Require removal of invasive plants, like ivy, from development sites

Please stop letting developers (especially those owned by foreign countries) turn Seattle into a wasteland of shit architecture and irrelevant landscaping ... It's disgusting.

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From: Susan Helf <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:16 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Cezanne Garcia <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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From: Jean Trent <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:23 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save trees for our health

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From: Barbara Fristoe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Barbara Gross <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:44 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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From: Anne Roda <a.roda@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:48 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Dresmond Herling <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:51 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Mary Schlater <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 8:56 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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From: Tracy Hendershott <lichen@sprynet.com>

Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:00 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SHADE, REDUCED TEMPERATURE and BEAUTY: PLEASE SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Sweetgum trees are beautiful and even have a fragrance. They supply shade to walkers and reduce the temperature of the city. Who hasn't been looking for shade in these latest and increasing heat waves? Concrete increases our city temperatures.

They reduce the impact on climate change. All tree removal effects climate change. I have taken care of sweetgum trees. Their leaves are beautiful, especially in the fall. These sweetgums are significant and cannot be replaced.

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From: Rosemary Sudmeier <schmoeee1@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:06 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:09 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Elaine Hickman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:19 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Anna Hill <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 7, 2022 9:25 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Cindy Johnson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Irene Holroyd <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Ivy Durslag <ivyhaley@msn.com>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Mariana Sintay <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Carl Wester <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Gayle Janzen <cgjanzen@comcast.net>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: PLEASE SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS!

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Seattle decision makers are always talking about how much they love our tree canopy, but time after time, they continue to fail to allow designs around the trees so the trees can be saved. We desperately need to keep big trees as things are heating up and trees offer us so many benefits including keeping things a little cooler with their shade.

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So please contact WSDOT and ask them for guidance on how they were able to save most of the conifers that were scheduled to be cut down. It's the 21st century with many new innovations that can be used to save our large trees.

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From: Shelly Leonard <savethetrees@live.com>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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From: Leslie Sherman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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These trees deserve respect. Seattle needs to develop and deploy “sidewalk alternatives” that will protect its street trees.

Too many beautiful trees are being thoughtlessly destroyed because of developers speculation and thoughtless lack of design.

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From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>
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Subject: SAVE THE Valuable AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Good Day to All:

I could not agree more with the paragraphs below. It is really inconceivable to me that at this time of climate warming, concern about people experiencing heat exhaustion, birds losing habitat, known benefits of trees reducing air and water pollutions; that the removal of these beautiful mature trees would be cut down by our Department of Transportation. Surely there are more brilliant ideas and methods of design that could both save these trees and improve the sidewalks. Please give this project more time to accomplish this.

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From: charles williams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:17 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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From: Stephanie Woods <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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From: Mickey Riley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Judith Bendich <jebendich@comcast.net>
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From: Frances Pennell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

This message was originally drafted by the action network to save Seattle's Trees. However, I want to add that I feel very strongly about the need to protect our canopy. We invest lots of money each year to give out free trees to our neighbors and for other measures designed to increase Seattle's tree canopy. It makes no sense to remove these trees. As you drive Aurora, the protection provide by our trees is so notable. Where there are trees, there is shade. Where there aren't, just dry grass. Please do not remove these beautiful and climate friendly trees. Thank you.

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From: Bernice Maslan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 10:55 AM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: PLEASE SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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Thank you!

Bernice Maslan
Seattle resident since 1972

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From: Mary Keeler <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:06 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Kari Olson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 11:14 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

Dear Seattle City Members of all parts, places, districts, offices and city council:

Here not too long ago did our fine city council members vote passage to protect Seattle's tree's from incidents like this on Aurora Ave. N between 80th-105th Sweet Gum trees. The ongoing issue with street trees is their root systems and sidewalks. Nolan Rundquist can attest to this problem. Are urban trees really healthy in such hostile conditions?

Yes and no. Also there comes the lack of room for tree growth in urban conditions and this includes sidewalks, walkways, driveways, streets and so on. Too often its the wrong tree in the wrong place...and too the right tree in the space at the time of planting seemed ideal but becomes too small anyway.

Sweetgum trees, chosen as an acceptable street tree respectively are just one example of the dilemma we come to face, and to face a fact of removal or mitigation to keep matured trees and work around the trees. Many municipalities have created materials which save the trees and retain the health of such kinds of trees.

Too easy is it to cut down a tree or trees as a way to clear the slate. Fix sidewalk problems and replant new trees that will take another 15 to 20 years to give us what we already have needed shade, fall colors and leaves in the gutter...

The objective of city tree protection was to keep arborist' at large from systematically cutting down trees hired by clients...some protection for for urban forests...13 big beautiful conifer trees cleared from a lot here not too long ago...Sweetgum trees may be removed to fix sidewalks...I would say, keep the Sweetgum's and find flex sheeting plates to manage tree roots where needed. Our urban cores are getting hotter and even hotter if we don't curb cutting down our urban forest!!! We'll be sorry in the long run.

Modern design options are available rebuilding sidewalks and the like. I have seen SDOT crews fixing sidewalk on 24th Ave East - Montlake saving large Maple tree whose roots pushed up the sidewalk for

years and we've had to walk over the broken concrete for how long?!...so it is doable and all means should be taken to preserve the Sweet Gum's and fix the sidewalks!

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Regards,

Kari A. Olson
Urban Forest Steward

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From: Melinda Mueller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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I am a biologist and member of Wallingford Indivisible's Environment Action Group. I live near the stretch of Aurora Ave N described below.

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From: Ramona Gault <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Mary P Rutherford <mzsed@oz.net>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 1:10 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Vicki McMullin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Elizabeth Sundquist <esundquist@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:38 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Lynn Ferguson <lynnferguson65@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 2:42 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS Find another way to fix the sidewalks.

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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Love the trees and our city. No more killing.

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Please act to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. It's been 13 years since the Seattle City Council first urged the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to update the

ordinance. We appreciate the recent enactment by the Seattle City Council and Mayor to adopt registration of Tree Service Providers in the city as a first step. We also appreciate action finally by SDCI to release a more complete draft of an updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

The draft Tree Protection Ordinance is currently under a Hearing Examiner appeal by the Master Builders of King and Snohomish County and six development companies. Their goal is to delay and potentially weaken the ordinance. We believe that Seattle needs to protect its existing trees while planting more trees in underserved areas with low tree canopy to address adverse climate impacts while also increasing affordable housing. It is not a question of one or the other. We need to do both.

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people livable and healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

Seattle's rapid growth and increased density combined with an outdated tree ordinance are reducing these beneficial effects as trees are removed without serious consideration of ways to incorporate more of them in the development. Unless exceptional there is no real effort to save them. And what replacement requirements were in the ordinance since 2001 appears to have seldom been enforced. It is urgent to act now to reduce this continued loss of existing trees, particularly large mature trees and tree groves. It is important to promote environmental equity by retaining as many trees as possible and replacing those removed for climate resiliency.

We support the following provisions in SDCI's draft ordinance.

1. Lowering the upper limit for exceptional trees to 24" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) from 30" DBH.
2. Continuing protection for exceptional trees less than 24" DBH and tree groves and heritage trees
3. Defining any tree 6" DBH and larger that is not exceptional as a significant tree
4. Continuing prohibition on removal of trees 6" DBH and larger on undeveloped lots.
5. Requiring replacement of 12" DBH and larger trees removed by developers
6. Creating an in-lieu fee for developers to replace trees 12" DBH and larger that cannot be replaced on the development site.
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Sent: Monday, August 8, 2022 6:53 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 8:41 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Judith Leshner <jack2729rabbit@earthlink.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:01 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Paris is saving its trees. Let's SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Good Day to All,

I wrote yesterday to endorse the prepared letter to save the Aurora Ave N Sweetgums. Today I am referring you to a New York Times Travel article that a friend just sent to me. I chose two paragraphs from it.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/09/travel/paris-trees.html>

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Please find a way to save these trees for the betterment of our city and its residents. Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 10:40 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Respectfully,

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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:25 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, August 9, 2022 9:38 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Sent: Wednesday, August 10, 2022 12:43 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Amalia Davalos <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 5:10 PM
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From: Sara Macko <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 11, 2022 7:53 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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Hello!

I am Sara Macko and I helped create a design for SDOT to save a tree in West Seattle from destruction! Their original project was going to kill a 100 year old tree for a simple ramp project. It was preposterous! With minimal revisions, we were able to save the tree, and install a safe ramp on the corner of the street. OUR CITY NEEDS TO PREVENT LETHAL HEAT ISLANDS! Please contact me at saramacko@outlook.com for ideas for a better plan! We can do this! We can all win!

Below is a letter constructed by the Last 6000!

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From: Conrad Guadagni <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 9:58 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator Urban Forestry Commission c/o Patti Bakker,

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From: Barbara Sanborn <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 10:21 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Stephanie Field <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 1:14 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 3:57 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Steve Zemke <stevezemke@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, August 12, 2022 4:31 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>; Josh Morris <joshm@seattleaudubon.org>; Julia Michalak <jmichalak@gmail.com>
Subject: Seattle Hearing Examiner Dismisses Master Builders Environmental Appeal of Seattle's draft Tree Protection Ordinance Update

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Hi Patti,

Could you please forward the following to the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, Thanks

Steve Zemke



News Release

Steve Zemke - Chair TreePAC

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For Immediate release: Friday August 12, 2022

Seattle Hearing Examiner Denies Master Builders Appeal, Allows Tree Protection Ordinance Update to Proceed

SEATTLE - TreePAC, a citizen's group advocating updating Seattle Tree Protection Ordinance, joined as an Intervenor with the city of Seattle in opposing a Hearing Examiner appeal by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish County. The decision allows Seattle to now move forward with updating Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance, a process that citizen groups and others have been urging the city to do for 13 years. TreePAC was represented by Claudia M. Newman of Bricklin & Newman.

In a strongly worded decision, the Seattle Hearing Examiner dismissed an appeal by the Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties (MBAKS) from a

Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) issued by the Seattle Department of Constructions and Inspections (SDCI). The appeal was regarding the potential environmental

impacts of a draft update by SDCI of Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance.

The decision by Seattle Hearing Examiner Ryan Vancil stated, "The Director's decision to issue a Determination of Non significance for the proposed ordinance is not clearly

erroneous and is **AFFIRMED** and the Appellants' appeal is **DENIED** ."

The Hearing Examiner did not equivocate but soundly dismissed the MBAKS arguments and witnesses' statements as speculation and not backed up by actual data.

You can read the [Hearing Examiner's decision and detailed response](#) here.

Quotes:

Steve Zemke, Chair of TreePAC "We appreciate the Hearing Examiner's reasoned and detailed decision. Trees are critical to maintaining the health and vitality of Seattle's

communities and its citizens. TreePAC supports the efforts of the city to both increase needed housing and protect our green infrastructure. It is not an either/or situation

but a priority of the city to address both as mandated in Seattle's current Comprehensive Plan."

Seattle Hearing Examiner Ryan Vancil in his decision "The record indicates that in developing the proposal, the Department considered the City's goals and policies and

developed a set of recommendations that struck a balance between the City's housing goals related to housing and future development patterns and the City's goals to

maintain a healthy urban forest that provides sizable tree canopy coverage."

Steve Zemke, Chair TreePAC "Trees are critical to dealing with urban heat island impacts and stormwater runoff as the climate crisis continues. That requires protecting as

many existing trees as possible and planting more trees in marginalized areas for tree equity and social justice. The proposed draft ordinance update helps the city to do

that."

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From: Pamela Austin <freeandflying@live.com>

Sent: Saturday, August 13, 2022 2:50 PM

To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Niva Ashkenazi <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 1:09 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Sydney Whipple <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 6:35 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Hailey Rybak <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 14, 2022 9:17 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Sophia Whipple <sophie.whipple@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: gmail <ricci.sharon@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:34 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Cc: Dayna Hanson <dh@daynahanson.com>; Jeff Brown <jeffbrownpainting@comcast.net>
Subject: Fwd: Taylor Creek Restoration Project Update (Deadhorse Canyon / Lakeridge Park)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Patricia,

We would like to ask if a member of the Urban Forestry Commission could attend this upcoming walking tour presentation by SPU for community members on Monday August 22 from 5-6pm. (See email below).

The options presented and resulting decisions will affect whether hundreds of trees are removed from the Deadhorse Canyon corridor. This property is owned by City of Seattle and the parks department but affects residents of Seattle and unincorporated King County who have property the unfurls into the canyon. It also affects everyone who enjoys hiking trails in South Seattle.

Seattle City Council members have already been engaged about this project by community members who are very concerned.

Kind regards,
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From: Rhiannon Root <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 11:55 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Holly Bream <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 11:34 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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We beg our City officials to save these Sweetgum trees by utilizing modern design options while rebuilding the sidewalks between 80th-105th, along Aurora Ave N. We know SDOT is concerned the sidewalk is VERY rough in those places, a potential hazard to disabled folks or the less surefooted. But would be great if the City could fix the sidewalks without removing these trees.

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Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2022 2:16 PM

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Subject: Comments on Comp Plan EIS alternatives Regarding Trees and Open Space Requirements

CAUTION: External Email

To: The Seattle Urban Forest Commission

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Date: August 17, 2022

RE: Comments on the Comprehensive Plan Updates

Thank you for listening to my public comments today. I emphasize them by writing them as comments for the record and so to encourage changes in City policy.

1. **Public and private open spaces are an opportunity for a tree to grow its canopy.** Equally, the lack of open spaces due to overdevelopment equals a lack of tree canopy. All Options need to foster more public and private open spaces with trees.
2. As the City densifies, the ratio of open space/acre/human population numbers diminishes. There needs to be a more **equitable formula for minimum requirements for open green space** per population density for all neighborhoods.
3. Existing **transportation corridor areas**, such as Aurora Ave N, currently with few large shade trees, should be required to **increase the numbers of pocket parks** and trees, with any and all Option Alternatives.
4. **Mental health impacts**, as a defined term, should be evaluated for each Option alternative, such as human health measures as stress from noise impacts, negative visual impacts, excessive heat and rains, proximity to traffic, and others.
5. The proposed Alternative 6, could be relabeled as the **Seattle Sacrifice Zone Alternative**. Any alternative that offers maximum growth in all zones would likely result in the City having a declining

quality of living. If development runs like the wild west the majority of tree canopy will be lost, exacerbating many ecological and sustainability issues in a climate change world.

6. I propose an Alternative 7, the **Emerald City Ecological Alternative**, that all development zones must **have increased public and private open space requirement** with minimum standards such that a 30% tree canopy goal can be met in the next 20 years, and 40% canopy cover by 25 years. This includes, that all properties within the matrix of ecological zones in the City, are designed to allow for continuity of a biologic matrix. All properties undergoing development must design for the maximum retention of existing trees, and enough open space for families with children to play, and wildlife to thrive.