City of Seattle

The Mayor's Green Seattle Initiative

"We're at the risk of becoming the city formerly known as 'emerald'. We must take action now to restore our public forests, build healthy neighborhoods and thriving business districts, and keep our city green."

- Mayor Greg Nickels

The goals of the Green Seattle Initiative are to:

- **Save Seattle's Public Forests**
- **Make Seattle's Neighborhoods Greener**
- **Promote Green Urban Development**

Save Seattle's Public Forests

Forested greenbelts and natural areas are important to keep our city healthy and livable. They keep the air clean, reduce run-off and provide habitat for wildlife. Seattle is at risk of losing 70% of its public forest to ivy infestation within the next 20 years. Our goal is to restore 2500 acres of infested forests and parklands by 2024. Here's how:

- Create the Green Seattle Partnership with the Cascade Land Conservancy to fund and implement intensive forest restoration
- Significantly increase our forest restoration efforts to about 150 acres per year
- Provide volunteer and youth training opportunities
- Encourage people to remove ivy in their own back yards

Make Seattle's Neighborhoods Greener

Trees and greenery help build healthy communities and thriving business districts. We will:

- Expand the Clean Seattle Initiative to include a green neighborhood project every month
- Provide City grants to businesses and community groups for greening projects especially in neighborhoods where trees and plantings are scarce
- Partner with downtown property managers to promote healthier landscapes
- Continue urban greening programs such as open space acquisition, reservoir-burying and P-Patch

Seattle City Hall's Green Roof

Promote Green Urban Development

There is a lot of new construction and redevelopment in Seattle. We will promote green redevelopment of infrastructure and the built environment and will:

- Promote more green buildings, green roofs, green streets and low impact development through education, assistance, incentives and regulations
- Initiate pilot projects to create pedestrian-friendly green streets in the Center City
- Continue the City's sustainable building and natural drainage programs

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