



## Colman Park Vegetation Management Plan

Vegetation Management Plans (VMP) support the City's goals of increasing overall tree canopy, promoting tree health and longevity within parks, and ensuring trees on Seattle Parks and Recreation's parkland are managed in a manner consistent with other departments and industry standards.

The goal with the VMP at Colman Park is to restore the forest complexity in species type and size which provides better habitat, species diversity, ecological function and slope stability.

### **Purpose:**

SPR Vegetation Management Plans help achieve the following objectives:

- Improve the overall park and forest health
- Restore and sustain a healthy diverse forest type of mixed deciduous and coniferous trees; reestablish Seattle's Urban Forest
- Improve the urban wildlife habitat and species diversity
- Enhance the natural aesthetic and public perception of our parkland, and improve the stewardship in our parks

### **Background:**

- Colman Park has been a beloved asset in the Mount Baker neighborhood for decades, and community groups have been valued stewards of this amenity since the 1970s.
- In 2014 SPR staff met with a community group who expressed interest in enhancing Colman Park. After a site visit and several conversations, the group successfully pursued a Neighborhood Matching Fund to help develop a VMP.
- A number of public workshops and an ongoing community process shaped the draft VMP which was submitted to SPR in late 2015. Throughout 2016-2018, additional briefings and site visits occurred, and several revised drafts were reviewed by internal and external stakeholders.
- On March 1, 2019, the draft Colman Park VMP was released for public comments.

### **Actions:**

SPR's goal is to complete the Vegetation Management Plan and have taken the following steps to move the plan forward:

- Assign the Green Seattle Partnership (GSP) staff to work with the Friends of Colman Vista on the Vegetation Management Plan outlined for Colman Park
- SPR provided the plant list and developed a phased approach for restoration
- SPR Engineering, Arborist & Plant Ecologist provided new site profile and plan view
- GSP developed and incorporated the Colman Park planting plan into the VMP

### **Next Steps:**

- SPR releases the Colman Park Vegetation Management Plan for public comments on March 1, 2019
- The public comment period will be open for one month, March 1 through March 31, 2019
- Once feedback is reviewed, the VMP will be complete by SPR which will help guide restoration work at Colman park

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