

Cal Anderson Park – Tree Planting Landmarks Preservation Board

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Overall Site Context

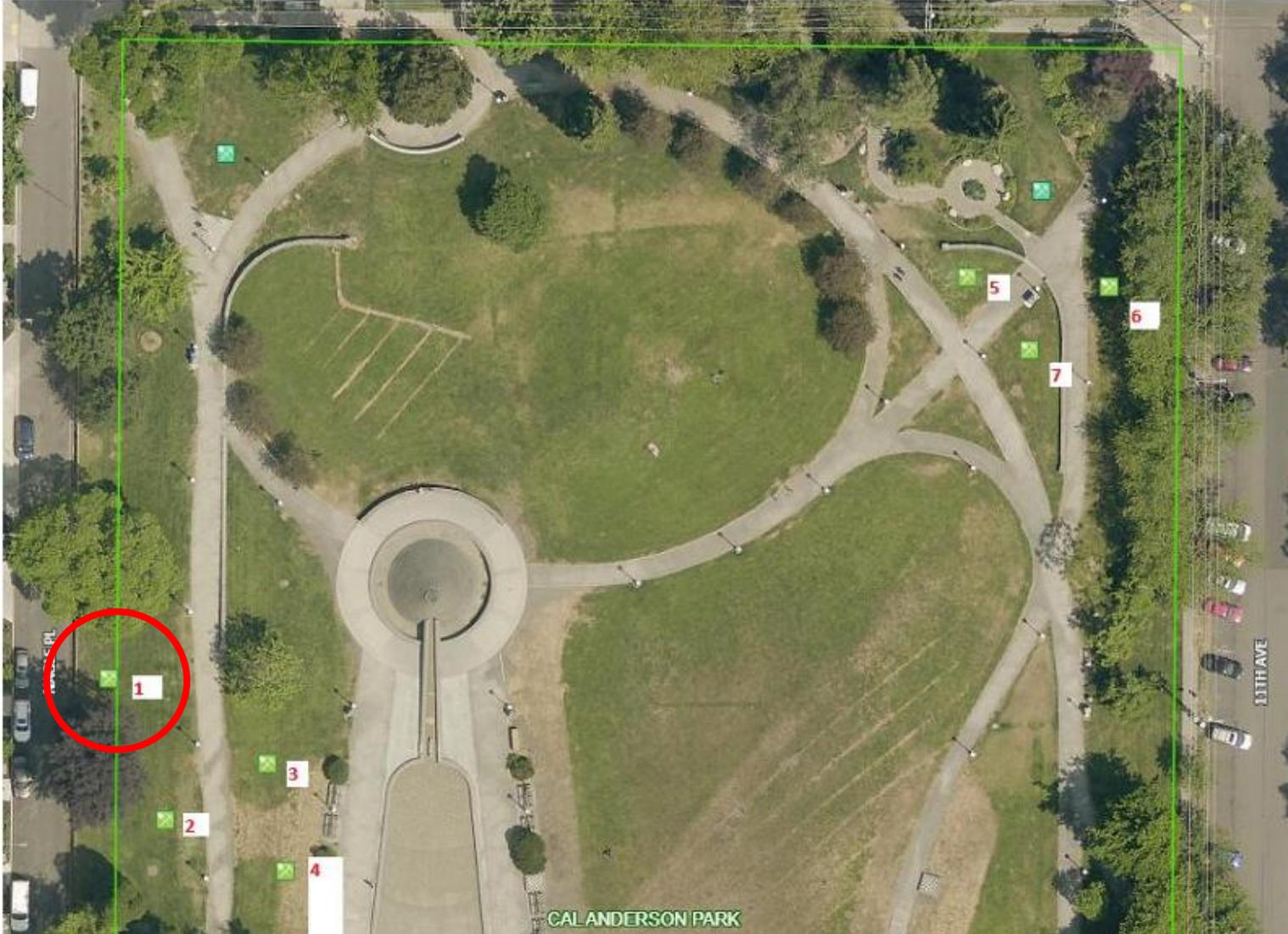


1 of 15 | Cal Anderson Park is seen from the air looking westward on Feb. 28 in Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. (Ken Lambert / The Seattle Times)

Tree Planting Plan

Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) is proposing to plant two (2) trees at Cal Anderson Park. The following planting plans show the two locations. SPR originally presented a proposal for seven (7) trees to Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) however only two of the locations were approved by SPU. The remaining five trees/locations were not approved due to the presence of underground infrastructure associated with the subsurface reservoir owned and managed by SPU. All of these trees will be roughly 2” Diameter at Standard Height (DSH).

Cal Anderson Park (Lincoln Reservoir/Park) Tree Planting Plan – Tree 1



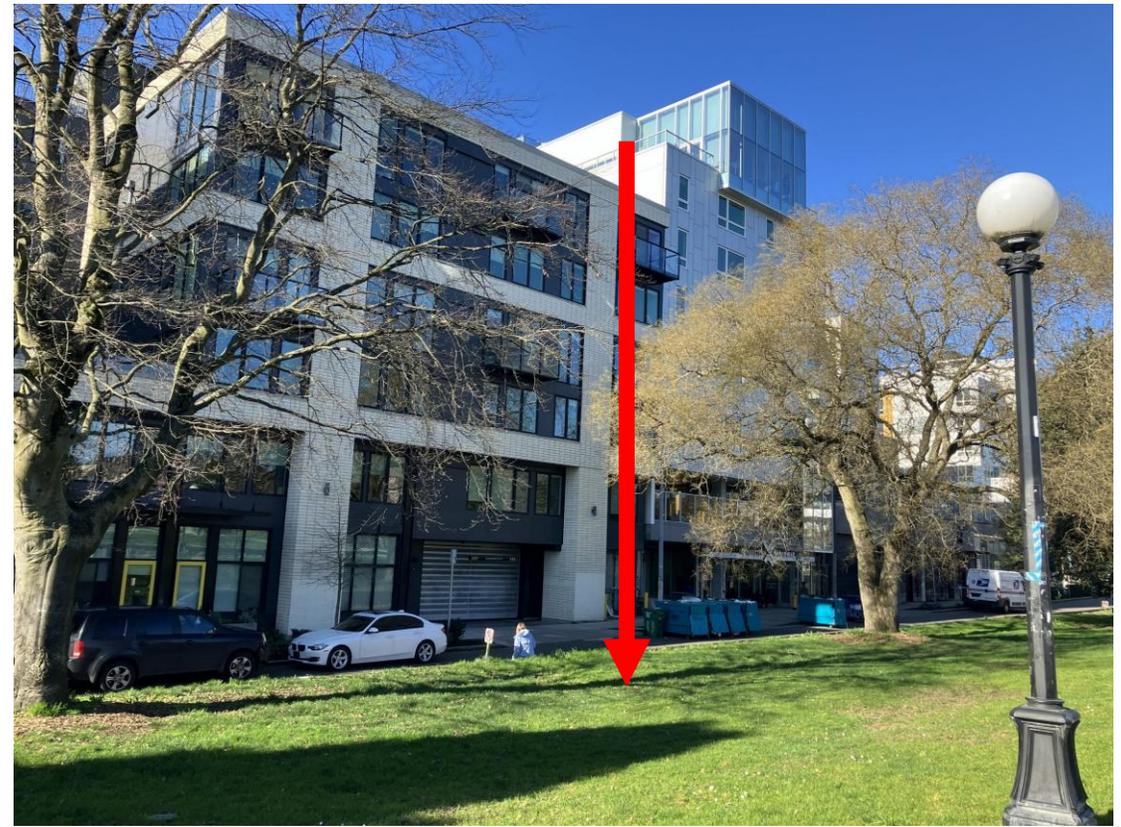
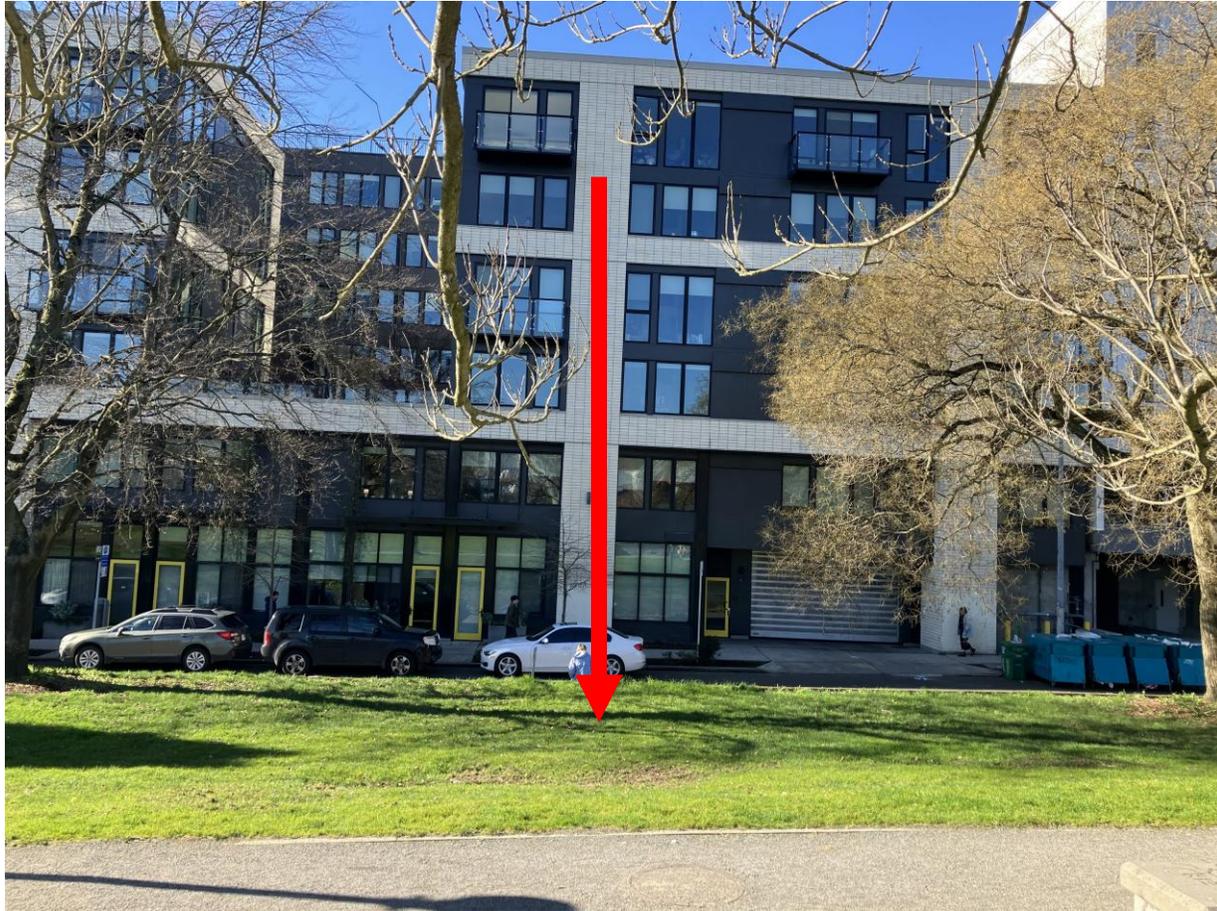
Tree Selection

- Tree No. 1: Garry Oak (*Quercus garryana*) – A deciduous tree, 40-90 ft tall at maturity, with a broad spreading, rounded crown, rugged, heavy ascending, crooked branches, often shrubby when young (less than 25 years).
 - The planting location is within 70 feet of 4 trees that were removed because they were dead. 2 maples, 1 ash and 1 dove tree.
 - Garry oak was selected for being native, deciduous (similar to surrounding trees and the trees removed), and higher drought tolerance than the trees that died and were removed.
- Tree No. 2: Princeton Sentry Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba* 'Princeton Sentry') – A deciduous male cultivar known for its narrow, upright, and conical shape, making it an ideal choice for urban environments, tight spaces, and street-side planting. It grows 40–50 feet tall and 15–20 feet wide, featuring bright green fan-shaped leaves that turn a uniform golden yellow in the autumn.
 - The planting location is within 70 feet of 6 trees that were removed because they were dying or suffered a major failure resulting in removal. 3 pines, 3 tupelo trees.
 - The Ginkgo is extremely hardy; highly tolerant of urban pollution, compacted soils, and salt. It is a very attractive tree with good fall color and good resilience to the conditions that led to the demise of the previous trees. It has a vertical growth habit so that it will be less likely to compete with the maple street trees bordering the park. The ginkgo would add an ancient species to the arboretum-like collection at Cal Anderson Park.

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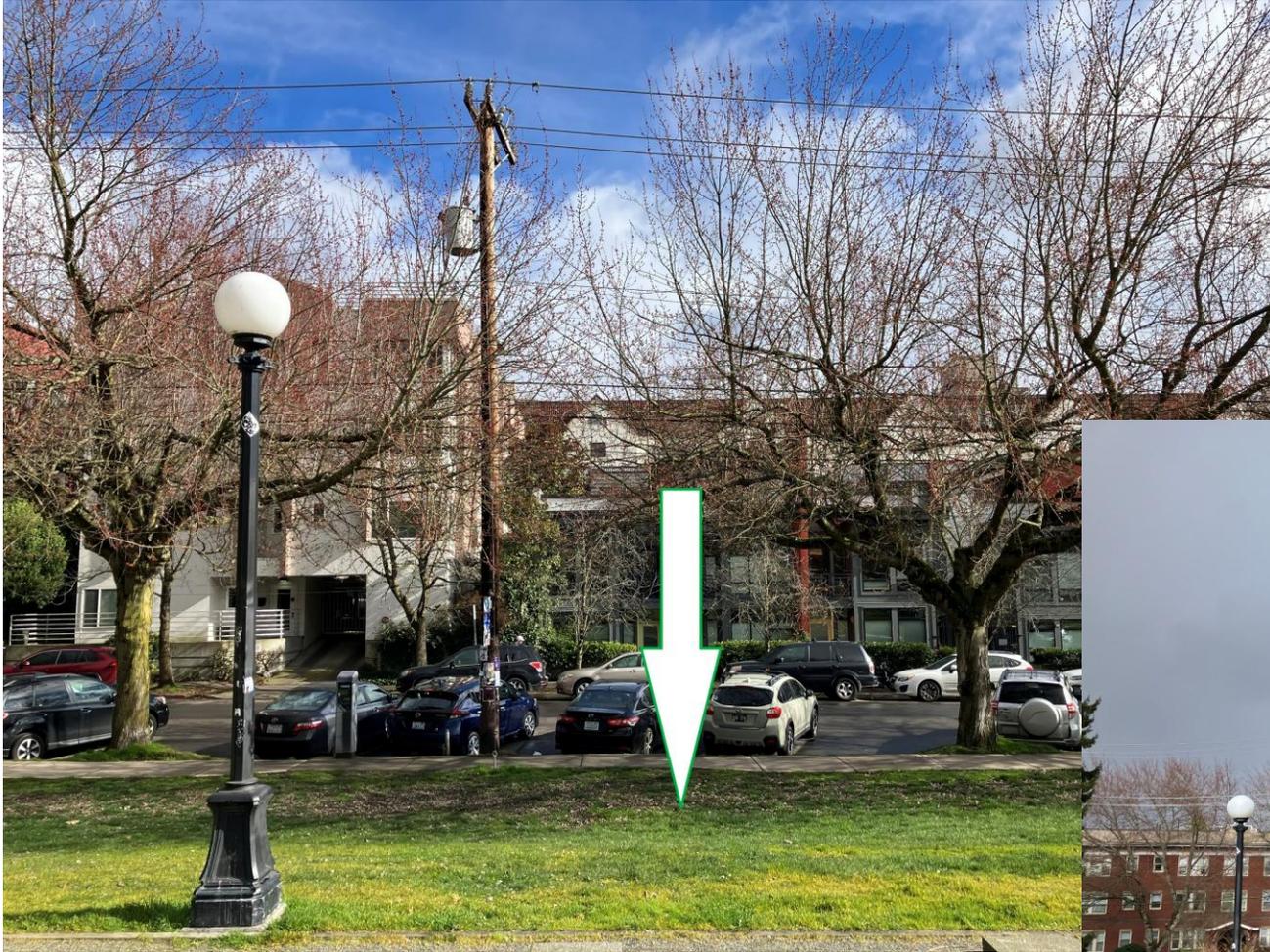
Tree No. 1 Location



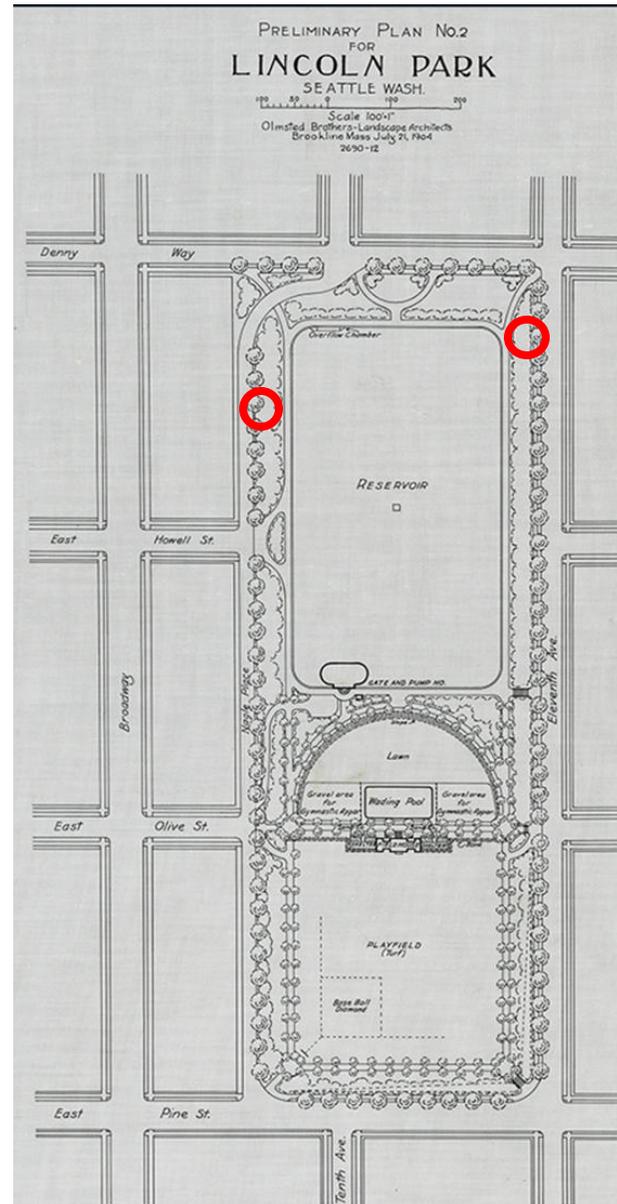
Tree No. 2: Ginkgo



Tree No. 2 Location



Original Olmsted Plan



Red Circles indicate approximate proposed tree locations

