



SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

Becca Neumann (Position #4 – Hydrologist), Co-chair

Joshua Morris (Position #7 – NGO), Co-Chair

Julia Michalak (Position #1 – Wildlife Biologist) • **Joe Sisneros** (Position #2 – Urban Ecologist - ISA)

Falisha Kurji (Position #3 – Natural Resource Agency) • **Stuart Niven** (Position #5 – Arborist – ISA)

Hao Liang (Position #6 – Landscape Architect – ISA) • **David Moehring** (Position # 8 – Development)

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

November 30, 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: 2490 846 1761

Meeting password: 1234

Attending

Commissioners

Josh Morris – Co-Chair

Becca Neumann – Co-Chair

Falisha Kurji

Julia Michalak

Hao Liang

Blake Voorhees

Jessica Jones

Lia Hall

Absent- Excused

Joe Sisneros

Stuart Niven

David Moehring

Laura Keil

Jessica Hernandez

Staff

Patti Bakker – OSE

Guests

Toby Thaler

Public

Steve Zemke

Sharon Ricci

Michael Oxman

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<https://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocuments>

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

Public comment:

Steve Zemke noted that the City Urban Forester position was included in the budget that passed yesterday. Also, confirmation of David Moehring's reappointment to his position is set to be on the agenda for next week's Land Use Committee meeting. Lastly, he urged the UFC to review what the city is putting forward in the updated urban forest protection ordinance, and consider what it wants to recommend the Land Use Committee add as amendments to it. That draft ordinance may be going over to Council in January, so that evaluation should be done in December.

Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Patti reported that Joe Sisneros has indicated that he is unable to participate on the Commission due to work constraints, so will need to step down from his position. She will start recruitment for a new candidate to fill that position. She also noted that the urban forestry conferences the week of November 14 were very well attended, and the sessions dedicated to Seattle's urban forestry work were well-received.

Josh noted that the inaugural Canopy Watch event held the day before the November conferences started was also an excellent event. Several Commissioners participated and were able to climb the large trees with the group. Commissioners reported that the event and the experience was a great way to connect people with trees, and with each other through the event.

Adoption of October 5 and 19 meeting notes

Action: A motion to approve the October 5, 2022 meeting notes as written was made, seconded and approved.

Action: A motion to approve the October 19, 2022 meeting notes as written was made, seconded and approved.

2023 UFC leadership nominations

Patti reported that she received four additional nominations for Commissioners to serve as Chairs for 2023. Of those four, Becca has indicated she is interested in serving. Patti checked in with the other three today, two of whom indicated they are not able to take on the role at this time and the third had not responded as of the start of the meeting. For the December 7 meeting, the elections will entail Josh, Becca and potentially the third nominee as potential Chair candidates.

Canopy Cover Assessment next round results – Patti Bakker, OSE

Patti noted that the city still hasn't received all of the analyses, results and deliverables or a final report yet from the consultant team, but wanted to share with the UFC what additional information has been received at this point. This new information focuses mainly on canopy changes in the management units and the canopy mapping in the equity priority neighborhoods.

Patti shared some key takeaways from the data so far:

- We lost canopy during this time period between 2016 and 2021. We saw a 1.7% relative decrease in canopy, which amounts to a net loss of 255 acres.
- Those net losses are comprised of both gains, in the form of new growth of existing trees and planting of new trees, and losses, which result from tree removals and trees dying.
- The largest net losses were seen in Neighborhood Residential, Parks Natural Areas and Multifamily management units.
- Our equity priority neighborhoods continue to see canopy losses.
- We need to take better care of the trees we have and accelerate investment in new trees.

The net canopy changes that we talk about are comprised of both losses and gains. Patti reviewed what is happening with those losses and gains and how the processes causing them are happening concurrently to add up to those net changes. She then reviewed the losses, gains and net canopy losses citywide and in the

management units, and showed a more detailed look at four management units of much discussion and concern: Neighborhood Residential, Parks Natural Areas, Developed Parks and the Right of Way.

The mapping in the equity priority neighborhoods has also advanced, with development of a map of the canopy at the census block group level, which is a finer scale than the census block groups used previously. This has been overlaid with a boundary from the race and social equity composite index, produced by the Office of Planning and Community Development, which includes data on race, language, origin, socioeconomic disadvantage, and health disadvantage. The overlaid boundary includes the two highest categories of disadvantage from the five categories in this index, as those are the categories the city focuses on as equity priority neighborhoods. This boundary is also overlaid onto the map of canopy change by census block group, allowing for analysis between the map of canopy cover and the map of canopy change to identify what is happening with the canopy in priority areas. That in-depth analysis will happen, but for now the data shows that there were net canopy losses across all five categories of disadvantage, but by far the largest canopy loss occurred in the areas where there is the highest disadvantage category. There was a relative percent loss of 4.1% in these areas.

Additional data received about the canopy includes a tree count reflecting the number of trees citywide and within each management unit. Staff will review this information more closely with the consultant team to verify these totals, since while citywide a total number of trees close to one million could be an appropriate amount, the number of trees in both developed parks and natural areas seems low – it's showing currently as a total of less than 150,000, whereas previous estimates have been 500,000 or more trees in our parks. Data was also received on the evergreen to deciduous tree ratio, showing that the ratio is now 37% conifer trees in our urban forest, and 63% deciduous trees. This reflects progress toward our goal of increasing the conifer component, since the ratio from the 2016 assessment was 28% conifers to 72% deciduous.

Next steps in this process include:

- Receiving the remaining data from consultant, including:
 - Additional environmental equity neighborhood and heat island data
 - Development impact on canopy
 - Additional canopy measures – large trees/groves, canopy in/around schools and riparian corridors
- Conducting additional stakeholder engagement
- Final report available

Questions addressed included:

- Will we be able to tell how much of the gains we're seeing are coming from growth of existing trees and how much comes from planting of new trees?
- Will we also get data on volume of canopy we have and volume of canopy lost?
- What is the relative level of ecosystem services provided by the "lost" vs "new" canopy areas?
- Are there other maps, such as those showing health impacts and other socioeconomic factors, that can be combined with this analysis?
- Regarding the development impact analysis, will they be looking at the number trees planted annually by developers?
- Is there a rule of thumb for how many trees are in an acre of canopy?

Community Engagement

The last UFC discussion on community engagement in October focused on a recap of the progress made in this area this year, and identifying some potential next steps, including developing relationships with community groups. Josh noted that he, Falisha and Lia had agreed to be a subgroup, working with Jessica H. as she's available, to work on advancing next steps. They will meet in the near future and report back early next year. Lia, Falisha and Laura had a discussion about the social media work and determined a calendar for it. They would like to start a repository of photos that can be used and encouraged Commissioners to email them any photos or sources they have for that.

Dead Horse Canyon Follow-up Letter

The UFC reviewed the first draft of this letter at the November 2nd meeting and made a few edits to it at that meeting. Patti noted that subsequently, SPU staff provided additional information and some comments on the content of the letter, and incorporated those as comments and suggested edits in the draft recommendation letter. Commissioners reviewed those and made additional edits to the letter.

Action: A motion to adopt the Dead Horse Canyon project follow-up letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.

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Sharon Ricci noted her appreciation for the UFC's work on the Dead Horse Canyon issue and project.

Steve Zemke wanted to bring attention to the Seattle Forest Ecosystem Values Report. It's the only ground-truthed analysis that has been done and contains analysis of what the tree composition looks like in the city. It shows that only 18% of trees in the single-family zones are 12" diameter and over. So if only trees 12" and larger are required to be shown on site plans, that only covers 18% of the trees. If we want to track tree loss and replacement, verify what is being proposed in the draft ordinance and whether it's going to meet the need. We should also potentially look beyond the size of the tree when considering retention, and consider a tree's potential as well. It may be more important to save an 11" or 12" Douglas fir tree that will grow very larger later than another similar size tree that won't get much larger than 12" in its lifespan.

Michael Oxman noted that the city just wrapped up the budget process, and this year the difference is that the City Urban Forester position is in the budget. The new position will interact with people across the nine city departments that manage trees, so it will be interesting to see what kind of authority they have. He expressed appreciation for the new Commissioners on the UFC. He noted the important role the UFC has, as the city knows it has a problem and looks to the UFC for solutions for proactively arresting the decline of the urban forest.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM.

Meeting Chat:

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:41 PM

ha that's behind my house.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:41 PM

What is also happening is loss of canopy volume, loss of big trees, replacement with small trees at maturity.

Can we get any data on canopy volume loss?

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 3:42 PM

Questions about canopy loss/gain; Is there enough data in the study to answer:

What's the minimum size of an existing tree to move into being counted as "canopy"?

What's the average size of trees lost to canopy status since 2016?

Point: What is the relative level of ecosystem services provided by the "lost" vs "new" canopy areas?

[My apology for dropping in—I'm watching slides, but listening to the Council Land Use Committee]

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 3:42 PM

The trees at the bottom of the image on the right are also proposed for removal.

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 3:42 PM

My questions fit with Steve Zemke's

from Aliessa Ruiz to everyone: 3:47 PM

In the development analysis, are they going to look at the amount of trees planted annually by builders?

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 3:47 PM

The Canopy Cover Assessment is required by the Comp Plan to be conducted every 5 years. Since it won't be complete until 2023, this means the timeline is not in compliance with our policy.

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:49 PM

Are we tracking trees planted by developers?

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 3:53 PM

Any word on why the City Auditor received a funding allocation in yesterday's budget to audit the Parks District?

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:03 PM

conifers also provide greater soil erosion protection

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:04 PM

LIDAR Data notes tree as 8 feet and taller LIDAR measured at 8 feet and above.

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:04 PM

Thanks, Steve.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:05 PM

Conifers provide benefits year around in many services, eg reducing air pollution and storm water runoff.

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:05 PM

A tree is the minimum pixel size of the resolution of the sensor on the satellite that took the aerial images. A baby tree that has just been planted may not register for a few years because they are too small to be recognized by the sensor.

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:06 PM

Thanks, Michael.

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:07 PM

Next step should be ground truthing by humans at eye level to confirm data.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:10 PM

I think there is a way to report problem areas to King County Noxious Weed Control Board.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:12 PM

noxious

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:12 PM

oops

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:12 PM

<https://kingcounty.gov/services/environment/animals-and-plants/noxious-weeds/infestation-form.aspx>

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:12 PM

Thank you Lia

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:13 PM

Looks like English Ivy is NOT a regulated weed, however.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:16 PM

This is a report I came across with helpful comparative maps:

https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/Environment/EnvironmentalEquity/CHIA_low_res.pdf

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:19 PM

The whole point of this analysis should be to convince the city council to fund priority forest treatment maintenance.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:23 PM

Ecosystem services report 2012 done 2012 ground truthing Meanwhile, within the Single-family Residential management unit, 18% of the urban

forest trees are over 12 inches in diameter and 55% are less than 6 inches diameter. On average, 46% of the tree species that will be large at maturation currently have a trunk diameter less than 12 inches

https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/Trees/Mangement/EcoSystem/Seattles_Forest_Ecosystem_Values_Report.pdf

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:24 PM

Thank you, Patti!

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:24 PM

Is there a City of Seattle cost benefit analysis comparing investment of protection of existing trees vs the investment to develop terrain to support new tree plantings?

from Michael Oxman to everyone: 4:27 PM

Outreach can be improved by allowing citizens to sit on Commission committees.

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:29 PM

Rainier Beach Community Club would host!

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:30 PM

Thanks Sharon! We'll add it to the list

from Tina Cohen to everyone: 4:31 PM

Prefer to continue to have Webex alternative

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:31 PM

From Ecosystem Report 18% of trees single family zones over 12"DBH means that 82% of trees are less than 12"DBH. SDCI draft ordinance wants to only put trees that are 12" DBH on site maps. Currently all trees 6" DBH and larger are required on site plans. which equals about 45% of trees in neighborhood residential zone.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:32 PM

Thanks, Tina. I think we would continue to have a Webex option to attend in addition to hosting in person meetings at various neighborhood locations.

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:33 PM

Could also look at a possible evening meeting since many people work

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:33 PM

work during the day

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:33 PM

Option 3 would still include a road in the canyon, removing a large amount of trees, which FODHC is striving to prevent still.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:35 PM

Agreed, Steve. I forgot to mention that an arborist at the Canopy Leadership Conference expressed that point as well--they would attend if they could in the evening.

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:38 PM

The community of neighbors question if the creek can be restored without addressing root causes.

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 4:41 PM

brb

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:42 PM

The sediment is coming from landslides due to storm water off pipes in the King County areas.

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 5:03 PM

They have not publicly shared any of those tree plans

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 5:05 PM

Sorry I've got to drop off. Thanks all!

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 5:07 PM

Portland tracks smaller diameter trees.

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

From: donna duffey <sahailadance@live.com>

Sent: Monday, November 7, 2022 8:47 AM

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

Subject: Save our Trees!

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

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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.

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Subject: Save Our Trees!

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Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Ericka Berg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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I am writing to ask you to support preservation of the Meadowbrook True-Love trees, an exceptional cedar-fir pair in Meadowbrook, and their nearby grove. Because of the True-Love trees' remarkable union and visibility on a busy street, they are well-known and beloved by the community, with over 500 signatures on a recent petition to save them. Together with the adjacent grove, they shelter the north fork of Thornton Creek's and form a vibrant urban forest.

Development plans have been filed for this project on SDCI's portal under 004386-22PA. The plans call for the removal of the trees to achieve maximum development potential. Yet, a respected local architect has drawn plans which would include the trees in the development, a win-win for the homes' future residents, the community, and the environment!

These huge native conifers are our last link to the vast, ancient coastal forest which covered this land before settlement. Now, we benefit from the seedlings of that time, which have grown and reached the size and grandeur of their ancestors. They cool us in our increasingly hot summers, provide habitat for native birds and wildlife, filter pollutants from the air and stormwater, and provide amazing public health benefits.

With thoughtful planning, Seattle can preserve its forest and build new homes. Please use your authority to ask the developer to include these trees on the development plan, instead of cutting them down.

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From: Katy Griffith <katygr@msn.com>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>

Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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Trees are environment for all life and that includes other trees. They colonize and are strong together. Surely you agree that trees are critically important in fighting climate change. They are the canopy that protects the understory and keeps us cool. But trees are bearing the brunt of climate change. We need to do whatever we can to protect them, especially the precious established trees that have learned to adapt to their locations. They pass on their wisdom. Dont let it be thrown away!

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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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Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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creatures besides man. Have you not experienced the peace and quiet of the forest? It is holy, soothes my soul, calms my mind. It would be a travesty and so tragic for all that depend on them. There is a solution, use it.

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Thank you,
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From: Bonny Headley <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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From: Kathy McAuliffe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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From: Cynthia Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 5:19 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Mickie Gundersen <michelleg18@frontier.com>
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From: Anita Barcklow <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Thank you.
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From: Marianna Clark <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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Subject: Please - Protect the Maple Leaf Mother Groves!

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

This is me, writing you all again, to ask that there be some real oversight related to tree removal in Seattle. As I hope you are hearing about, one of the Maple Leaf Mother Groves, at 1211 NE 104th St, is at risk to be removed - basically for ease of development. As I've said before when I've written in about tree protection, there is a way to protect mature (and in this case substantially mature) trees and still build housing. We Are In A Climate Crisis. The fact that the city isn't doing more to prevent the slow removal of mature trees is deeply upsetting. I truly believe that the developer of this property can achieve maximum density while retaining these groves, a win-win for people and nature.

Background on these trees:

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Requests:

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In other words, there is a solution to keep the trees and still build the DADU.

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Please Speak for the Trees! This is not an either or situation and if it has to be, then the Trees Should Win - especially these ones as they are irreplaceable.

Thank you for your service to our city. Please protect these trees.

Sincerely,

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From: Shambhavi Taylor <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Cathy Stoltey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:02 PM
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From: Don Brooks <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2022 8:06 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Michelle Breaux <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Thomas Lewis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Don't cut down any of these damn trees. Just fix the dig plan, do a good job protecting and bracing the trees, don't make up nonsense reasons to cut these down.

A complex problem requires a complex solution, so come up with one. Trees like this are protected on lots where multimillion dollar homes are built, so you can protect them on this site.

We're not dumb.

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From: Wendy Oberlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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The Maple Leaf Mother Groves are 22 "super-groves" which span entire city blocks in the Maple Leaf neighborhood. The City defines "groves" as eight or more large (12 inch dbh or larger) trees whose canopies touch. In contrast, Mother Groves span most of the properties on their blocks, and function as intact native PNW ecosystems. Because trees in groves cool each other and share defense from disease through their root network, we can count on them to be the most resilient part of our entire urban forest! They are also reservoirs of biodiversity for iconic native species which rely on forests to survive, rather than single trees along streets or in front yards.

The two groves at 1211 NE 104th St form an important part of a Mother Grove. Their removal or damage could launch a cycle of decline leading to the loss of the entire block's grove. To preserve this amazing community resource, please ensure the following:

1. Require a new arborist report. The arborist report submitted by the developer lists only 13 trees, yet 20 trees grow on this site. The report also omits an entire grove of 13 western red cedars, which are shared with adjacent properties.
2. Request that the Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit (DADU) be built on the generous amount of land available near the proposed new home, rather than where it is currently planned in the cedar grove. Both tree groves are conveniently located on the periphery and small panhandle of the site, leaving a large buildable expanse!
3. Protect the groves during construction with rigid fencing. Currently only vinyl netting is required, which provides little protection for trees and is often moved. Construction damage to roots could send these verdant groves into a cycle of decline. If trees at the edge of the grove die, others within the grove often follow.

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