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November 25, 2019

To: Seattle Urban Forestry Commission, Seattle Office of Sustainability & Environment

Via: Sandra Pinto de Bader, Urban Forestry Commission Coordinator

CC: Mayor Jenny Durkin  
Seattle City Council  
Others CCed in November 13, 2019 letter (attached)

From: Jesús Aguirre, Seattle Parks and Recreation Superintendent

Dear Members of the Urban Forestry Commission:

Thank you for reaching out to Mayor Jenny Durkan again regarding funding levels for the Green Seattle Partnership. We appreciate your partnership and advocacy for this important program that restores and maintains Seattle's forested parklands and designated natural areas of Seattle.

The City remains committed to meeting the 2,500-acreage urban forest restoration goal by 2025. As you are aware, Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR) will be doing further analysis on this subject during the first half of 2020 to respond to a City Council Statement of Legislative Intent (SLI), due on June 30. SPR will be pulling together an internal workgroup to address the SLI's questions about acreage restored, challenges/barriers to completing the restoration of the 2,500 acres, and ongoing maintenance requirements as acres in active restoration are added. The SLI's evaluation will then inform any recommended programmatic or budget changes for the 2021-22 budget to ensure alignment with the 2025 restoration goal.

Thank you again for your partnership and advocacy for the Green Seattle Partnership Program. Please do not hesitate to send any further questions you have.