

Emails sent by Seattle residents regarding the tree protection ordinance through April 7, 2020

From: Nancy Simsons <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, January 10, 2020 7:35 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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From: Margaret Morrison <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 1:37 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

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From: Charna Klein <charnaklein@msn.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 7:26 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: David Powell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2020 1:20 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

Dear elected official.

As a long time citizen of our wonderful city, I would ask that you please strongly consider making the saving of our urban forest a high priority. It strikes me as smart to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

Thank you!

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From: Gail Fox <starfoxx@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Gail Fox

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From: Anne Roda <a.roda@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

I worked for the Seattle Parks Department for many years as a Gardener and planted many trees for the City. I know first hand how much effort it takes to not just plant a tree, but to keep it alive over our hot and dry summers and over it's lifetime. As a city, we need to protect as many trees as possible to provide not just beauty, but all the vital elements that trees give to us by their continued presence, cleaner air, shade in the hot summer, lessening storm water runoff, as well as providing habitat for wildlife.

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From: Wendy Oberlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

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Wendy Oberlin

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Seattle, Washington 98103

From: tawny Bates <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2020 8:36 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

I agree with the following comments about the critical importance of tree canopy. I also believe tree protection efforts MUST operate from the Office of Sustainability, NOT the Dept. of Construction and Land Use.

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From: Wimsey Cherrington <wimsey@wimsey.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2020 9:51 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

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OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

This is my #1 concern and has been increasingly distressing as time passes without an updated Tree Protection Plan as recommended in the latest draft by the Seattle Urban Forestry Commission.

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From: Susan Montacute <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2020 8:42 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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Please don't allow money-grabbing developers to continue felling majestic trees which benefit us all and will continue to benefit others for generations to come.

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Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2020 2:35 PM
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Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2020 9:44 AM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

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From: Marilyn Reed <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 09, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please please keep Seattle livable!

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Seattle's trees and urban forest are vital to our air and to keeping in balance our vital green infrastructure. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. So important for the physical and mental health of our residents, programs walking near trees is proven to be healing and stress relieving.

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To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Susan Hemingway <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 9:04 AM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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The same decimation is occurring along Greenwood Ave. Large trees lining the streets were needlessly chopped down just to fix a minor crack in a sidewalk. A year later they have not been replaced, and even when replaced, it will be 70-80 years before they reach comparable maturity.

When the trees are cut down, so are the animal habitats. The developers of the new house on the corner of my street chopped down a small tree on the parking medium despite a fence and sign requesting just 1 more week for the three baby birds to mature enough to leave the nest.

The day work commenced, the developer pulled the nest out of the tree and killed all three chicks just to ensure their work schedule would not be interrupted. It is against both state and federal law to kill song birds. But a call to the City of Seattle said they had no ability to prevent private contractors from killing wildlife.

Do the right thing and save the trees and wildlife.

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From: Cynthia Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2020 7:43 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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These are minimal requirements to keep our city on track for canopy protection!

Climate change is NOW & our ability to grow new trees must not be taken for granted!

Karen Barrett

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From: Jacqui Smith-Bates <jacquisb@spu.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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From: Catherine Ruha <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 7:53 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

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This city MUST do something to combat climate change and prevent Seattle from becoming a heat island. Trees provide natural cooling and keep this the Emerald City we claim to be. Trees reduce stress and help people feel happy. Happy people walk more under the shade of a tree where birds can nest and sing. The overall environmental and emotional health of the city and our people need trees.

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From: Tom Hoffmann <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2020 8:11 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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Tom and Bea Hoffmann

Tom Hoffmann

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From: Michael Cvitkovic <cvit4@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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David

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Seattle, Washington 98144

From: Laura Skiles-Bundy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:12 AM

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From: Nora Lih <nelih@q.com>
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To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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The suggestions offered by this organization is, in my opinion, way too little. What I want is no trees cut down without two being planted AND something supported by city funds to get rid of the English ivy--the other factor destroying our trees. It is absolutely appalling to see how few trees we have now, and how many of those that remain that are being choked by ivy.

Nora Lih

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From: Paul Grekin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 10:17 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Justin Clark <jbclark2@live.com>

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From: Laura Lovell <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

I am writing to express support for the proposed Urban Tree Protection Ordinance. Seattle's tree lined streets are a treasure. They clean the air, create beauty and a sense of peace in troubled times. Some of them provide food for pollinators, and a home for birds. Sometimes they drop leaves on us, sometimes push up sidewalk paving slabs. Get over it. They give us more than they inconvenience us. Seattle's neighborhoods are more lovely by far than San Francisco's, because we have trees and gardens. Please do not make our city a dreary expanse of concrete. We have enough such areas already. Please support this proposed plan.

Thank you.

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From: Ron Lewis <rhlewis@lps.k12.co.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 2:13 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

There's a hole in the sky!

Ron Lewis

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From: Alan Greenbaum <agreenb@uw.edu>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 3:50 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

CAUTION: External Email

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Alan Greenbaum

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From: Marian Wineman <mwineman@comcast.net>

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 4:44 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees - they are making us healthy b y cleaning our AIR

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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Remember that replacement is not nearly as effective or climate friendly as saving our existing trees! I strongly URGE you to PROTECT our cities lungs NOW!!

Marian Wineman

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Seattle, Washington 98199

From: Laurel Stanford <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2020 8:43 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Chris Covert-Bowlds <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:53 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees for our health

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Nancy Miller <nsergeant@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 7:58 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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SEATTLE, Washington 98125

From: Patricia Duff <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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From: Sophia Keller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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From: Susan Robbins <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle’s Trees

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From: Michael Byrd <byrd4646@man.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2020 8:30 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: ryan davis <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 6:29 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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seattle, Washington 98118

From: P Stevenson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2020 1:02 AM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Cedar Mannan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 9:57 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

Hi, I'm a long time Seattle resident and so many large trees that I've grown up around have recently been cut down for development. We can make room for people and keep the large trees in place.

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From: Leila Kipp <kipp.leila@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 3:26 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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Leila Kipp

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From: Wendy Oberlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 7:57 AM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Wendy Oberlin

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Seattle, Washington 98103

From: Kjersten Gmeiner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 11:03 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Kjersten Gmeiner

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Seattle, Washington 98125

From: William Sherman <wts@gunjones.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: Gretchen Kirsch <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 2:15 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Seattle, Washington 98115

From: Megan Wittenberg <megan@ofearthandvine.com>

Sent: Monday, February 24, 2020 12:49 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

One of the wonderful things about Seattle is its beautiful trees. With the oncoming climate disaster, we have a responsibility to keep as many large trees healthy and working as we can. I personally am very fond of many specific trees in our greenspaces and parks. Please protect them.

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Megan Wittenberg

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Seattle, Washington 98122

From: Corrie Watterson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 3:59 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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Corrie Watterson

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Seattle, Washington 98122

From: Kate Howe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

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From: Jaimi Monaco <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 9:02 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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Jaimi Monaco

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Shoreline , Washington 98155

From: Charles Warner <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 10:37 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Charles Warner

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Everett, Washington 98208

From: Maggie Everett <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 10:00 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

Too many beautiful older trees are disappearing from our city! Please stop this - We need them more than ever now for our physical, mental and environmental health. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife.

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Thank you for helping us remain a most liveable city!

Maggie Everett

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12019 Evanston Ave N

Seattle, Washington 98133

From: Pkristine Morris <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, February 29, 2020 12:33 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

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Sent: Monday, March 02, 2020 11:09 AM
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FOR EXAMPLE - the large construction project behind me cut down 15+++ mature trees, this is TERRIBLE. quit letting developers RUN THIS TOWN already.

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From: Victoria Khemani <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

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From: Kevin Murphy <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, March 02, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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From: DOUGLASS FISHER <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

Greetings from Victory Heights/Pinehurst -

The requested actions noted below are necessary to maintain a healthy environment in our neighborhood. I strongly believe that developers should have to work harder to adapt their plans to meet urban forestry guidelines. Right now it seems there are no efforts to compromise with developers. They just seem to be allowed to do what they please. Imagine if a developer clear-cut a lot adjacent to where you live. This request is not just about aesthetics, it is about maintaining a health environment for people and animals. I, and others,

are not radicals. We just think there is room for reasonable compromise between developers whose objective is profit, and the city whose objective is maintaining a quality local environment.

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From: Heather Wehl <hdweihl@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
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From: Julie Knight <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 11:47 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Update Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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From: Cynthia Johnson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 8:45 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Protect Seattle's Trees

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From: Timothy Humes <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 8:46 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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SEATTLE, Washington 98107-3433

From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:44 PM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>

Cc: DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Mary Jean Gilman <mj.gilman@comcast.net>; dkmoody@gmail.com; josh@sfc.org; sethely@gmail.com; surfsupgordi@yahoo.com; rotterbj@hotmail.com; kares@uw.edu; irish_family@hotmail.com; laurelgene@comcast.net; woodburne@gmail.com; slgaskill@aol.com; jimboo1471@aol.com; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; josh@sfei.org; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>

Subject: Clear-cutting 23 trees at NW 92nd St (between Mary Ave and 14th Ave)

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Public Resource Center,

Thank you for allowing comment on the clear-cutting of 23 trees for 20 market-rate rowhouses within a Lowrise Multi-Family development at **9202 MARY AVE NW**, 3035015-LU. [Published as "Land use application to allow 4, 3-story rowhouse buildings (20 units total). Parking for 20 vehicles proposed. Existing buildings to be demolished. Early Design Guidance conducted under 3035048-EG."]

Please apply code-required design alternatives in order to preserve some of these larger trees. Better enforcement of tree protections is required.

EXCERPT FROM LAYTON TREE CONSULTING, LLC
ARBORIST REPORT DATED 05/13/19


Tree/ Tag #	Species Common Name	Species Scientific Name	DBH (inches)	Height (feet)	Drip-Line (feet)				Condition	Exceptional Yes/No	Comments
					N	S	E	W			
1	Thornless honey locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos x inermis</i>	8	27	9	10	9	8	Good	No	'Santitas' cultivar, young, good form
2	Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	23	93	11	12	12	11	Fair	No	heavy cone crop, no root flare, drought stressed
3	Thornless honey locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos x inermis</i>	6	24	7	8	7	7	Fair	No	'Sunburst' cultivar, cavity, old wound at 10 feet
4	Colorado spruce	<i>Picea pungens</i>	7	21	6	7	6	6	Good	No	excellent vigor
5	Balsam fir	<i>Abies balsamea</i>	6	16	6	5	4	5	Good	No	young, bent top
6	Cedar of Lebanon	<i>Cedrus libani 'pendula'</i>	6	14	4	6	4	3	Good	No	young, typical
7	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	4,3,3,3 (7)	14	7	8	9	9	Good	No	no concerns, reddish leaves
8	noole fir	<i>Abies procera</i>	16	43	9	9	9	8	Good	No	young to semi, good vigor
9	blue Atlas cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica 'Glaucia'</i>	10	33	8	10	11	12	Good	No	young, good form
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13	weeping Atlas cedar	<i>Cedrus atlantica 'Glaucia pendula'</i>	9	7	2	4	6	8	Fair	No	trained along fence top
14	Douglas fir	<i>Pseudotsuga menziesii</i>	23	80	14	12	12	17	Good	No	good vigor
15	Thornless honey locust	<i>Gleditsia triacanthos x inermis</i>	10	39	7	11	10	12	Good	No	'Majestic' cultivar, moderate oeadwood
16	grand fir	<i>Abies grandis</i>	13	41	6	5	7	5	Good	No	good vigor
17	noole fir	<i>Abies procera</i>	3,8,4 (13)	36	5	6	7	5	Fair	No	forks at one foot into 3 stems/trunks
18	Japanese cedar	<i>Cryptomeria japonica</i>	8	20	7	7	8	6	Good	No	good vigor
19	pear, fruit tree	<i>Pyrus spp</i>	7	16	6	5	7	9	Fair	No	typical
20	fruiting cherry	<i>Prunus spp</i>	3,4 (5)	15	4	7	6	6	Fair	No	poor form
21	apple	<i>Malus spp</i>	19	18	14	10	10	10	Fair	No	mature, good vigor
22	apple	<i>Malus spp</i>	5,10,7 (15)	15	7	14	12	10	Fair	No	large basal cavity, good vigor
23	white fir	<i>Abies concolor</i>	26	22	11	8	8	9	Fair	No	topped, good vigor
ROW Trees											
101	Threadleaf cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis platyloia</i>	3,3,7 (8)	10	4	3	4	5	Good	No	well maintained
102	Lawson false cypress	<i>Chamaecyparis lawsoniana</i>	3,6 (11)	18	5	11	6	9	Good	No	cultivar of Lawson cypress, good vigor
103	Decodar cedar	<i>Cedrus deodara</i>	16	30	6	17	16	13	Fair	No	poor form

Drip-Line measurements from face of trunk



It should be in the interest of the City in density along with retaining at least some of the urban tree canopy to counter local climate change. As a member of TreePAC and other tree canopy retention groups, we look forward to the implementation of the **2017 mayor's Executive Order for stronger tree protection** without further delay. These tree requirements should not only apply to home-owners (as Johnson's "Trees For All" attempted 18 months ago), but to development lots with protected Tree Groves and Exceptional trees, as well. We were hoping for former Councilmembers Bagshaw and O'Brien to include within their term legacies the necessary actions to implement tree ordinance recommendations of the Urban Forestry Commission that have been in process for a decade. It did not happen; and now there is another year being planned before something is enacted.

Questions to answer:

- [1] which of these trees are Code-protected as 'Tree Groves' (per DR 16-2008)*
- [2] please share what alternative layouts of the buildings that will be prepared to retain the existing tree groves and look at design mitigation measures - including underground parking.
- [3] how will the exterior on-grade amenity areas be achieved without the non-complaint use of trash and vehicle parking areas?

We need more affordable housing and tree canopy. It does not appear at the moment that this development design are providing either.

Thank you in advance!

David Moehring
 TreePAC, Board member
<https://treepac.org/tree-preservation-efforts-in-seattle/>


"Street Requirements:

Based on the scope of the proposed project, the following street improvements are required per Chapter 23.53 of the Seattle Municipal Code. Please review Right-of-Way Improvements Manual for design criteria (<http://www.seattle.gov/transportation/row/manual/manual/>). Show required street improvements on your "enhanced site plan" at SDCI permit application intake. If an SDOT Street Improvement Plan (SIP) is required, please list SDOT project number and SDOT contact name on the enhanced site plan. Street Improvement Plans must be accepted by SDOT prior to SDCI permit application intake. New structures must be designed to accommodate right-of-way improvements.

This project qualifies for a reduced street improvement, a noprotect agreement is required.

Street trees shall be provided in the planting strip according to Seattle Department of Transportation Tree Planting Standards. Contact SDOT Urban Forestry (for residential projects: (206) 684TREE; for all others: (206) 684-5693), to determine species of tree and standards of planting.

Please add a note to the site plan showing size, location and species of tree to be planted. Any planting proposed within the ROW must be reviewed and approved by SDCI and SDOT.

** Active Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections Director Rules that interpret Tree Protection and fees (Ch. 25.11)

DR # Name

17-2018 [Calculating Tree Valuations & Civil penalties for Tree Protection Code Violations](#)

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 7:13 PM
To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Loo, Timothy <Timothy.Loo@seattle.gov>
Cc: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; neighborhoodtreekeepers@gmail.com; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>
Subject: Killing neighbor's two large trees with Single Family Unit Lot Subdivision

CAUTION: External Email

5724 35TH AVE NE SEATTLE Application for project 3035751-LU Land use application to subdivide one parcel into two parcels with one building to remain.

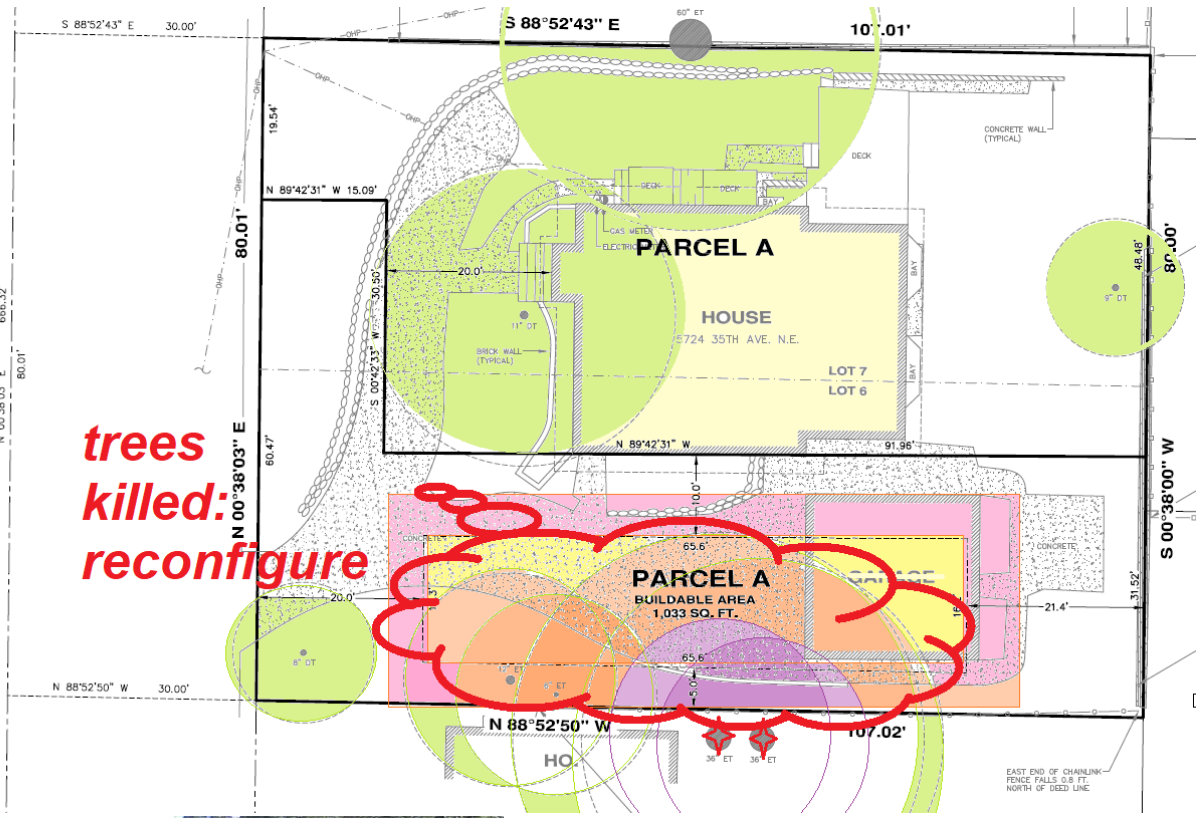
Thank you for allowing me to comment on the proposed short plat subdivision at **5724 35th Ave NE 98105**. Please keep TreePAC informed. Please also contact directly the neighbor to the south, Roe Hiroko, at 5718 35th Ave NE.

Let them know that their two large trees measuring at least **36-inches DBH will be killed by proposed new building excavations** within both trees critical root zones. Please provide an arborist assessment as soon as possible.

Thank you,

David Moehring
Member, TreePAC

35TH AVE. N.E.



The original lot is 8,561 square foot. Will the subdivided lot circumvent Seattle's 75/80 subdivision rule?

In order to comply with all of the criteria required to grant a subdivision, what alternative locations (such as the rear yard) would also accommodate a long narrow lot (as is being proposed here) that would not impact the neighbor's large trees?

From: Carol Warren <carolmwarren@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>
Subject: Keep Seattle Livable!

CAUTION: External Email

OSE Director Jessica Finn Coven,

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Take care.

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Subject: Re: Let Seattle clear everthing but street trees in a housing crisis?

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Thank you for this information and thought provoking discussion. It is true that street trees alone will not be sufficient to provide adequate ecological benefits such as habitat for birds and mammals or essential shading and storm water interception, and that back yard trees and green space will be essential. The situation is already dire, and every large tree that is removed to be replaced with more concrete and buildings, with no room for decent tree cover and vegetation we are damaging all life in Seattle.

Trees and density can co-exist; it simply requires some thought and additional planning.

I was thinking recently when reading the well used comment that 'Seattle is suffering from a housing crisis', that this is not true. It is suffering from a planning crisis. Thinking logically, since the number of businesses and employees working in Seattle must be known by the City, the number of houses needed to match this would be known also. If the number of employees working in the city in all forms of work is larger than available housing, then there is a problem so the simple fix is limit and manage the number of companies employing people in the City. It is not rocket science and the City planning department can manage this, if it has the inclination to do so. One could put it another way; if baking a cake requires two eggs, one would only use two eggs and using more than two eggs would ruin it!

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Subject: Timber! Large 115-foot Seattle redwood declared a hazard

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Please keep members of TreePAC informed regarding the oversized 7,620 square foot property zoned as Single Family SF-5000 at 1041 NE 100TH ST.

We suspect that this estate property will be sold for redevelopment soon and this **115-foot tall and 7.5 foot wide** (DBH) sequoia redwood tree was removed as a pre-condition of sale or so that a higher value may be obtained at resale. The next few months will tell... including a likely land use or building permit applications following the current health crisis and normal permitting operations.

In the meantime, it is evident that Seattle needs a better tree ordinance in the interest of Seattle's climate and habitats. Given the Exceptional characteristic of this tree... and given that climate change has made Redwoods more favorable to the Northwest than the declining cedar trees...

please advise how the property owner will replenish the tree canopy removed from this part of Seattle. Lots of this size within Single-Family zoning require a minimum combined total of 15-inches of tree trunk caliper.

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Attached and below image relative to SDCI #000109-20TA located at 1041 NE 100TH ST

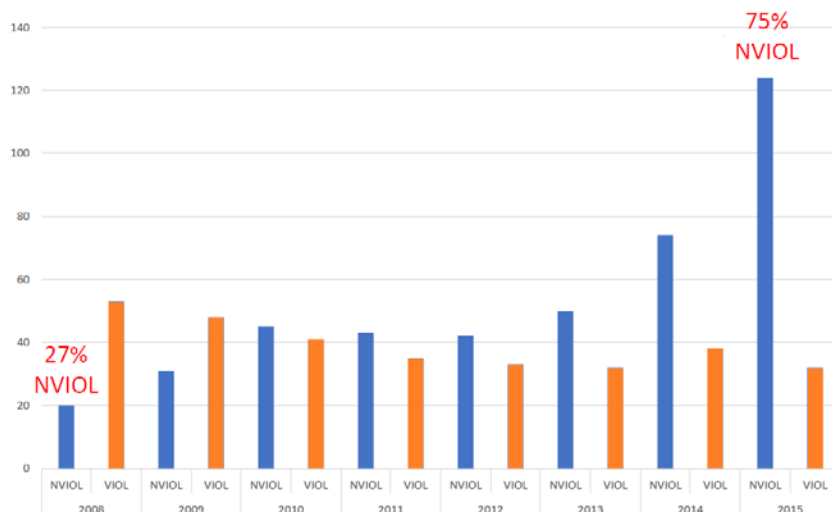
*City approved removal
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1041 NE 100TH ST



Tree Cutting closed to Violation or No Violation. Trend 2008 - 2015

2008	27%
2009	37%
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2011	54%
2012	55%
2013	57%
2014	64%
2015	75%



Source file: IW_tree_canopy_ppt_TreeRegsPhaseIIIMarchUpdate_032717v13FINAL_installment_2.pdf, March 27, 2017; "Tree Regulations Research Project -Phase II, Final Findings and Recommendations"

<http://www.seattle.gov/DPD/Publications/CAM/cam331b.pdf>

Document	Size	Date	Record #	Record Type
Photo	2 MB	03/19/20	000109-20TA	Hazardous Tree Removal and Vegetation Restoration Approval Request
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Several thoughts and comments popped up while I read Stuart's latest email. I hope the information that follows will help all of you in your future decision-making processes.

- I talked with the property owner, Scott Cannon and Stuart Niven did not have permission to enter this property to take the pictures he sent or gather the information for his email.
- The Preface of the ISA, Best Management Practices; Tree Risk Assessment, 2nd Edition states "It is impossible to maintain trees free of risk; some level of risk must be accepted to experience the benefits trees provide." A similar statement is also found in the Introduction of the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) Tree Risk Assessment (TRA) Manual. It is well established in our industry that all trees pose some level of risk to people.
- It is a fact that all trees will eventually fail. Trees must abide by the laws of physics. As stated in the ISA TRA Manual in the Tree Risk Assessment Within the Context of Tree Risk Management section, "any tree, whether it has visible weakness or not, will fail if the forces applied exceed the strength of the tree or its parts." Even long-lived tree species that reiterate from root shoots like big leaf maple or coast redwood will experience a tree failure at some point in their lifespan. If these trees did not, soil would never get replenished with nutrients from decayed wood and new trees would not grow.
- Regarding the subject tree, this tree was most likely to fail at the area of trunk attachment (150cm tomography area). Here, the decayed inner wood was much more structurally important than the non-decayed outer wood. It is a well-established fact that tension wood in a tree is much better at load carrying than compression wood. For more information please refer to "Plant Physics" by Karl J. Niklas and Hanns-Christof Spatz. In this book, the following statement is found in 4.13 Strength, "the compressive strength of most species of wood is roughly 50% of the tensile strength of the same species". In our subject tree, the inner decayed wood would have been under tension loads more often than the outer wood and was the more structurally important.
- There is a standard used around the world to assess the decayed cross sections of trees commonly known as the One-Third Rule. This rule was founded in the 1960s but applied to urban trees in the 1990's by German professor named Claus Mattheck. This rule says that a structurally sound decayed tree should have an intact cross section of wood at least one-third of the assessed cross section's radius. For the subject tree, the intact wood at the assessed cross section would have to be at least 14 inches, it was not. Please refer to Gere and Timoshenko, 1997 to see how the shell thickness more predictable homogenous material strength is diminished when intact shell wall thickness is reduced. Your research will show you that when a tubular object has a shell wall of only one-third of its radius, the tubes strength will be decreased by about 20%. As the intact cross section gets smaller than one-third, the angle of strength loss curves down at a much sharper angle.
- ISA TRA forms are not designed for what the City is using them to do. To quote Appendix 1 in the ISA TRA Manual, these forms are "intended to act as a guide for collecting and recording tree risk assessment information." In my opinion, they should not be used to validate an arborist opinion, expertise

or risk assessment. This should be done in a proper arborist report where an arborist is not limited in space or to the categories of the form.

- The City of Seattle had no right to post my report online. My client Scott Cannon had permission to share my report with Deb Brown from the City of Seattle only. My report is *privileged, and confidential information* intended only for the use of the Individual(s) I sent it to. The city needs my specific permission to share it with the public. Please take my report off wherever site it has been posted to for public viewing.
- Arborists have a fiduciary duty to their client and must practice good ethics. A great reference to go over ethical principals in arboriculture is the American Society of Consulting Arborist, Guide to a Professional Consulting Practice. There in the Ethic vs. Ideology section, you can find this quote “an Arborist must strive to separate ideology from ethics, both in their own mind and in interactions with clients and other consultants. For example, a strong desire to save trees- or what some might see as placing a low priority on saving trees- is an ideological rather than an ethical consideration.” Arborist should strive to be impartial, meaning to be objective and free from bias or prejudice, when observing trees and especially while rating the risk that they pose.
- When I got involved in this case, I was asked to get more information about the tree for Sal Nolder, the original project’s arborist. As with all cases like this, I told Sal to not show me his original assessment or give me any details of the case. I do this to remain unbiased. When I first observed the tree, I thought advanced assessment of the tree was unwarranted. Out of respect for a fellow ISA TRAQ and Certified Arborist, I was still willing to test the tree. I changed my opinion about testing the tree after I observed seam separation with included bark on the west side of the tree. I then tested the tree, discovered the decayed wood and validated my results. Had I not been objective and respectful of another arborist opinion, I would not have discovered the decay in this tree. I then agreed to write the report to get what I considered to be a tree with unreasonable related risk, removed.

I hope this information gets you all thinking. Please keep me in mind if in the future the City would like to hire me to inspect complex Significant Trees that are under review to be removed.

Respectfully,

Chris Rippey

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:35 AM

To: DOT_SeattleTrees <Seattle.Trees@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>

Cc: McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>; Katy Griffith <katygr@msn.com>; Kevin Orme (via treepac_seattle Mailing List) <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>

Subject: 2 exceptional trees at 8001 ashworth ave N

CAUTION: External Email

Dear PRC@seattle.gov

Thank you for the comments of one a Seattle's City arborists to enforce the Seattle code on tree protection!

Please keep TreePAC Members informed about the development at 8001 Ashworth Ave N where exceptional trees are at risk:

<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/edms/GetDocument.aspx?id=5355057>

The development plans ignore tree protection requirements by clearing all 4 trees on the site and killing the neighbor's tree to the north.

Notice is in regard to the pending SEPA Environmental Determination (This project is subject to the Optional DNS Process (WAC 197-11-355) and Early DNS Process (SMC 25.05.355). This comment period may be the only opportunity to comment on the environmental impacts of this proposal.

Please add to notices issued how many Exceptional trees are intended to be removed - as in this case it would be two.

David

From: Jennifer Baldino <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 4:01 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Save Our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:28 AM

To: PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Zeng, Sissi <Sissi.Zeng@seattle.gov>; DOT_LA <DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Quackenbush, Tom <Tom.Quackenbush@seattle.gov>

Cc: Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Gonzalez, Lorena <Lorena.Gonzalez@seattle.gov>; info@historicseattle.org

Subject: 7 more trees lost at 820 NW 54TH, a Seattle phenomenon

CAUTION: External Email

Dear Seattle Public Resource Center,

Without a meaningful Seattle tree protection ordinance, the Seattle phenomenon of clear-cutting without space to restore the tree canopy will lead to pandemonium from the city's youth suffering from increasing local urban heat island effects.

Without measures to retain Seattle's architectural heritage, the Seattle phenomenon of destroying habitable existing structures will continue to waste the world's precious resources.

WHERE WAS THE ARBORIST?

About seven more trees are coming down from this Ballard lot, and perhaps 1 to 2 street trees... yet there is not even an arborist report on the public

file for the project. This lot had 39% tree canopy coverage ... all of which will be replaced with parking, driveways, and insignificant groundcover and bushes.



WHERE IS THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

The site's 1914 heritage house was purchased for only \$165,000 in 1993. Now, Modern Homes will bring in about **\$3.2MM** or more from the revenues from the sale of four market-rate townhomes within a small 4,000 square foot lot, yet only chip-in to the City their required MHA-R contribution of **just \$108,993**. That token in-lieu-of-payment represents less than 3.4% of the forthcoming revenues on the re-development... leaving the City of Seattle without trees and with only enough funds to purchase just an eighth of the land equitably sized somewhere in the city. Insufficient by any measure for the City to build affordable housing. Unfortunately, this land increased its zoning last year in April 2019 from SF-5000 to the new zone Lowrise Multifamily LR2 (M1) --- where the MHA requirements apply to development would be subject to 'Medium Areas' fee requirements. The low in-lieu-of-fee results in no inclusionary affordable housing in Ballard (or elsewhere). It is kind of a joke compared to other cities' affordable housing in-lieu-of fees.



EVERY WEEK TREES LOST, HERITAGE VANISHES, and AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS DISPLACED

Please keep TreePAC members informed of the current land use application to subdivide one development site into four unit lots. (3035973-LU; The construction of residential units is under Project #6735161-CN.) Development standards - including tree protection regulations - were to be applied to the original parcel and not to each of the new unit lots. Thank you for taking comments appropriately through April Fool's day (and hopefully beyond given the corona virus).

Lost:



<http://web6.seattle.gov/dpd/ParcelData/Parcel.aspx?pin=3019300110>
<http://mapping.ballardhistory.org/2018/10/mapping-historic-ballard-interactive.html>

David Moehring
Board Member, TreePAC

From: iwall@serv.net <iwall@serv.net>

Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:45 PM

To: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Cc: SCI_Code_Compliance <SCI_Code_Compliance@seattle.gov>; Godard, Holly <Holly.Godard@seattle.gov>; Lofstedt, Emily <Emily.Lofstedt@seattle.gov>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Pedersen, Alex <Alex.Pedersen@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Toby Thaler <toby@louplop.net>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; treepac_seattlelists.riseup.net <treepac_seattle@lists.riseup.net>; Pederson, Art <Art.Pederson@seattle.gov>; McGarry, Deborah <Deborah.McGarry@seattle.gov>

Subject: Re: Magnolia tree ignored in Phinney Ridge 7-pack

CAUTION: External Email

How many of these tree deaths does it take to motivate political action? We have a development virus attacking trees, please, maximum density is not by far the highest virtue in Seattle.

Irene Wall, Phinney Ridge

On Mar 28, 2020 6:00 PM, David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:

We either need ***climate-conscious design*** (Note 1) or we need an ***easier-to-enforce tree ordinance*** which requires the SDCI Planners to exercise their discretionary authority in requiring responsible design that accommodate BOTH added density and space for trees.



Please keep me informed to share with TreePAC the development at **604 N 43rd Street** (Note 2). A notice of Land Use Application to allow a 3 story, 7-unit rowhouse **townhouse** building was issued by SDCI and was approved following Department review in January. Surface parking for 3 vehicles proposed for the 7 market-rate rowhouse dwellings. The existing building is to be demolished and dumped into a landfill. Zoning is LR1 (M) on a 5,000 square foot lot.

Why was this approved without consideration of alternatives to retain the large magnolia tree?



Where to start? Please take a quick look at the attached PDF (image repeated as well) that shows a common maneuver to juxtapose the location of dwelling units while still providing the same floor area and dwelling count.

What is Seattle's big picture? As one may see from the before (2009) to current (2019) aerial views in the attached PDF, Seattle is **on pace to the extinction of the urban forest and its natural habitats**. We are able to have both urban DENSITY and urban TREE CANOPY... but only if we enforce regulatory guidelines.



We are losing too many trees and not providing land for replanting within the locality of canopy loss.

Thank you,

David Moehring

dmoehring@consultant.com



Note 1 - such as demonstrated a few years back with 6 row-houses within the Ballard HUB at NW 61st St and 20th Ave NW

Note 2 - Date of Application: February 20, 2019 Date Application Deemed Complete: March 1, 2019

Note 3- Arborist report may have intentionally undersized the Magnolia tree by 1 inch to get below the Exceptional threshold

[Arborist Report](#) 1020 KB 11/26/19 [3033470-LU](#)

[Plan Set - Land Use](#) 11 MB 02/19/19 [3033470-LU-001](#)

Below: the redmarks demonstrate how the number of parking and units desired could have been achieved while saving the large magnolia tree.

From: Rosanne Tobin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:37 PM

To: Finn Coven, Jessica <Jessica.FinnCoven@seattle.gov>

Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

CAUTION: External Email

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From: David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>

Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 3:03 PM

To: William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>

Cc: michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Tage Nickerson <tage@platsplus.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; seattletreelossgooglegroups.com <seattletreeloss@googlegroups.com>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>

Subject: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Importance: High

CAUTION: External Email

Good afternoon Planner Vasquez-

In times like these, Seattle is not fortunate to have an **urban forest to filter and clean the air** from pollutant gases and undesired particulates by trapping them on leaves and bark.

<https://www.treepeople.org/tree-benefits>

Dense urban populations and those areas with few trees are not so fortunate. In New York City and Chicago, virus cases have been doubling every 2 to 4 days. Although the correlation between COVID-19 and urban forests is still speculation, there is documented proof that parts of cities with **fewer trees have greater health issues** compared to those areas with more trees. Seattle is no exception. As such, density and urban tree canopies must be considered hand-in-hand.

For southeast Seattle, it is time to get to the virtual table on urban forest clearings. A publicly-requested meeting about a 4-acre tree clearing in southeast Seattle has been ignored for the past three months and needs to be attended to. This is all the more critical with the danger of additional tree grove clearings in the immediate of the **areas surrounding Kubota Gardens**.

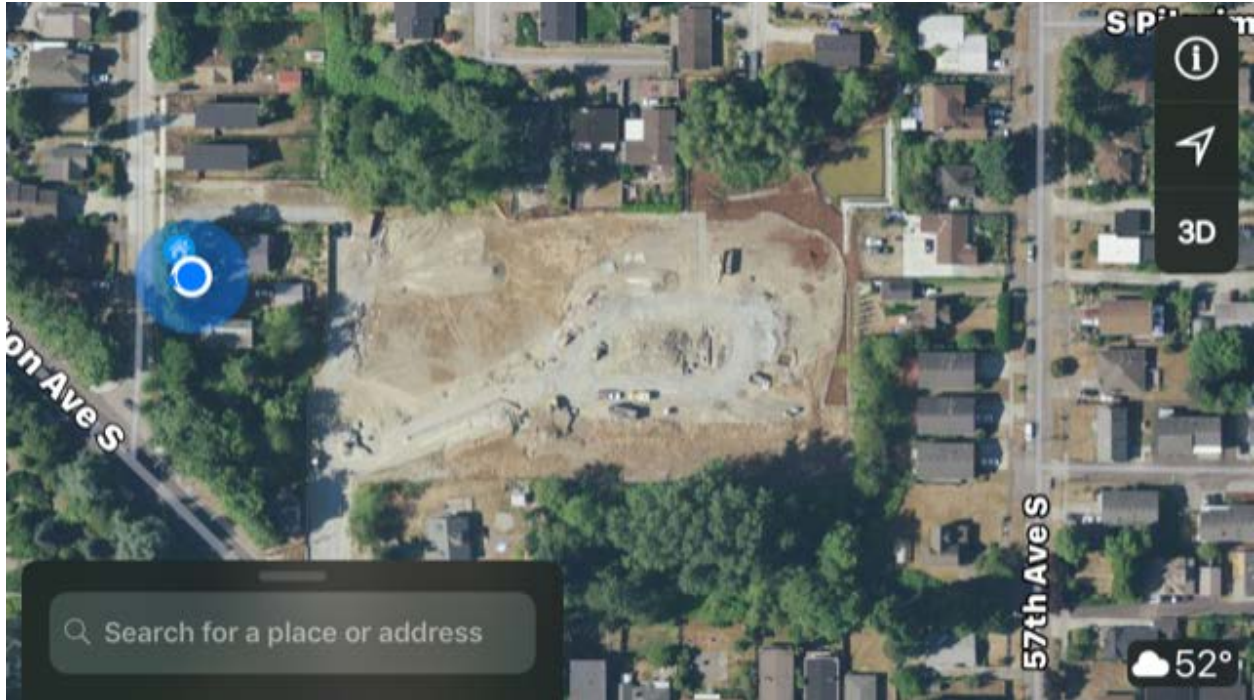
We know that you value Seattle's tree canopy. We all realize the difficult times with the COVID-19 physical distancing, so if you need assistance in setting up a virtual meeting with Zoom, GoToMeeting, or any other platform, please do not hesitate. Councilmember for this district, Tammy Morales, is conducting at this moment a their first of several virtual town halls!

For the TreePAC membership and those impacted by the immediate area loss of nine tree groves and several exceptional trees,

David Moehring

A public meeting was requested on early January 2020 for these addresses and application numbers:

- 3034697-LU 9668 LINDSAY PL S ,
- 3034698-LU 9670 LINDSAY PL S ,
- 3034699-LU 9672 LINDSAY PL S ,
- 3034700-LU 9674 LINDSAY PL S ,
- 3034702-LU 9676 LINDSAY PL S ,
- 3034703-LU 9678 LINDSAY PL S .



Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 at 4:27 PM

From: "William Millhollin" <william@nwpermit.com>

To: michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>

Cc: "Stuart Niven" <panorarbor@gmail.com>, tammy.morales@seattle.gov, "David Moehring" <dmoehring@consultant.com>, "Vasquez, Colin" <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>, "Tage Nickerson" <tage@platsplus.com>

Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello Michael & All,

Thank you very much for including us here. Please let me know if you have a date and time in mind to visit the property and construction site area so that we can make sure that either Tage or myself are available to walk everyone through the site. Please keep in mind that these are active construction areas so we want everyone to be safe. We would love to take part in your meeting and discussion, if you are interested then please let us know, Tage or I can answer any questions you have while on site.

The K2 Short Plat for 6 new lots that is currently in review and adjacent to the Kubota East Village Subdivision where you have pictures shown. As we are still in design for preliminary platting, not all elements are exact or solid just yet but we are hoping this next round of correction responses will address the concerns raised so far by the public and by reviewers.

Please let me know if there anything I can send over at this time. We are striving to reply to all public comments, so certainly submit any questions you have and I will get them answered.

Have a great day and weekend

On Fri, Feb 21, 2020 at 9:49 AM michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net> wrote:

Howdy Councilmember Tammy Morales,

Thanks for tackling some of the environmental urban forestry issues in southeast Seattle.

There is a spot across the street from Kubota Garden we would like you to tour with us this weekend.

It is a proposed subdivision that would require bulldozing dozens of mature trees.

Today I received the attached email from the city planning official that says the arborist report is unavailable, even though the permit application is several years old, and even though public comment period closed on January 1st, 2020.

My concern is that the requirement hasn't been fulfilled that the permit application must answer the question: "Does the project maximize the retention of existing trees?".

Please see that the planning department releases the arborist report in time for our tour this weekend.

Please see the attached 3 photos of the 90' tall forest proposed for removal.

Thanks !

Michael Oxman
ISA Certified Arborist #PN-0756A
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(206) 949-8733

----- Original message -----

From: William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com>
Date: 2/20/20 4:25 PM (GMT-08:00)
To: Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

Hello David,

I hope all is going well.

I wanted to follow up on our response email here to see if you had any comments or questions regarding these responses?

Have a great day

On Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 6:44 PM William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com> wrote:
Hello David,

Thank you for your patience as we work through our response here. I want to clarify a couple statements here but I also have your questions answered in blue below each listed item.

- 3/14/2013 Greenwater sold to Van Veeny and Le Phong

7/14/2016 Van Veeny sold to Kubota Village 28 LLC (Us)

- I am still unclear about what you mean here by Greenbelt, I understand the term but we have not seen a state or municipal zoning designation for this area as Greenbelt or Wildlife Habitat, can you send over any info you have on this?

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a) how large was this land and who owned it before being subdivided?

- The land has changed in shape and size over time through land division and change in ownership through sales of those portions of land at various points in time. Greenwater Construction is the previous owner who you might be referring to. The development known as the Kubota East Village which completed initial platting in 2016 "originally" consisted of land totaling approximately 2.8ac.

b) why was it first developed a few years ago compared to other parcels around it?

- The permitting and development process for this site has been done in "phases" in order to most effectively expedite portions of development ahead of other portions so things like utilities, grading and roadways could be under construction as we wait for other larger permitting reviews to take their time.

c) was a tree inventory prepared including species, size, height, photos, and condition of the trees?

- Yes

d) if so, was it prepared by a certified arborist?

- Yes

e) how many trees were within a protected tree grove, and how many tree groves?

- I am getting confirmation on the final arborist report to send over to you as some documents date back prior to my involvement. I should be able to send this over on Wednesday.

f) how many significant trees were Exceptional trees? ... Hazardous trees?

- The arborist report will contain all of this information for you.

g) why were all the trees cleared and lots subdivided regardless of categorically protected trees?

- All trees that were allowed to be cleared were done according to the Zoning at the time and per any other land use conditions of the plat.

h) did the Department ask to see a site plan with all the protected trees identified?

- Yes, all trees are identified within the plat plans to match the Arborist Report.

i) if so, did the Department ask to see alternative lot division options to identify the maximum retention of existing significant trees?

- Kubota East Village is a very old subdivision that went through council review so I believe multiple renditions of the plan were conceived but were also limited to review under the 2005 Zoning ordinance which had

more lenient restrictions here. This subdivision was not subject to the same restrictions that a new subdivision would be today due to its vesting period.

j) why were some of the subdivided lots less than 4,000 sq ft in size within a SF-5000 zone?

- The 2005 Zoning had different allowances at that time but also credits and exceptions can apply when public and open spaces are included as part of a plat or subdivision.

k) with the SMC requiring at least 2-inches of tree caliper for every 1000 sq ft of land area, where are these new trees on the lots being prepared for sale?

- New trees for each homes if required or desired for each lot would be located under each individual Building Permit for each lot.

l) with this large site being cleared of trees, how many of the properties are being sold as affordable units verses market-rate units? Or in other more direct words, what commitments or promises were made prior to the development applications to the community members and to the City Council or mayor that this development would achieve in terms of providing affordable housing for Seattle?

- No affordable housing requirements exist for this subdivision due to its vested 2005 Zoning.

As a general statement I understand your questions here related to the Kubota East Village and am happy to discuss further, but the permits here for comment are for a separate short plat unrelated to the Kubota East Village in terms of Land Use or Zoning conditions. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this (K2) Short Plat and we would be happy to answer them also. As a side note, we are still working through our current correction cycle responses but intend on including tree plantings for this short plat as well :)

Have a great day

On Mon, Jan 20, 2020 at 10:09 AM William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com> wrote:
Hello Stuart & All,

I apologize for the delay but I do still have this on my list to complete. I have most of the email queued up here but need to complete it and will try to send a reply by the end of today.

Have a great day

On Sun, Jan 19, 2020 at 1:11 PM Stuart Niven <panorarbor@gmail.com> wrote:
Did I miss the response to David's email?

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 2:13 PM William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com> wrote:
Hello David,

Thank you very much for your comments and questions. I am working through this email, generating a response to each item and should have something to send by tomorrow.

Have a great day

On Tue, Jan 7, 2020 at 12:26 AM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com> wrote:
Thank you Mr. Millhollin for your replies and offering to answer questions.

I have much respect for the one-on-one response approach; although some of those who inquired have been told that this development is not eligible as a Type II discretionary land-use decision or a public meeting. We know there are considerable discretionary choices being made during the short platting of this large lot. These choices include **tree retention and required tree replanting** (SMC 23 and SMC 25.11). As such, I believe folks like Stuart, Michael and I within the urban forest community as well as those witnessing the **urban forest's incremental devastation** still desire a local discussion in to glean a better understanding how clear-cutting Seattle's green spaces like this so happens to takes place at Kubota Village 28.

Yes, the larger area around Kubota Village East may have started under development some time ago. But it's only been 7 years since this completely wooded remaining site exceeding 100,000 square feet was sold to the **Greenwater Partnership** / Greenwater Construction / et. al. It seems that green space and green belts are being sought out as relatively inexpensive land. Yet these developments proceed despite the expense and toll to the natural habitats and the resulting impacts from urban heat islands. Seattle is not only interested in protecting limited "wildlife habitats" areas, it also protects heritage and Exceptional trees and wetlands... and many other features.

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Other neighbors have specific questions why access routes proposed were not better placed to avoid removing trees along shared property lines... or where are the buffers between adjacent properties... or is Tract 999 also being sold for a house... or will it be kept as open space?

Without getting a good understanding of what is happening here, these related land-use actions should come to a halt. The builders can take their \$20-million, re-forest what they took away, and cease further impacts to Seattle's dwindling tree canopy.

Yes, many of us are familiar with the Seattle Dept of Construction & Inspections EDMS system. You will likely know that "record snapshots" often post a listing of documents that are not accessible to the public digitally. For this and these many reasons, the folks in the area and TreePAC respectfully **desired a meeting in order to address many questions**. Everyone has property rights... but a century has passed... and Washington has evolved to understand that our resources are limited... including existing trees being removed without the space being available to replenish this valuable sustaining resource. Property rights are not a license to environmental derogation.

We can do better.

David Moehing
Board Member, TreePAC

Sent using the [mail.com](mailto:) mail app

On 1/6/20 at 6:39 PM, William Millhollin wrote:

- > Hello Again David,
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- > I am trying to discern the comment or question in this email chain. The
- > only question I can see is "What may Seattle leaders do to halt the
- > needless clearcutting of forested areas with natural habitats?". I think
- > this is a much broader question best suited for city council, urban
- > forestry and for the ordinance process. Although all "natural habitats" are
- > something to take note of, this project site is not designated as a
- > Wildlife Habitat, which you may be referring to.
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- > I will have to defer to Colin and the PRC as to whether or not they have a

> process to notify you directly of any permits related to ours, outside of
> normal noticing, but resources do exist to allow individuals to locate any
> and all active permits.
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> Let me know if you have any other questions or concerns.
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> Have a great day
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> On Mon, Jan 6, 2020 at 8:22 AM Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>
> wrote:
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> > William, Please see Dave's email below. Please copy me on your email to
> > Dave.
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> > *From:* Michael Oxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>
> > *Sent:* Sunday, December 29, 2019 2:44 PM
> > *To:* David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>
> > *Cc:* seattle-tree-ordinance-working-grouplists.riseup.net <
> > seattle-tree-ordinance-working-group@lists.riseup.net>; DOT_LA <
> > DOT_LA@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Pinto de
> > Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
> > *Subject:* Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE
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> > *CAUTION: External Email*
> >
> > Howdy Dave,
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> > I received this message at: 1:39 PM
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> > Cutting it kinda close, doncha think ?
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> > Hello Michael, I'm right across the street from Kubota (actually I believe
> > you picked up some trees from us once). As you're probably aware, we have a
> > large subdivision being developed right behind our property called, "Kubota
> > Village". Some other neighbors and I would like to know if you could refer
> > us to an environmental expert who is familiar with waterways, wetlands and
> > riparian corridors in our area. We are collectively trying to compromise
> > with the developers regarding the next phase of development which would
> > clear what is left of the trees. The City is giving us until 1/1/20 to
> > comment. Thank you in advance for any referral you may be able to provide.

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> > On December 5, 2019 at 9:34 PM David Moehring <dmoehring@consultant.com>
> > wrote:
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> > What may Seattle leaders do to halt the needless clearcutting of forested
> > areas with natural habitats?
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> > Please inform me for the following functionally-related 'Kubota Village'
> > development numbers 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU, 3034699 -LU, 3034700 -LU,
> > and 3034702 -LU; and all permits involving the addresses related to these
> > five site. KUBOTA VILLAGE 28 LLC
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> > 9676 9678 + LINDSAY PL S subdivision #3034702, 3034703 -LU, 3034699 -LU,
> > 3034700 -LU, and 3034703 -LU
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> > " Land use application to allow a 3 -story single family residences.
> > Parking for vehicles proposed. To be considered with 3034697 -LU, 3034698 -LU,
> > for shared access."
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> > We should also have a public meeting to discuss what is going on here.
> > Comments may be submitted through: 12/18/2019
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> > David Moehring
> > Member of TreePAC
> > Two years: 2015 to 2017. The remaining grove just to the north may since
> > have been cleared.

> > David Moehring
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From: Emily Van Bronkhorst <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 2:19 AM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Save our Trees!

CAUTION: External Email

Sandra Pinto de Bader,

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Emily Van Bronkhorst

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From: Jack Strubbe <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Cc: William Millhollin <william@nwpermit.com>; Vasquez, Colin <Colin.Vasquez@seattle.gov>; PRC <PRC@seattle.gov>; Torgelson, Nathan <Nathan.Torgelson@seattle.gov>; michaeloxman <michaeloxman@comcast.net>; Morales, Tammy <Tammy.Morales@seattle.gov>; Tage Nickerson <tage@platsplus.com>; Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>; seattletreelossgooglegroups.com <seattletreeloss@googlegroups.com>; Strauss, Dan <Dan.Strauss@seattle.gov>; Herbold, Lisa <Lisa.Herbold@seattle.gov>; Mosqueda, Teresa <Teresa.Mosqueda@seattle.gov>; Lewis, Andrew <Andrew.Lewis@seattle.gov>; Sawant, Kshama <Kshama.Sawant@seattle.gov>; An, Noah <Noah.An@seattle.gov>; Thaler, Toby <Toby.Thaler@seattle.gov>; Dawson, Parker <Parker.Dawson@seattle.gov>
Subject: Re: CLEARCUTTING SEATTLE = KUBOTA VILLAGE

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Thank you David,

I completely agree with your comments and requests and hope that the City acts appropriately with this very important matter.

Thank you and kind regards,

Stuart Niven, BA(Hons)

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From: Judith Henchy <judithh@uw.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:45 PM
To: Pinto de Bader, Sandra <Sandra.Pinto_de_Bader@Seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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