



SEATTLE URBAN FORESTRY COMMISSION

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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

October 19, 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: 2495 553 5548

Meeting password: 1234

Attending

Commissioners

Josh Morris – Co-Chair
Becca Neumann – Co-Chair
Julia Michalak
Stuart Niven
Hao Liang
Blake Voorhees
Laura Keil
Jessica Jones
Lia Hall

Staff

Patti Bakker – OSE

Guests

Toby Thaler

Absent- Excused

Falisha Kurji
David Moehring
Jessica Hernandez

Public

Craig Paisley
Sandy Shettler
Steve Zemke
Sharon Ricci
Jennifer Pritchard

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<http://www.seattle.gov/urbanforestrycommission/meetingdocs.htm>

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

Public comment:

Craig Paisley noted that he has prepared a video, which is a rebuttal to the Seattle Public Utilities plan to reduce siltation in Dead Horse Canyon by means of large woody debris dams. The video is 6 minutes long; he encourages Commissioners to watch the last two minutes because that's certainly going to inspire to see the rest of the video. A link to the video was put in the chat.

Sandy Shettler also commented on the forest in Dead Horse Canyon, noting the special qualities of it and that the surrounding areas have higher than average challenges with pollution, poor public health outcomes and very little green space. Cutting a 20-foot-wide swath through this forest would significantly degrade one of the few cool green spaces that people in this area have. Besides the trees, this project would remove an understory of mature, native shrubs, ferns and perennials that volunteers have spent 23 years curating. She's also concerned about the idea that this forest could be easily replanted; removing it will destabilize and heat up the remaining strips of forest on either side of the proposed road. It will also make the creek itself unwelcome to salmon potentially returning by completely removing the shade up the canyon. She hopes the UFC will stand up for this beautiful forest, which provides critical green space to the community.

Steve Zemke noted that Councilmember Pedersen put in an amendment to the budget to add the City Urban Forester position, which Councilmembers Strauss and Herbold have joined. Input is extremely important at this point because it needs five votes to get it added to the budget. The UFC has the expertise to follow up on that; there is a memo Commissioners can review. Also, there was an article in the Seattle Times yesterday on the tree service provider registration, which mentioned the notice posting process. He urges the UFC to consider commenting again to Council on the posting, because there needs to be more accountability in the process, since just posting a notice doesn't indicate official approval of the tree work or removal.

Chair, Committees, and Coordinator report:

Josh noted that there are only five meetings left of the year and he looks forward to reflecting on the work that UFC has managed to do together in 2022, as we start working on an annual report.

Patti noted that King County has initiated a regional Urban Forestry Forum, which began with a first meeting last week. This forum stemmed from suggestions King County received during the process of developing their 30-year Forest Plan. One of the focus areas in that plan is Urban Forestry, and development of a regional UF Forum was one of strategies included for that area. Patti was encouraged by the participation in that meeting (25 attendees), and made note of some of the staff positions from the other jurisdictions present there, including some new positions – Burien has an Urban Forest Planner who started in March of this year, and Mercer Island has a new Urban Forest Project Manager.

Adoption of September 7 and 21 meeting notes

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 7 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 21 meeting notes as written was made, seconded, and approved.

Deadhorse Canyon project – Cody Nelson, SPU

Cody Nelson introduced herself and the rest of the SPU team present for this briefing, including Betsy Lyons, Katherine Lynch and Clay Antieau. Cody provided some background information on the Taylor Creek watershed, including location in the city, land ownership, and land uses. She noted that this project started more than a decade ago, and is an important part of the city's salmon recovery effort, as Lake Washington shorelines are a Tier 1 priority for the region. Salmon recovery plans have highlighted the need to reconnect and enhance creeks and restore shallow water, and that's what this project is trying to accomplish.

With the large investment that this project will require, they want to make sure they are doing it right, and effecting not only benefits in the lower reaches of the creek but throughout the mainstem of the creek. Between 2015, and 2019, the project was focused on addressing localized flooding and sediment deposition within the lower Creek, including the cover replacement. The project aims to improve drainage infrastructure, remove fish passage barriers, improve salmon habitat and increase public open space. Pedestrian improvements along Rainier Avenue will provide better, safer connectivity from the park to the new natural space. Before 2019, the project included a sediment pond as the primary way to manage the sediment load coming from the canyon.

At the end of 2019, they decided to take a more holistic approach to sediment management, eliminating the pond and focusing on retaining sediment naturally and more sustainably. They intend to solve the problem at the source with erosion and sediment control in the canyon instead of addressing a symptom of the problem downstream, taking a more holistic approach to sediment management and expanding the project into Lakeridge Park.

The goals the project is trying to accomplish is to repair creek damage, stabilize and revegetate the banks, rebuild the creek channel by adding large woody material to capture sediment and raise the elevation of the flow, reducing the slope of the channel so that it will reconnect with the floodplain and reduce the continued incision and erosion in the canyon.

Cody shared pictures of the creek, showing conditions that contributing to bank erosion, steeply incised channel, lack of woody material and slopes too steep for revegetation. These are symptoms of an unstable creek system that is starting to unravel through the project area. They are attempting to address some of the root causes of this erosion. Farther upstream in the canyon, where conditions are slightly better, there's a broader floodplain, there's in-channel gravel, there's boulders and there's some wood; the banks also aren't as incised and there's more vegetation. That's why part of the strategy is to add more large, woody material to the canyon to rebuild the creek channels.

Cody explained the jobs that they need the large woody material to do. She explained how the canyon used to function prior to logging, the challenges caused to the creek since the logging happened, and how they hope the canyon will look like in order to function effectively again after woody material is reinstalled. Each structure in the proposed largest wood structure design could raise the canyon floor by five feet and this is aimed at restoring the canyon to that historical condition and reducing erosion and sediment input.

Cody explained the challenges of installing the largest woody structures that would have the most benefit. She also noted there is the option to install smaller structures, which are made up of smaller woody material that could be carried in by hand and would not require a construction access road. They are not certain that smaller structures would provide as many benefits immediately as the large structures would, and they would also require ongoing maintenance and addition of new structures over time.

SPU has evaluated three potential ways to manage the sediment by keeping it in the canyon and reducing erosion that is contributing to the sediment. Cody explained these three options. There is alignment between the departments on the outcomes, but there are concerns about the impacts of two of the three options. They have heard extensively from community members, organizations and stakeholders that impacts from a temporary construction access road and removal of trees should be avoided to maintain health of the watershed. So they are pausing design and conducting more community engagement and workshops to identify alternative options that are less impactful and don't require tree removal but still provide many of the benefits woody installation can provide. They will identify and evaluate those options in the coming months, and potentially make decisions on project design some time next year.

A recent workshop with the Friends of Dead Horse Canyon stewardship group yielded some suggested options, including animal delivery of materials and an incremental approach to sediment management that would mean something like installing some large structures at specific locations and then monitoring them to see how effective they are instead of installing a lot of large structures. Creating a new access point in the canyon has been talked about and is something the community has wanted for a long time.

Questions raised by Commissioners included:

- Given that this area is very prone to landslides, any disturbance to the site would lead to increased potential for landslides. Has there been thought to supporting investments in watershed-level repairs, like ways to intercept stormwater before it gets to the creek, to try to prevent as much impact as possible to the steep slope?
- Is there a way to fall some trees on site into the creek to provide the large material, or use trees that have fallen in recent winters, to restore the creek?
- How many trees would be expected to be removed under the most sustainable option that was presented?
- Has there been consideration of materials other than large woody debris that can be used for the stream restoration effort?
- Is there tree assessment showing which trees would be removed for each option? Cody noted that there will be. The current information isn't fully complete, the report to be coming will help the team as they evaluate the project options. That should be coming after there is internal review by departments and other stakeholders; likely a couple of months.
- Fish passage – use of the creek by the salmon species as well as cutthroat trout. SPU has been working with USFWS on fish counts/tracking. SPU daylighted a portion of Mapes Creek a mile to the north and that has been successful.
- Won't removing the whole forest and exposing the stream to bright sunlight heat up the stream? It will take several decades for re-planted trees to shade the creek. Trees removed will be up the slope not ones along the channel shading the streambed. The removals may affect temperatures in the canyon but not directly over the streambed.

Cody noted that more of the documents for this project have been posted to the website. Patti will share the chat questions with the SPU team so that they can continue answering some of the questions posed today via email.

Presentation debrief

Commissioners noted:

- It's clear that community reaction is strong: Removing trees for a restoration project to create a road feels like the wrong direction to be going. We appreciate they heard that and are actively working to consider alternatives. We hope that other options are being seriously considered. If we're already worried about rapid erosion, tree removal, no matter where it is, even not next to the stream, seems problematic.
- Since this canyon was logged decades ago, the deciduous trees that have succeeded the old forest is now coming to the end of their lifespan. What do we have left and how long is it going to be there? And what can we put in that will be more sustainable? There is a lot of passion around the canyon and an opportunity to understand what the canyon was before we logged it decades ago and what the vision could be to restore it to something far more sustainable for decades to come.
- It feels like taking out trees—which are very effective at preventing erosion—seems to be going against the goal of the project. Happy to hear they are thinking of other options. The UFC could help brainstorm what other options could be and could help them have more of a dialogue. Also note that we should look at the broader watershed. Yes, Taylor Creek is important, but there is so much else in

play. How can we work to decrease stormwater runoff from the larger watershed or other erosion prevention measures without removing trees in the canyon?

- This project potentially has a lot of benefits once it's built, but there are problematic aspects that need to be worked through. How do we reconcile the tension between the goal of the project and the way we achieve that goal (reducing erosion and capturing sediment vs cutting down a lot of trees)? Could we break the project up into smaller pilot projects of phases to try to reduce the overall impact. Can we explore options for alternate sediment capturing materials that might be able to be assembled in place?
- Has the project team engaged with local Tribes on this project? Cody noted that they have engaged with MIT and Suquamish Tribes through our engagement with regulatory agencies and are regularly presenting to Tribes via our federal permitting pre-app.

Laura offered to draft a follow-up letter.

2023 City budget recommendations

Josh shared a draft of a letter that he prepared outlining the potential next round of budget recommendations. He read through the letter for Commissioners since there wasn't time to share the draft ahead of the meeting. Commissioners discussed the contents of the draft and made additional edits.

Action: A motion to approve the budget recommendations letter as amended was made, seconded and approved.

Community engagement

Patti shared a document she pulled together to serve as a summary of the UFC's work on community engagement this year, so that pertinent information is all in one place for review since the conversations have been spread out this year. Josh read through highlights of the document and the recap on the community engagement work.

Josh asked for suggestions of what the UFC can do to start making some headway in this area in the next few months. Patti offered the reminder that a couple of things that have been talked about are developing relationships with community groups and also developing alternative in-person sites to host meetings at, in order to provide alternatives to folks navigating downtown traffic and parking issues. These things go hand-in-hand, since it won't be as meaningful to have meetings at alternate sites unless that is in conjunction with a community group and their potential activities. There was support for this idea from some Commissioners and some initial suggestions for next steps.

Lia mentioned again her idea of developing a social media presence for the UFC. Laura and Falisha are interested in working on that as well, so the three could share the hosting duties.

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Public comment:

Sharon Ricci noted, regarding the SPU project, that she feels like the transparency and engagement with the community dropped off in recent years, after the previous project designs from 2014 were abandoned. Until this July when a notice went out about a meeting on new project options. SPU hasn't built on the previously developed engagement.

Steve Zemke had two comments: 1. Regarding the Taylor Creek project, noting the need to look at the whole watershed above this creek, in terms of tree canopy and plants and in terms of trying to reduce the water flowing into the area; 2. Reminding people that the big item that's been on the plate for 13 years is the tree

protection ordinance, of which there should be a final draft released soon. He urges the UFC to consider what things they'd like to propose be changed in it. When the updated ordinance goes through, there will be additional budget considerations in terms of what it will take to implement the items in the ordinance.

Sandy read a comment from Kersti Muul:

"Dead Horse Canyon is a healthy and *necessary* ecosystem within a highly urbanized area. It has a multitude of healthy native plant and tree species, very large mature trees, a complex understory, dead standing wood (snags), and a perennial creek all which contribute to a diverse habitat. Over 50 species of birds utilize the canyon. There are nesting owls, Cooper's Hawks and nearby Merlins and eagles. Several species of woodpecker use the dead or decaying wood for homes and foraging. Migrating birds such as Western tanagers use the canyon to rest and refuel.

These are just a few samples of the complexity that is at risk by SPU's poorly proposed plan. Removing hundreds of trees will destroy this ecosystem, increase erosion, decrease slope stability, and increase water temperature. All counterintuitive to 'salmon restoration'.

I did a drone study of the sediment deposition and found that large amounts of it is around the homeowners' docks. I would ask if this was a driver for this project (?)

Thank you,

Kersti E. Muul"

Craig Paisley noted that he walked the entire creek today to count the number of trees lost last winter, and noted that two 5.5' diameter trees have fallen across the creek. Poor water management on the King County side of canyon is the reason for slides in the canyon. He reinforced the need to look at the ecosystem and the watershed holistically.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Meeting Chat:

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 3:03 PM

Josh is correct.....sorry!

from Stuart Niven to everyone: 3:03 PM

Im having the usual struggle with my audio on this device so may dial in also, to be able to speak.

from Laura Keil she/her to everyone: 3:07 PM

Is this the link? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44IVUs-RV7k>

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 3:13 PM

Yes, this is the link to the SPU rebuttal video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44IVUs-RV7k>

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 3:16 PM

Patti -are these forums public meetings?

from Tina to everyone: 3:25 PM

I cannot see the presentation, just a rolling circle. Please advise

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:26 PM

Sorry to hear that, Tina. Patti, any ideas? I'm able to see the presentation OK...

from Laura Keil she/her to everyone: 3:27 PM

A link to the slides is here:

<https://www.seattle.gov/documents/Departments/UrbanForestryCommission/2022/2022docs/SPUTaylorCre ekBriefing101922.pdf>

from Laura Keil she/her to everyone: 3:27 PM

Perhaps you can follow along there for now!

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 3:27 PM

Thanks, Laura.

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 3:27 PM

Tina, sounds like a connection issue; maybe your system is working on it?

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 3:44 PM

Laura Kell's question is addressed in my video since it looks at the watershed wholistically. The video also addresses the massive slides off the Lakeridge (King County) side of the canyon.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 3:47 PM

Is there tree assessment showing which trees would be removed for each option?

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:47 PM

Reportedly the canyon was entirely logged, but some small trees might have been left at the time of the Taylor Creek Sawmill about 100 years ago. So they could pre-date settlement of Seattle!

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 3:47 PM

Restore the creek to pre-Taylor Mill quality? Which is also pre- Lake WA level drop?

As someone who has participated in the community engagement opportunities with this project since 2014 with Rachel Garret, why is it that the sediment pond concept which the community approved abandoned?

Can assurance to protect legacy status trees be coordinated with community participation?

This is critical area slope - 40 degrees to even close 90 degree canyon angles. Removing trees and vegetation support preventing erosion in an area with multiple landslides recorded in the last 30 years?

About what Salmon recovery specifically means?

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 3:51 PM

The lake was lowered 9.6 feet. The current Taylor Creek delta is actually forming on land that was underwater in 1913. The current delta formation is gravity's response to the lake lowering.

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 3:52 PM

Taylor Mill was built over the creek outfall when the lake was lowered.

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 3:53 PM

At the public meeting on 7/13 that SPU presnted this project both Cody and Katherine stated that slamon returning into Taylor Creek was no longer considered possible, but the goal was to "create a nice resting area for salmos along the lake". Is this still the goal?

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 3:54 PM

Appreciate Laura Keil's question about alternatives focused on stormwater management. In our converstation with SPU around incremental approaches Friends of Dead Horse Canyon has stressed taking care of those issues first before doing anything with woody structures.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 3:55 PM

But won't removing the whole forest and exposing the stream to bright sunlight heat up the stream? It will take several decades for re-planted trees to shade the creek.

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 3:58 PM

SPU said that the second tree assessment was already done. Can you speak to this change please?

from Dinushi Samarasekara to everyone: 3:59 PM

Is there any specific way to fill the creek with new sediments (wood and stone) without haming salmon/fish habitat?

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 4:03 PM

Will the tree assessment include impacts to soil/erosion and project likelihood of new plant growth given climate change

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 4:04 PM

Children plant those salmon as school projects.

from Lia Hall to everyone: 4:04 PM

Has any outreach been done with local tribes that have historically subsisted on salmon and inhabited this area?

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:06 PM

The creek is entirely shaded in summer

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 4:06 PM

Will the tree assessment also project increased climate polution?

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 4:08 PM
They are temporary storage only!

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 4:09 PM
All the slide maps are in my video. There are dozens of slide and flood reports.

from Lyons, Betsy to everyone: 4:11 PM
Sharon- can answer sediment pond question off line.

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:12 PM
That would be great Betsy.

from Lyons, Betsy to everyone: 4:12 PM
Some of the answers to those questions might also be on our website FAQ

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:12 PM
Thank you

from Dinushi Samarasekara to everyone: 4:12 PM
Is there any potential to make the service road through the creek - starting from a place where the creek is closer to an access road? - (I haven't been to the site, so, no idea of the soil erosion/land slides this will create)

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 4:15 PM
100 years ago

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 4:15 PM
It helps the community to hear that support from the commissions. Thanks Becca and Joshua

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:15 PM
There are ample firs, cedar and even hemlocks propagating on their own from nurse logs

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 4:15 PM
*commissioners

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 4:17 PM
Laura - we would love the commissions help with this.

from Laura Keil she/her to everyone: 4:18 PM
Jennifer - to confirm, the commissions help brainstorming alternative sediment management options?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:18 PM
What is the status of the canopy in the watershed above the canyon.. Should this be a target area to plant more trees and plants to reduce stormwater runoff from the whole watershed area?

from Jennifer Pritchard she/her to everyone: 4:19 PM
Laura - correct

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 4:19 PM
Thank you commissioners for your willingness to provide additional support on finding solutions that reconcile the community values with project goals.

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 4:19 PM
No Blake....I am a retired Earth and Physical Science Teacher. We did meet at the canyon during the SPU walk.

from Nelson, Cody to everyone: 4:20 PM
We have engaged with MIT and Suquamish Tribes through our engagement with regulatory agencies.

from Lyons, Betsy to everyone: 4:20 PM
We are regularly presenting to Tribes via our federal permitting pre-app.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:27 PM
The golf/tennis comparison is hilarious and brilliant! Yay Josh!

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:30 PM
urban cooling

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:30 PM
How about transferring funds for tree fines into a Tree Planting and Maintenance Fund. Fim

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:31 PM

Public comments will be accepted by Council Budget Committee on Tuesday, October 25 and 9:30 a.m., with sign up starting at 7:30

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:31 PM

<https://www.seattle.gov/council/issues/demystifying-the-budget-process>

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:32 PM

Fines currently go into general budget. CM Strauss thought fines for tree violations should go back into a tree fund.

from Toby Thaler to everyone: 4:35 PM

Councilmembers' amendment ideas are all in and are now being worked up into specific proposals for Budget Committee consideration. If a specific proposal is not already in, the chances of it happening are very low.

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 4:36 PM

What is the SDOT budget for planting strip tree planting each year? Are you asking for more or less?

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:37 PM

Maybe look at doubling or tripling Trees for Seattle Tree Planting funds to make tree available for public would be a good start.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:39 PM

Unfortunately there isn't much money in tree code violation fines. I have counted a total of \$2200 this year in my own tracking. I will see if I can get a number from SDCI.

from Sandy Shettler to everyone: 4:40 PM

Thank you Patti!

from Steve Zemke to everyone: 4:43 PM

Strauss made comment on fines in a meeting with TreePAC members. He did not make it publicly as far as I know.

from Bakker, Patricia to everyone: 4:44 PM

From SDCI's 2021 Q3 update to Council: SDCI has levied penalties ranging \$10,000 - \$99,000 under triple penalty provision for illegal tree removal, over last 3 years

Mid-year 2021: penalties total \$38,124

from Laura Keil she/her to everyone: 4:56 PM

Sorry not raising my hand on purpose lol, trying to thumbs up for Lia

from Craig Parsley to everyone: 5:01 PM

Thanks everyone...please watch the SPU rebuttal video at the end of the meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44IVUs-RV7k>

from Joshua Morris to everyone: 5:06 PM

Did i freeze?

from Sharon Ricci to everyone: 5:06 PM

Thank you for listening to community concerns Commissioners!

from Lia Hall to everyone: 5:07 PM

who's the author hao?

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

From: Margaret Armijo <burra99@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:38 AM

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

Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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

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.

Regards,
Margaret Armijo

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From: Marta Peterson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 4:43 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Donna Kelleher <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Joan Miller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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From: Diane White <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Max Cerami <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Eric Lemberg <eplemberg@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:05 AM
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From: Gail Watts <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 10:11 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Mary Keeler <mkeeler@uw.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Rachel LaRoche <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:06 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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From: Victoria Khemani <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:27 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Anna Pedroso <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:44 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Sandra Martin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 1:55 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Matthew Duvall <mgd3@u.washington.edu>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 2:07 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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

On Aurora Ave. N between 80th-105th has a strip of healthy big Sweetgum trees, some exceptional in size, (one measured in 2008 at 28" diameter), are at great risk of being removed by the City in a sidewalk repair project. Aurora Ave N has too few shade trees already! Please keep these trees so they can continue to benefit all who live, work, shop and visit in the neighborhood.

We beg our City officials to save these Sweetgum trees by utilizing modern design options while rebuilding the sidewalks between 80th-105th, along Aurora Ave N. We know SDOT is concerned the sidewalk is VERY rough in those places, a potential hazard to disabled folks or the less surefooted. But would be great if the City could fix the sidewalks without removing these trees.

Sweetgums are prized across the country as street trees for their resilience, resistance to disease, drought tolerance and beauty. In fact, they are currently recommended by SDOT as an approved street tree! So, we are stunned to find these beautiful shade trees may be removed for sidewalk improvements.

This is not the time to remove any mature trees in the city. Climate change and the urban heat islands formed in bare urban areas are impacting us right now. These shade trees providing cooling on a busy highway and commercial district with too few big trees right now. As shown on the King County urban heat map, removing these trees will expand the hottest part of the urban heat island.

The @seattledot signs alerting the public of this possible removal were ripped down soon after being put up, and we are concerned neighborhood people are not being alerted all these trees could be removed. Please repost these signs so that the public knows what you are considering.

SDOT has already done this in other areas of Seattle. And our neighbors to the north in Shoreline, (@saveshorelinetrees) similarly successfully lobbied its City Council and WDOT to alter the sidewalk design, and thus saved a long row of giant conifers. We can too! It can be done. Save the Aurora Sweetgums!

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From: Suzanne Grant <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 2:28 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees! Please!

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

Many of us have asked countless times for your attention to saving the mature and exceptional trees that are left in Seattle. 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.

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LEAVE THEM IN THE GROUND!

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From: Patrick Hennessey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 3:08 PM

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

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From: Ed Crouch <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 5:10 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Anisha Shankar <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 6:51 PM

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

Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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I ache for these giants of our world, for the birds these trees shelter, and ultimately for ourselves.

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From: Bernice Maslan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:04 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bernice Maslan

Seattle resident since 1972

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From: Terry Nightingale <tnight@pobox.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 6, 2022 7:10 PM
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I lived in Seattle for nearly 30 years and have seen first hand how many neighborhoods have lost their trees due to urban development, especially housing created for profit, not sustainability or community life. Please don't let this happen to the Meadowbrook True-Love trees, an exceptional cedar-fir pair in Meadowbrook, and their nearby grove. Over 500 signatures have been gathered - with more to come, I'm sure - 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.

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Seattle needs to understand that "maximum development" - profit for one developer - needs to be expanded to include sustainability and overall quality of life. Trees provide carbon retention, help reduce stormwater, and positively impact the psychological and physical health of residents, as well as promoting social capital.

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From: Kayla Upham <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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Subject: Save our Trees!

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Please act to update Seattle's Tree Protection Ordinance. It's been 13 years since the Seattle City Council first urged the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections (SDCI) to update the

ordinance. We appreciate the recent enactment by the Seattle City Council and Mayor to adopt registration of Tree Service Providers in the city as a first step. We also appreciate action finally by SDCI to release a more complete draft of an updated Tree Protection Ordinance.

We believe that Seattle needs to protect its existing trees while planting more trees in underserved areas with low tree canopy to address adverse climate impacts while also increasing affordable housing. It is not a question of one or the other. We need to do both.

Trees and the urban forest comprise vital green infrastructure needed to keep our city and people livable and healthy. Trees reduce air pollution, storm water runoff and climate impacts like heat island effects, while providing essential habitat for birds and other wildlife. They are important for the physical and mental health of our residents. A robust urban forest is critical for climate resilience and environmental equity.

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.

We support the following provisions in SDCI's draft ordinance.

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2. Continuing protection for exceptional trees less than 24" DBH and tree groves and heritage trees
3. Defining any tree 6" DBH and larger that is not exceptional as a significant tree
4. Continuing prohibition on removal of trees 6" DBH and larger on undeveloped lots.
5. Requiring replacement of 12" DBH and larger trees removed by developers
6. Creating an in-lieu fee for developers to replace trees 12" DBH and larger that cannot be replaced on the development site.
7. Requiring in lieu fees be used to replace and maintain newly planted trees
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Here are key provisions that need to be added to the draft ordinance

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15. Provide adequate funding in the budget to implement and enforce the updated ordinance
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Every mature native tree that can be saved should be. These cedars have a history and a role in the health of the neighborhood and Thornton Creek.

An architect has shown they can be saved without losing proposed units. Why do developers have the final word in deciding whether trees can be cut?

Quoting from a letter by Don't Clearcut Seattle:

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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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From: Marla Murdock <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Joan Kitterman <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Cynthia Young <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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From: Cara Sandahl <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 8, 2022 11:59 PM
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From: Gordon Adams <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 4:47 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: In Favor of preserving trees, where possible.

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From: Rebecca Collias <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 7:43 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Sol Morey <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 8:52 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Wendy Oberlin <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 10:41 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Jon-paul Petry <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 9, 2022 1:24 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: clayton murray <claytone@foxinternet.com>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 3:14 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Jinnie Yun <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 9:03 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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From: Charlie Matlack <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Monday, October 10, 2022 5:51 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please save the Aurora Ave Sweetgums

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From: Claire Engler <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:56 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Joseph Jacobowitz <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 3:05 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: K Koenig <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 3:06 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Kathy Reilly <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 4:42 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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From: Mariana Sintay <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 12, 2022 10:14 PM
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From: Sophia Keller <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
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To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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It has been 30 years since my son attended Meadowbrook Summer Camp. During those decades, Seattle has been changed, often shockingly. One of the most negative changes has been the relentless removal of beloved old-growth trees, often in spite of the vigorous efforts of neighborhoods. At least the trees round Meadowbrook have survived thus far. Now they, too, are targeted to be sacrificed to monolithic development. While housing is necessary, it does not need to clearcut our urban forest. We need trees not only for our history but for climate mitigation and ecological support. Housing is more effective and socially beneficial if it accommodates local landscape and environment. Seattle should not be transformed into a sterile wasteland.

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From: Lisa Westgard <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Friday, October 14, 2022 8:27 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Brooke Maxson <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 2:33 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Please Strengthen Seattle's Tree Ordinance

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

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16. All trees replaced are protected trees and not subject to removal

17. Require removal of non-native plants, such as ivy and Himalayan blackberry, from development sites.

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From: jana sheehan <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2022 4:58 PM

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

Subject: Save Our Trees!

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From: Mary Lee Backus <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 8:04 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: Save Meadowbrook's Iconic True-Love Trees

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From: Aaron Chasan <aaron.s.chasan@vanderbilt.edu>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 3:40 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Danny Farra <info@email.actionnetwork.org>
Sent: Sunday, October 16, 2022 9:17 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
Subject: SAVE THE AURORA AVE SWEETGUMS

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

Hello, please note in addition to the letter below: very vulnerable populations occupy that strip of Aurora.

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Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 4:55 AM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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Sent: Monday, October 17, 2022 2:48 PM
To: Bakker, Patricia <Patricia.Bakker@seattle.gov>
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From: Ericka Berg <info@email.actionnetwork.org>

Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 10:35 AM

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

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