

# Urban Forestry Commission 2018 Annual Report

Sustainability & Transportation Committee

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# Today's presentation

- UFC Background
- 2018 Annual Report
- 2019 Work Plan
- Tree Regulations Update



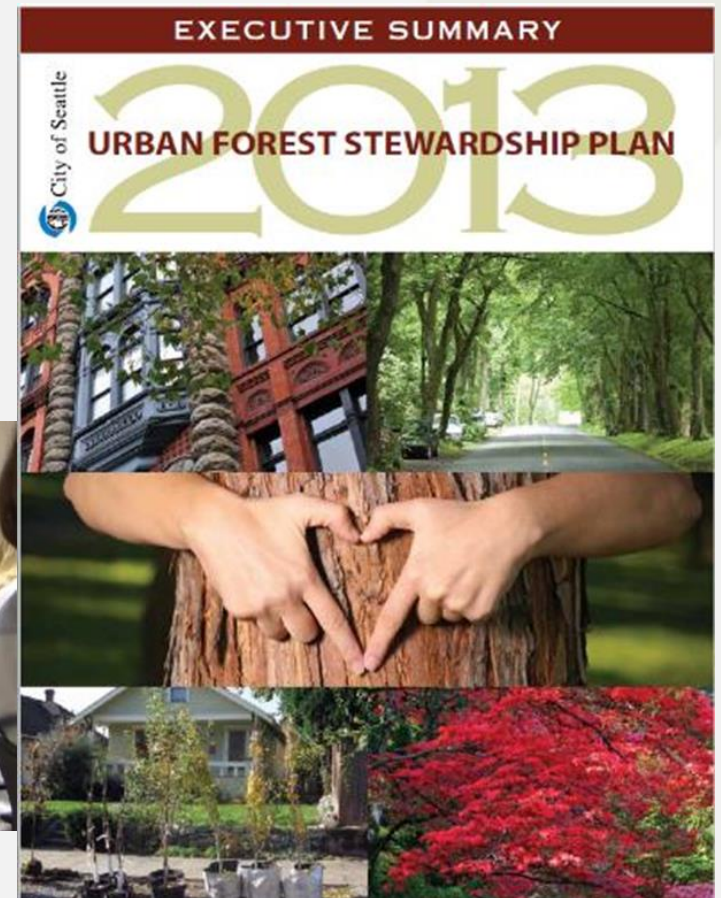
# UFC Mission

The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) 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



# UFC Objectives

- Make recommendations on specific policy actions
- Provide a forum for public dialogue
- Support implementation of the UFSP



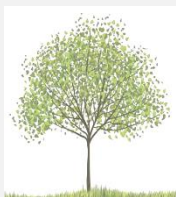
# 2018 Highlights

- Tree protection regulations update
- Urban Forest Management Plan Update
- Recruitment of Environmental Equity, Public Health, and Community/Neighborhood representatives
- Participated in Environmental Equity Cohort – Taking Commitment into Action



# 2018 Highlights

- Building relationships
  - Seattle 2030
  - Sound Transit
  - City Fruit
  - Mountains to Sound Greenway
  - The Nature Conservancy
  - Forterra
  - King Conservation District



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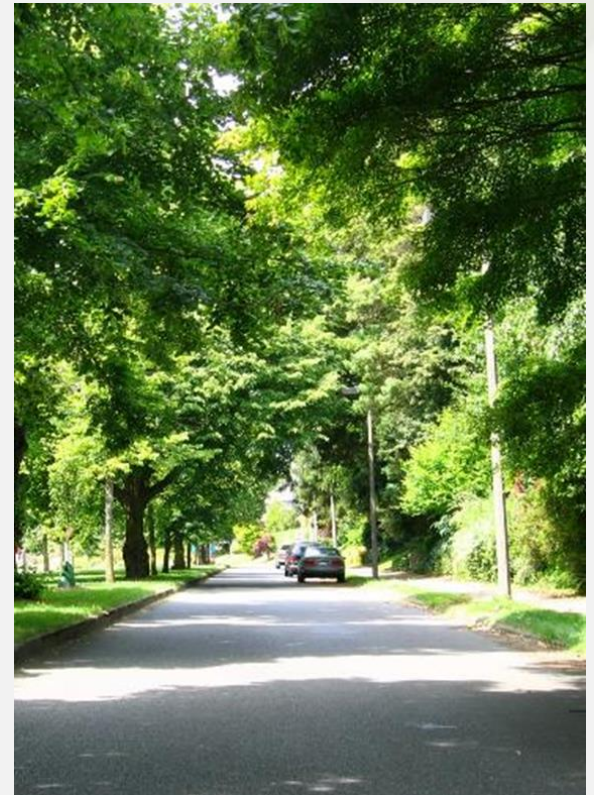
# 2018 Highlights

- Recommendations
  - Tree protection ordinance update
  - SDCI's DR 21-2017 (tree code violations penalties)
  - ADU Draft EIS
  - SPU Ship Canal Water Quality Program and 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Water main project
  - MHA ordinance and Green Factor
  - Green Factor DR



# Tree Protection Ordinance

- General principles include:
  - Tree removal permit
  - Protect exceptional trees and groves
  - Fee-in-lieu program
  - Incentives for tree retention
  - Tree service provider registration
- Specific input to Trees for All:
  - Permit threshold: 6" DBH
  - Remove small lot exception
  - Properly fund enforcement





# 2019 Workplan

- Priority actions:
  - Tree Protection Ordinance update
  - Tree Protection Executive Order implementation
  - UFMP update
  - Policy decisions affecting UF goals
  - Outreach and engagement



# Thank you!



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