

# Urban Forestry Commission 2020 Annual Report

Land Use and Neighborhoods Committee  
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# Today's presentation

- UFC Background
- 2020 Annual Report
  - Tree regulations update
  - City initiatives
  - Urban forestry community partners
- 2021 Work Plan



# UFC Mission

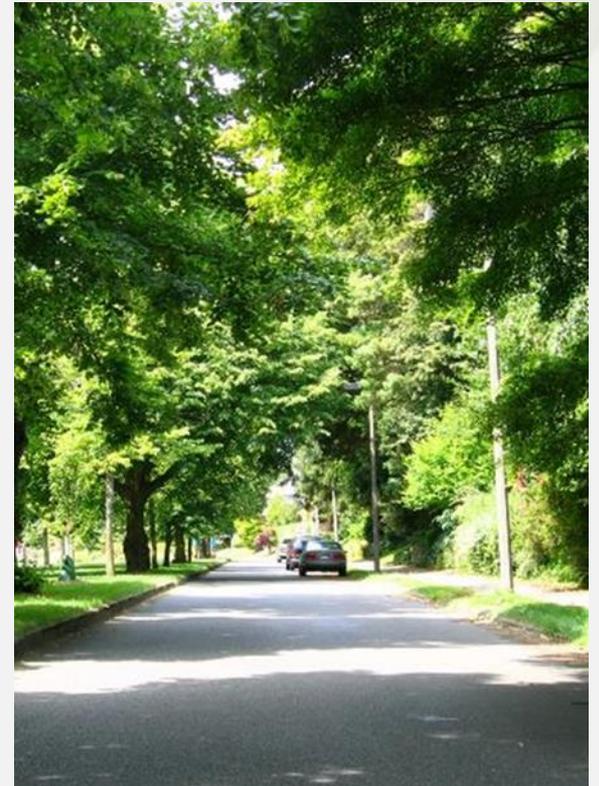
The Urban Forestry Commission was established to advise the Mayor and City Council concerning the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in the city of Seattle



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# UFC Objectives

- Support tree and UF protection ordinance update
  - Input to Resolution 31902
- UFMP update
- Urban forestry funding
- Increase outreach and engagement
- RSJI in internal UFC operations



# 2020 Highlights

- Tree protection regulations update
  - Seven key recommendations:
    - Expand permit program
    - Certify tree service providers
    - Replace significant trees
    - Track changes in the urban forest
    - Protect exceptional trees, groves, and trees on undeveloped lots
    - Encourage tree retention on already developed lots, and
    - Fund and enforce



# 2020 Highlights

## Tree Protection regulations update continues...

- Shared one-pager with community
- Encouraged residents to provide input on tree ordinance update
  - Received 2,060 emails from residents mostly in support
  - Posted in Resources page
- Issued seven recommendations related to tree ordinance update



# 2020 Highlights

- City initiatives and departmental work:
  - SDOT's Safe Routes to Schools
  - SPU's Ship Canal Water Quality Project
  - Navigation Team
  - Green New Deal
  - Black Lives Matter statement of support
  - SDOT's pest readiness
  - 2021 budget
  - Draft 2020 UFMP



# 2020 Highlights

- UF community partners
  - King County's 30-year forest plan
  - Forest Health Watch project
  - iSea Tree application
  - Cambium Carbon reforestation hub development initiative

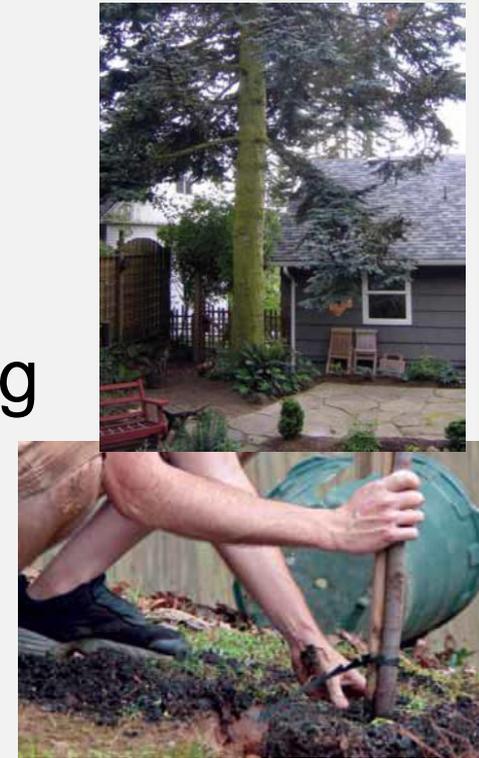


# 2020 Highlights

- Internal operations
  - Briefing coordination and letter writing guidelines
  - Coordinator protocols update
  - Added ADA accessibility language to webpage
  - Explored including more RSJI into work
- Annual UFC and IDT working meeting
  - Training on racial equity and UF



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# 2021 Workplan

- Priority actions:
  - Council's urban forestry consolidation SLI
  - Tree-related regulations and policies
  - UFMP update
  - Outreach and engagement
  - Funding for urban forestry
  - Internal operations



# Thank you!



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