

Delridge Native Forest Blanket Authority

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Purpose

This legislation authorizes the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to:

- **Identify, negotiate, and acquire real property** in the Delridge neighborhood of West Seattle to preserve the Delridge Native Forest.
- Establish **blanket authority** for future acquisitions in the Delridge Native Forest.
- Authorize the execution of purchase and sale agreements, escrow instruments, and related documents for acquisition in the Delridge Native Forest.

Agenda

- Purpose and Goals
- History and Background on Green Space Acquisition Authority
- Delridge Native Forest Project
- Proposed Blanket Purchase Authority Area

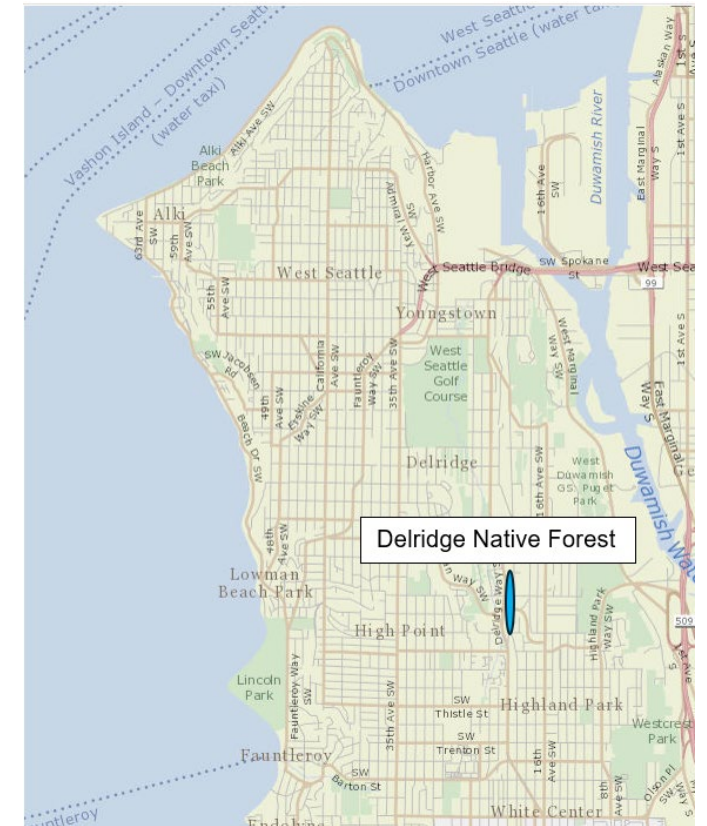


Goals

This Legislation requests approval for **blanket acquisition authority** to acquire up to 4 acres of green space property within the limited boundaries of the Delridge Native Forest.

Primary Goals:

- **Preserve and expand** the Delridge Native Forest, a green space in West Seattle surrounded by increasing property development.
- **Support reforestation efforts** in collaboration with SDOT, the Green Seattle Partnership, the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and community groups.



Background: Green Space Acquisition Authority

History of Blanket Acquisition Authority

- 1989: Open Space and Trails Bond Program
- 2000: Neighborhood Parks, Green Spaces, Trails, and Zoo Levy
- 2008: Parks and Green Spaces Levy
- Current Authority (2018): Ordinance 125664

Request for Additional Blanket Acquisition Authority

- Current authority limited to Green Spaces identified in 1993 Resolution 28653.
- Delridge Native Forest is not included in the existing Green Space blanket authority.



Background: Benefits of Green Space Acquisition Authority

Existing Blanket Green Space Acquisition Authority Benefits

- Supports filling green space public ownership gaps.
- Addresses development pressures of neighboring private property.
- Allows for timely response to opportunities for voluntary acquisition with willing sellers.

Additional Benefits from this Legislation

- Authorizes acquisitions adjacent to SDOT's Delridge Native Forest Garden Restoration Project.
- Preserves green space in Longfellow Creek watershed.
- Expands collaborative stewardship with regional Tribes.

Note: Acquisitions within the limited boundaries of the Delridge Native Forest may serve as potential park replacement property for Sound Transit's West Seattle Link Extension (WSLE). This would be subject to separate, future legislation.



Delridge Native Forest Garden Project

Reforestation project initiated by SDOT to restore four acres of forest in partnership with Green Seattle Partnership, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and community groups.

- Muckleshoot advises on **stewardship** activities and **engagement** with University of Washington students (see photo).
- Proposed acquisition and blanket authority **expands** the protected footprint of the forest area and **retains** tree canopy.
- SPR / GSP plans to coordinate **restoration** with the SDOT project group as they continue to seek outside funding.



Delridge Native Forest: Blanket Purchase Authority Area

- In the Delridge neighborhood of West Seattle
 - **Proposed SPR Blanket Authority Area: ~ 4 acres total**
 - South of SW Myrtle Street,
 - West of the 19th Ave SW stairs,
 - North of Sylvan Way SW at intersection with Delridge Way SW,
 - East of Delridge Way SW
 - When combined with existing SDOT property (4 Acres) and existing SPR property (3 acres) the green space could total **11 acres**

Yellow lines = blanket purchase area
Red lines = potential CFT acquisitions



Questions?

