



SDOT Urban Forestry Overview and Levy Update 2021

Our mission, vision, and core values

Mission: deliver a high-quality transportation system for Seattle

Vision: connected people, places, and products

Committed to **5 core values** to create a city that is:

- Safe
- Interconnected
- Affordable
- Vibrant
- Innovative

For all

Division mission

- SDOT Maintenance Operations Division mission is to provide integrated maintenance, emergency response, and stewardship of the engineered and natural systems within the Right of Way to promote a safe, vibrant and interconnected city.



What We Do

- Manage street trees along streets throughout the City of Seattle.
- Support property owner requests for permit approval to plant, prune or remove street trees.
- Provide design & construction direction for private and public development projects.



What We Do

- Oversee design and construction of SDOT Major Projects and Capital Improvement Projects.
- Provide public information through outreach and education.
- By administering, maintaining, protecting, and expanding Seattle's urban landscape in the street right-of-way, we maximize economic, environmental, safety and aesthetic benefits for the public.



Landscape Architects Office

- Design guidance for all private development beyond single family (SIPs)
- Design guidance, plan review for city-funded capital projects
- Lead representative on ROWIM, Standard Plans and Specification updates
- Plan Review for Major Utility Permits
- Construction inspection for all the above
- Special Projects



City Arborist Office

- Street Tree and asset management (inventory, analysis, tree selection)
- Policy development
- Customer Service
- Street tree inspection, tree risk assessment, and work order generation
- Residential point of contact



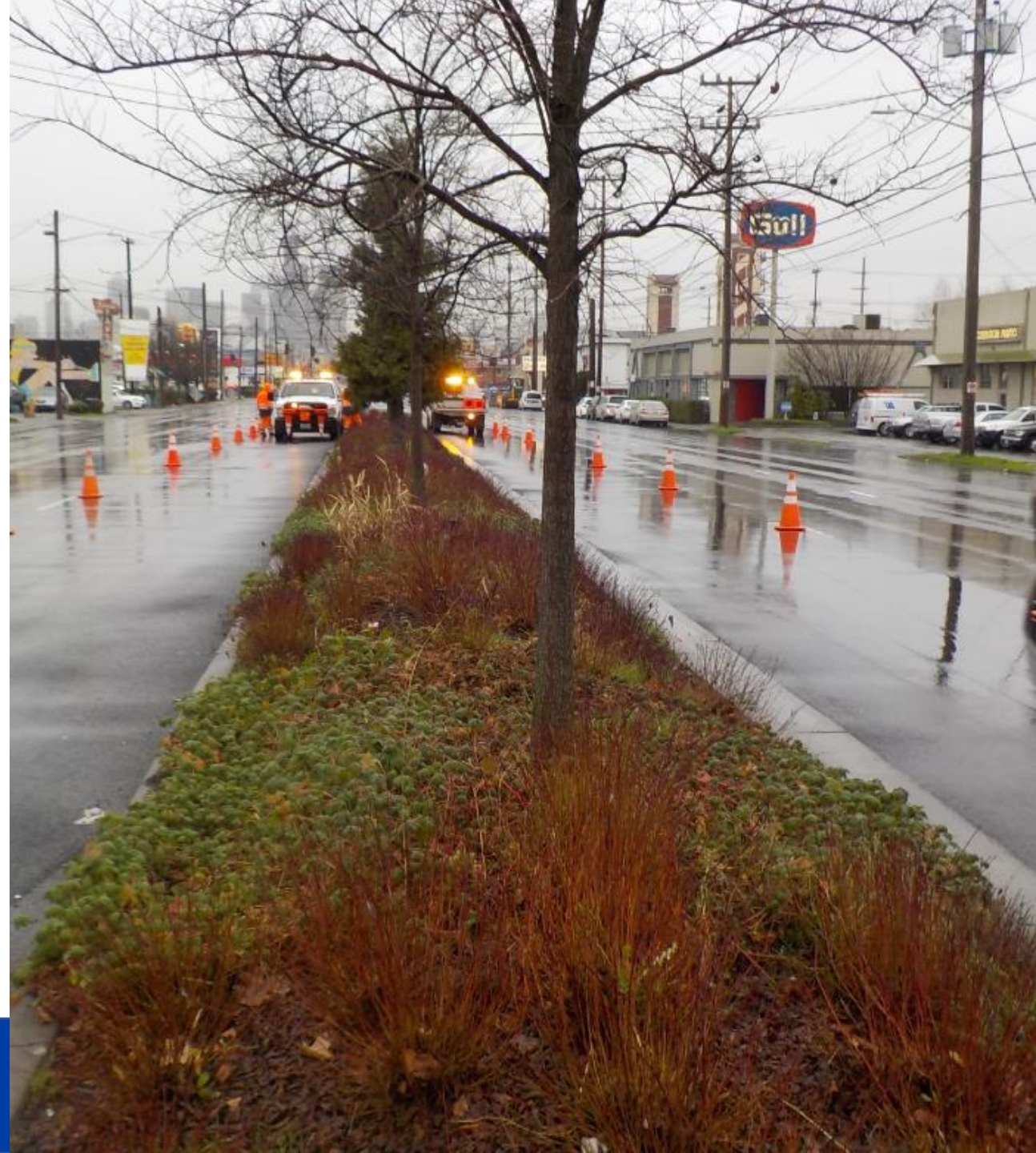
Urban Forestry Operations

- Tree, Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance
- 40,000+ street trees, 50+ irrigation systems, 120+ acres of landscapes
- Street tree and landscape maintenance (pruning, planting, specialty tree maintenance)
- Customer Service related to SDOT owned trees
- Emergency Response including windstorms, snow and ice, and hazardous conditions mitigation.
- Irrigation maintenance, winterization, emergency response
- Volunteer support



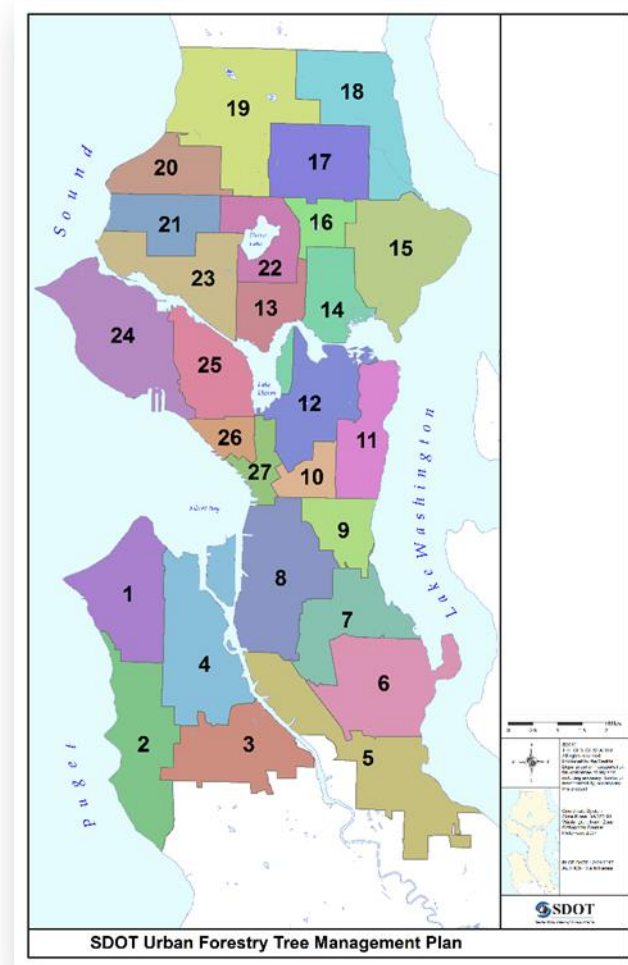
Move Seattle Levy

- \$930M transportation funding beginning 2016
- 30% of Seattle's transportation budget
- Maintained previous funding for street trees
- Added \$5.4M street tree maintenance funding (over 9 years)



9-year Street Tree Management Plan (STMP)

- Funded 2016 – 2024
- 27 management units
 - City council districts divided along U.S. Census tracts
- Emphasize 3 units annually



Yearly Accomplishments

	Trees Planted	Trees Pruned	Trees Removed	Inventory Edits
• 2016	452	5785	186	14,551
• 2017	338	5213	146	30,456
• 2018	237	5514	187	46,650
• 2019	479	4649	210	43,378
• 2020	387	4194	194	4,052
• Total	1,893	25,355	923	139,087



STMP Emphasis Units by Year


- 2016- 3,5,18
- 2017- 14,23,10
- 2018- 8,13,21
- 2019- 20,27,6
- 2020-4,17,24
- 2021-16,25,7
- 2022- 2,11,15
- 2023- 12,22,9
- 2024- 19,26,1

2021 Year to Date

- Trees Planted 193
- Trees Pruned 2033
- Trees Removed 58

Trees for Seattle Story Maps

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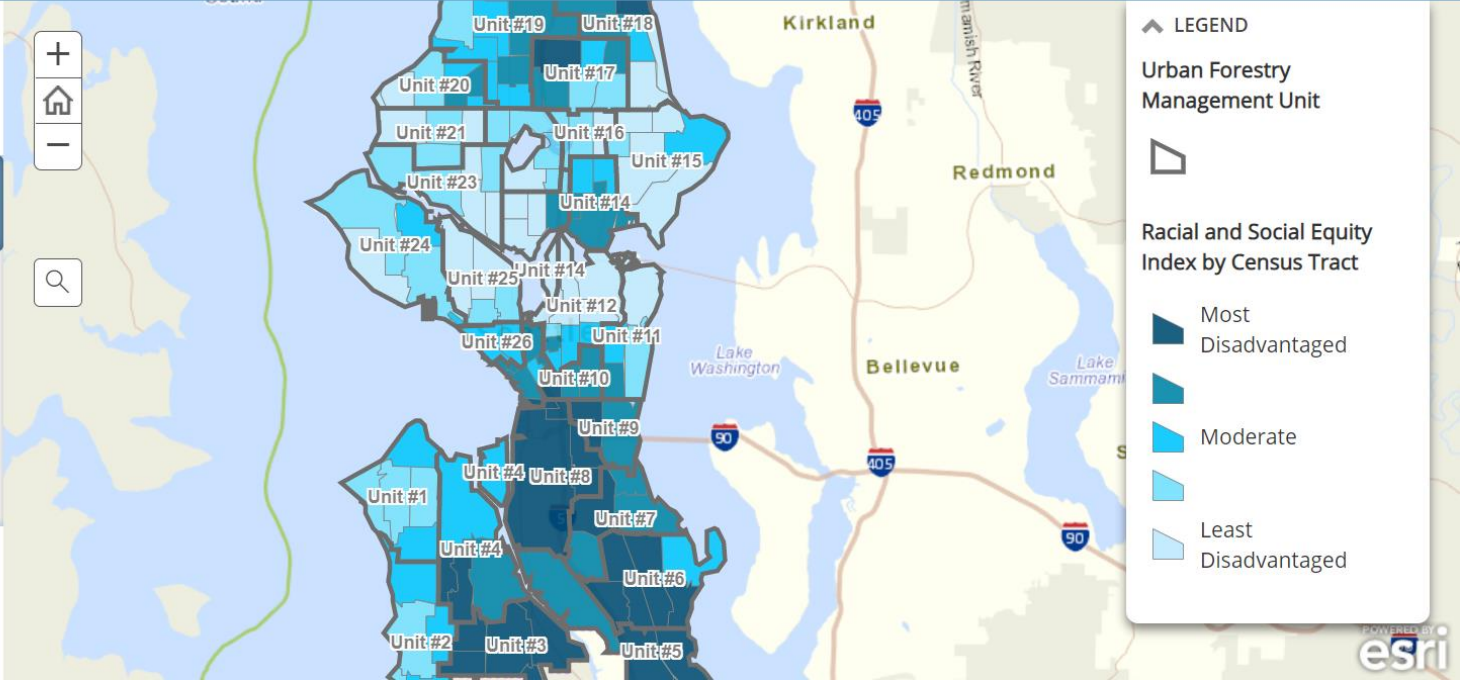
Urban Forestry | Explore Street Trees | Street Tree Management | Urban Tree Canopy | **Environmental Justice** | Urban Forest Resilience | Stewardship | Tree Benefit

Environmental Justice

Environmental Equity and Justice

The City of Seattle has long been a pioneer in the environmental movement. However, despite having made great strides, the City continues to face the same challenge the nation does: white, upper-income communities are those that primarily shape and benefit from environmental policies, approaches, and outcomes. This is the impetus behind the City's commitment to develop, implement, and enforce environmental justice and equity policies.

ROW Canopy and Environmental Equity



LEGEND

- Urban Forestry Management Unit
- Racial and Social Equity Index by Census Tract
 - Most Disadvantaged
 - Moderate
 - Least Disadvantaged

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