

# OUR 2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**31,707 Volunteer Hours**  
Caring for Seattle's urban forest



## City of Seattle actions in support of our urban forest

### Tree Care and Management

**1,708** Trees planted by City departments

**7,787** Trees maintained to keep them healthy

**25,386** Trees inventoried to better manage our urban forest

**356** Miles including **7,045** Sites of trimmed trees for safety & reliability of the power grid

### Planning and Protection

- Finalized the update to the Urban Forest Management Plan
- Conducted 5 listening sessions and outreach to 9 communities in preparing the SEPA (environmental) draft tree protection ordinance

## Engaging community

Trees for Seattle provided planting outreach to **1,500 residents** in low canopy neighborhoods (South Park, Georgetown, Lake City, New Holly).

GSP supported **177 paid and stipended positions** providing on the ground restoration and community-building experience.

Seattle City Light planted **60 street trees** and provided education and outreach to residents in Beacon Hill, Central District and Rainier Beach



## Work done in Seattle's forested parklands



**324 Acres**

**of weed management**  
done on Seattle's forested parklands

**1,851 Acres**

**of parklands**  
now under restoration

**10,573 Seedlings**

**of native trees**  
planted by the Green Seattle Partnership





# Value of Seattle's urban forest

**725 Metric Tons** OF POLLUTANTS removed annually by our trees, saving \$5.62 million

**\$5.9 Million** IN AVOIDED ENERGY COSTS by providing shade in the summer & blocking wind in the winter

**\$10.9 Million** IN SAVINGS FROM CARBON STORAGE + \$768,000 annual savings from carbon sequestration = \$11.7M saved on carbon storage and sequestration - helping reduce climate change impacts

**\$4.99 Billion** dollars in replacement value

Seattle's Forest Ecosystem Values. Green Cities Research Alliance. Seattle, WA, 2012. [www.seattle.gov/trees/docs/Seattles\\_Forest\\_Ecosystem\\_Values\\_Report.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/trees/docs/Seattles_Forest_Ecosystem_Values_Report.pdf).



## Initiatives and Programs

### Green Seattle Partnership

Restoring more than 2,700 acres of forested parkland through volunteer and professional crew work to remove invasive plants, plant new native trees and understory plants, and perform long term maintenance.

### Trees for Neighborhoods

Providing 1,000 free trees every year and support for Seattle residents to plant in their yards.

### Tree Ambassador

Supporting volunteers in caring for Seattle's public trees and engaging neighbors in tours of Seattle's awe-inspiring urban forest.

### Heritage Tree Program

Recognizing special trees to be celebrated as part of Seattle's Heritage.

### Urban Forestry Commission

Advising Mayor and City Council on the establishment of policy and regulations governing the protection, management, and conservation of trees and vegetation in Seattle.



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