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RE: Resolution to direct future work on the tree protection ordinance

Dear Jana,

Duwamish Lands (Seattle, WA) – The Urban Forestry Commission (UFC) would like to thank you for your informative presentation on July 19, 2023. The presentation was valuable to the UFC's work in advising the City of Seattle on tree protection.

Your presentation was timely, as Seattle recently updated its Tree Protection Ordinance and is in the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. The Commission appreciates that SPU considers trees as green stormwater infrastructure, as they are valuable assets for community health and biodiversity. The UFC is interested in SPU's RainCity Partnerships Program that you mentioned, due to its focus on integrating trees and other vegetation into the built environment. The UFC would like to be updated on this program when it becomes active, and we would like to know what community engagement strategies are successful during the pilot.

Again, the UFC wishes to thank you for your time and presentation. We have the same vision of supporting an equitable urban forest. The UFC highly appreciated your presentation as your work brings forth the benefits of urban forestry in stormwater infrastructure. Please engage with the UFC in the future and share with us your continuing work.

Sincerely,



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