KEEP MYERS PARCELS GREEN: Petition to Mayor Murray and Seattle City Council

Please act now to safeguard Myers parcels to keep it a public resource by protecting this publicly-owned space from privatization. This and other unused City owned land contribute to the health of our neighborhoods by providing tree canopy and de facto parks. As a continuation of the Duwamish greenbelt, Myers acts as a major green utility, saving the City money which would be otherwise spent on cleaning the Duwamish, cleaning air, preventing mudslides and flooding, funding sewer system upgrades, and more.

We love the Myers Way parcels which is comprised of 32 acres of forested land, open fields and wetlands. We want to see its ecosystem thrive! Green space is vital for the health of our neighborhoods. It enhances quality of life, creates noise buffers, raises property values, and provides habitat for native species and plants. It creates opportunities for civic life. Saving Myers will help meet the environmental justice goals of southern West Seattle and preserve open space for the children and future residents of the area.

<u>Keep This Surplus Property as a Public Space</u>. We ask that you create a <u>**Plan to Re-Purpose**</u> Myers in a manner consistent with Seattle's environmental goals. This would include: (i) growth of the green canopy to the minimal standards identified by the Urban Forestry Commission, (ii) extended public involvement in re-purposing this surplus property as required by a 'complex' determination, (iii) mitigation of climate disruption and greenhouse gas emissions, meeting CSO goals and (iv) finding innovative ways to fund and preserve more open space in Seattle.